

A silhouette of a person in mid-air, performing a dynamic pose with arms outstretched and legs kicked back. The background is a gradient sunset from blue at the top to orange and yellow at the horizon, with a bright sun visible near the bottom right.

# INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION



# Relevance to CBD

## Strategic Goal A – Target 1

**By 2020, at the latest, people are aware of the values of biodiversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably.**



# CHAPTER 1 – THE DREAM

## “Vision25”

*A future 25 years from now...*

...where the natural world is very much present in people's lives

...where children **without concern** run, play, climb a tree, and splash in a pond



## “VISION 25” – THE PUBLIC

**There is overwhelming evidence of public support for nature...**

- through community engagement,
- government decisions, and
- a public volunteering their time, talents and collective wisdom.



# “VISION 25” – TECHNOLOGY

**Technology used in ways that we can't even begin to fathom today...**

- tool for discovery, appreciation and conservation of nature
- where technology entices people out of their homes



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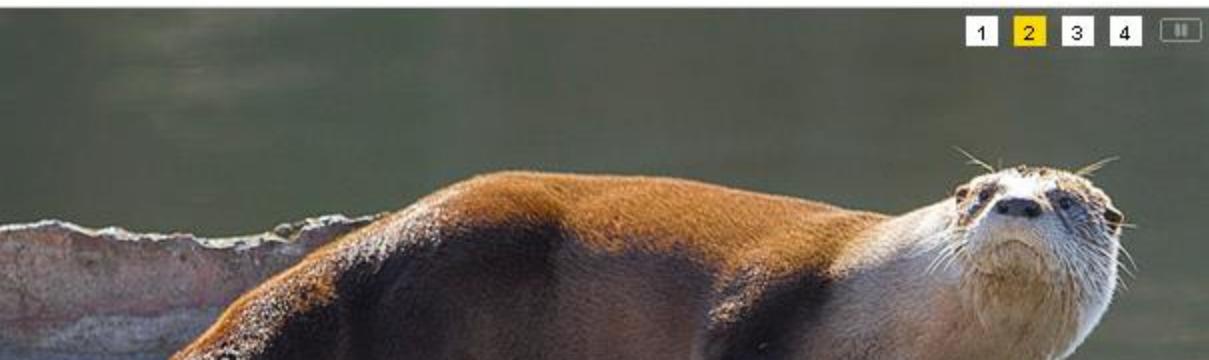
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# **“VISION 25” – PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS**

**Families are eager to visit and return for another visit:**

- to share the beauty and wonder of nature,
- to have transformative experiences, and
- to build lasting memories together.

**The faces of the park visitor reflects society... a diverse mix of urban and rural, young and old, of various cultures, and of varying incomes**

**A new generation of park and conservation leaders are joined by society with a passion to act as one with nature**



# THE VOYAGE between NOW and “VISION 25”

To attain “Vision25” we must take a leap  
– not evolutionary, but revolutionary

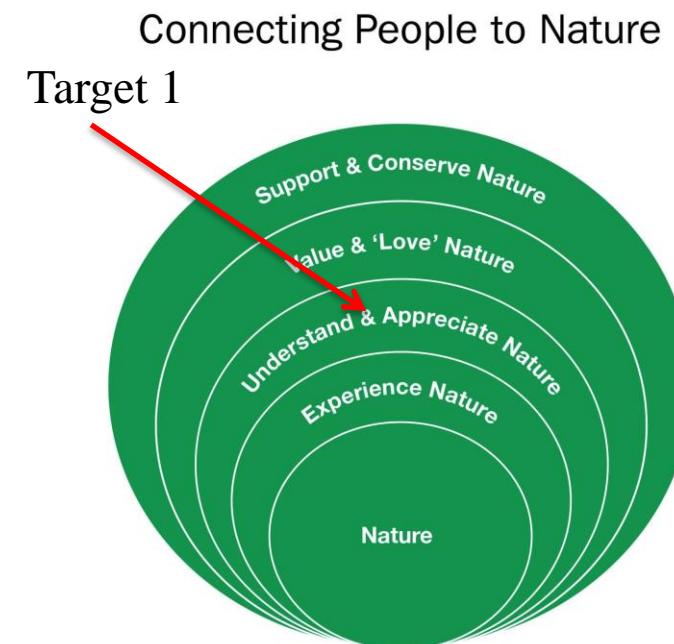
- Success must be measured in the millions of people embracing nature and sharing in “Vision25”



# HOW DO WE REALIZE THE REVOLUTION?

**We will know we have made it to the destination when...**

- People have come to ‘Value and Love nature’, because...
- People have come to ‘Understand and Appreciate Nature’, because...
- People have ‘Experienced Nature’.





