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EXPERT WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATING PROTECTED AREAS
INTO WIDER LAND- AND SEASCAPES AND SECTORS
Isle of Vilm, Germany, 1-4 November 2008

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this workshop is to develop a draft guide for the integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes and relevant sectors so as to maintain ecological structure and function, and enhance protected area effectiveness. Development of this guide responds to the need to achieve Goal 1.2 of the programme of work on protected areas (decision VII/28) and its related activities 1.2.1 to 1.2.7 (text reproduced in annex I), also taking into account relevant activities under Goal 1.3 (also in annex I). The draft guide will subsequently be subjected to peer-review. Once completed, the guide will be disseminated widely and used in training workshops to facilitate the achievement of the agreed target of integrating, by 2015, all protected areas and protected area systems into the wider land- and seascapes, and relevant sectors, by applying the ecosystem approach and taking into account ecological connectivity and the concept, where appropriate, of ecological networks. Participants in the regional workshops on protected areas organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Friends of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas also reiterated the need for developing such a practical guide.
2. The use of the guide will also address the concern raised by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, that for the period 2004-2006 there was a lack of implementation, *inter alia*, in integrating protected areas into wider landscapes and seascapes due to capacity-building constraints for developing countries (paragraphs 9 and 11 of decision VIII/24). In this view, the Conference of the Parties, at its ninth meeting, invited Parties to promote the application of appropriate tools and policy measures including, as appropriate, integrated spatial planning in order to better integrate protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and relevant sectors and plans, including aiming at poverty eradication (paragraph 4 (a) of decision IX/18).
3. This expert workshop is being organized with the financial support of the Government of The Netherlands. Experts selected by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), among experts nominated by Governments and international organizations, will have before them a draft guide to integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes (UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/2), prepared by the Executive Secretary. They will discuss both its structure and contents and develop the draft guide. The

workshop will also be an opportunity for exchanging experiences. A full list of documents for the workshop is attached as annex II.

4. The Secretariat is issuing an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The language of the workshop will be English.

5. Registration of participants will commence at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 1 November 2008.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

6. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 1 November 2008, welcome the participants and serve as the workshop facilitator. A representative of the International Nature Conservation Academy of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, will also welcome the participants.

7. After a brief self-introduction of the participants, the workshop will be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1), adopt it following any needed amendments, and consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex III below.

ITEM 2. BACKGROUND ON INTEGRATION OF PROTECTED AREAS INTO WIDER LAND- AND SEASCAPES, AND SECTORS

2.1. Why protected areas need to be integrated into wider land- and seascapes and sectors

8. To set the tone of the workshop, the Secretariat will make a presentation on the need and benefits of integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes, and sectors. Background information for consideration of this item is provided in section I of the draft guide to integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes (UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/2).

9. Participants will be invited to contribute to the exchange of knowledge and experiences on the subject.

2.2. Key concepts, including the ecosystem approach as a means of integration

10. Under this item a resource-person will review the meaning of key concepts such as landscape, seascape, ecological network, corridor, connectivity and related concepts such as ecoregion and transboundary protected areas. The ecosystem approach, the primary framework of action in the Convention on Biological Diversity (see decisions V/6 and VII/11), will be addressed as one of the most suitable framework for integrating. Some background information for consideration of this item is provided in section I of document UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/2. Some of the documents listed in annex II are also particularly useful.

11. Participants will be invited to contribute to the exchange of knowledge and experiences on the subject and discuss, in particular, the relevance of ecosystem approach for integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes.

ITEM 3. STEPS IN THE INTEGRATION PROCESS

3.1. Overview

12. Under this item, a resource-person will make a presentation on a proposed structure for the practical guide followed by an introduction to the eight steps for integration. Background information for consideration of this item is provided in section I of the draft guide to integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes (UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/2). Based upon our current knowledge and best practices, eight key steps have been identified in the integration process. They include: (i) Getting started; (ii) Assessing the ecological landscape; (iii) Assessing the protection and conservation landscape; (iv) Assessing the sectoral and policy landscape; (v) Designing an integrated landscape; (vi) Developing strategies; (vii) Implementing strategies; and (viii) Monitoring status and effectiveness.

13. Participants will be invited to provide views on the proposed structure of the guide, the logic in the sequence of the steps, and completeness of the steps.

3.2. Detailed description of the steps including identification of relevant tools, resources, case-studies and best practices

14. Under this agenda item there will be a presentation on each step describing the context; ways and means to implement the step; available tools and resources; case-studies and best practices. Section II of the draft guide to integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes (UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/2) provides some background material for deliberations under this agenda item.

15. After each presentation, participants will be required to discuss at length so as to enable the gathering of new insights on ways and means of implementation, including tools, resources, case-studies and best practices. For this purpose, participants are encouraged to identify additional tools, resources and case-studies, **in advance of the workshop** and to bring hard copies and/or electronic versions of those resource materials to the workshop. It is envisaged that some of the experts will be requested to make the lead presentations on the steps and facilitate the discussions.

16. Based on the deliberations in the workshop, the background document will be revised and a first draft of the guide will be prepared and circulated widely for peer-review and for additional case-studies before finalization.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

17. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the workshop.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

18. The workshop will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the Secretariat.

19. The workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 November 2008.

Annex I

**GOALS 1.2 AND 1.3 OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS
(DECISION VII/28)**

Goal 1.2 - To integrate protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors so as to maintain ecological structure and function

Target: By 2015, all protected areas and protected area systems are integrated into the wider land- and seascape, and relevant sectors, by applying the ecosystem approach and taking into account ecological connectivity and the concept, where appropriate, of ecological networks.

Suggested activities of the Parties

1.2.1. Evaluate by 2006 national and sub-national experiences and lessons learned on specific efforts to integrate protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectoral plans and strategies such as poverty reduction strategies.

1.2.2. Identify and implement, by 2008, practical steps for improving the integration of protected areas into broader land- and seascapes, including policy, legal, planning and other measures.

1.2.3. Integrate regional, national and sub-national systems of protected areas into broader land- and seascape, *inter alia* by establishing and managing ecological networks, ecological corridors and/or buffer zones, where appropriate, to maintain ecological processes and also taking into account the needs of migratory species.

1.2.4. Develop tools of ecological connectivity, such as ecological corridors, linking together protected areas where necessary or beneficial as determined by national priorities for the conservation of biodiversity.

1.2.5. Rehabilitate and restore habitats and degraded ecosystems, as appropriate, as a contribution to building ecological networks, ecological corridors and/or buffer zones.

Suggested supporting activities of the Executive Secretary

1.2.6. Encourage the organization of regional and sub-regional workshops for the exchange of experiences on integration of biodiversity and protected areas into relevant sectoral and spatial plans.

1.2.7. Compile and disseminate, using the CHM and other media, case-studies of best practices and other reports regarding the application of the ecosystem approach in relation to protected areas at the international, regional, national and sub-national levels.

Goal 1.3 - To establish and strengthen regional networks, transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries

Target: Establish and strengthen by 2010/2012 transboundary protected areas, other forms of collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries and regional networks, to enhance the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, implementing the ecosystem approach, and improving international cooperation.

Suggested activities of the Parties

1.3.1 Collaborate with other parties and relevant partners to establish effective regional networks of protected areas, particularly in areas identified as common conservation priorities (e.g. barrier reef systems, large scale river basins, mountain systems, large remaining forest areas and critical habitat for endangered species), and establish multi-country coordination mechanisms as appropriate to support the establishment and effective long term management of such networks.

1.3.2 Collaborate with other Parties and relevant partners through the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on the Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS) to establish and manage protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, in accordance with international law, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, and based on scientific information.

1.3.3 Establish, where appropriate, new TBPAs with adjacent Parties and countries and strengthen effective collaborative management of existing TBPAs.

1.3.4 Promote collaboration between protected areas across national boundaries.

Suggested supporting activities of the Executive Secretary

1.3.5 Collaborate and consult with relevant organizations and bodies for developing guidelines for establishing transboundary protected areas and collaborative management approaches, as appropriate, for dissemination to Parties.

1.3.6 Compile and disseminate information on regional networks of protected areas and transboundary protected areas, including, as far as possible, their geographical distribution, their historical background, their role and the partners involved.

1.3.7 Review the potential for regional cooperation under the Convention on Migratory Species with a view to linking of protected area networks across international boundaries and potentially beyond national jurisdiction through the establishment of migratory corridors for key species.

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EW-IPALS/1/2	Connecting the Dots: A draft guide to integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes

Other useful documents (indicative list)

Decision IX/18 on Protected Areas (<https://www.cbd.int/decisions/?m=COP-09&id=11661&lg=0>)

Decision IX/20 on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity (<http://www.cbd.int/decisions/?m=COP-09&id=11663&lg=0>)

Decision VII/11 on Ecosystem Approach (<http://www.cbd.int/decisions/cop7/?m=COP-07&id=7748&lg=0>)

CBD Technical Series No. 13: *Technical Advice on the Establishment and Management of a National System of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas* (<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-13.pdf>)

CBD Technical Series No. 15: *Biodiversity Issues for Consideration in the Planning, Establishment and Management of Protected Area Sites and Networks*. (<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-15.pdf>)

CBD Technical Series No. 18: *Towards Effective Protected Area Systems. An Action Guide to Implement the Convention on Biological Diversity Programme of Work on Protected Areas* (<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-18.pdf>)

CBD Technical Series No.23: *Review of Experiences with Ecological Networks, Corridors and BufferZones* (<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-23.pdf>)

CBD Technical Series No. 24: *Closing the Gap: Creating Ecologically Representative Protected Area Systems* (<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-24.pdf>)

*Annex III***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2008	
7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.	Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and organizational matters
SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2008	
8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 2. Background on integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes and sectors</p> <p>2.1. Why protected areas need to be integrated into wider land- and seascapes and sectors</p> <p>Presentation on the need and benefits of integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes and sectors.</p> <p>2.2. Key concepts, including the ecosystem approach as a mean of integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Description of landscape, seascape, ecological network, corridor, connectivity, and related concepts such as ecoregion and transboundary protected areas; ▪ Presentation on ecosystem approach as integrator. <p><i>Break</i></p> <p>Agenda item 3. Steps in the integration process</p> <p>3.1. Overview</p> <p>Presentation on a proposed structure of the guide and introduction of the eight steps for the integration of protected areas into wider land- and seascapes and sectors.</p> <p>Presentation on Environmental change as a driver of linkages – how to use linkages to build resilience.</p> <p>Discussion.</p>
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<p>Agenda item 3. Steps in the integration process</p> <p>3.2. Detailed description of the steps including identification of relevant tools, resources, case-studies and best practices</p> <p>Introducing step 1 (Getting started) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, identification of case-studies and best practices under step 1.</p> <p><i>Break</i></p> <p>Introducing step 2 (Assessing the ecological landscape) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, and identification of case-studies and best</p>

	practices under step 2.
	MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008
8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Introducing step 3 (Assessing the protection and conservation landscape) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, and identification of case-studies and best practices under step 3.</p> <p><i>Break</i></p> <p>Introducing step 4 (Assessing the sectoral and policy landscape) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, and identification of case-studies and best practices under step 4.</p>
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<p>Introducing step 5 (Designing an integrated landscape) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, and identification of case-studies and best practices under step 5.</p> <p><i>Break</i></p> <p>Introducing step 6 (Developing strategies) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, and identification of case-studies and best practices under step 6.</p>
	TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2008
8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>Introducing step 7 (Implementing strategies) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, and identification of case-studies and best practices under step 7.</p> <p><i>Break</i></p> <p>Introducing step 8 (Monitoring status and effectiveness) followed by in-depth discussion to gather new insights from the experts, and identification of case-studies and best practices under step 8.</p>
12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<p>Discussion on next steps to finalize the draft guide</p> <p><i>Break</i></p> <p>Agenda item 4. Other matters</p> <p>Agenda item 5. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting</p>