## CHAPTER 2 – DREAM VS REALITY

**Given a general public support for nature, do we need a revolution.**

**Actually, if you have a profound appreciation of nature you are a minority.**

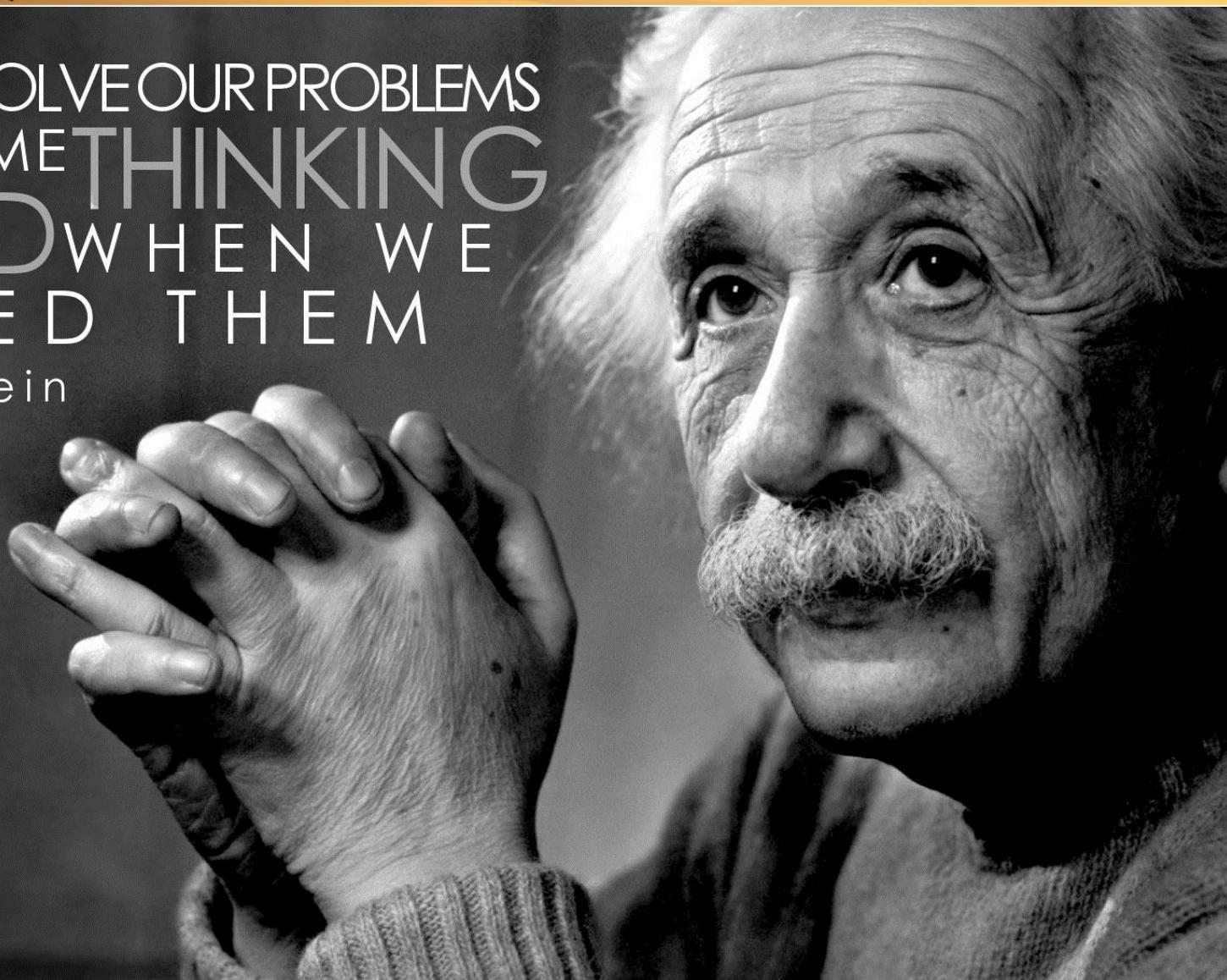
**Our greatest challenge, is to reach out to the 90+% of the world's population that increasingly sees the natural world as something foreign to their lives.**



## WHERE TO START THE REVOLUTION?

WE CANNOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS  
WITH THE SAME THINKING  
WE USED WHEN WE  
CREATED THEM

-Albert Einstein





# THE NEW GENERATION

## **1. A connected generation...**

- technology and new media transcends national and economic boundaries, cultures and socio-economic standing
- In constant communication, interaction and collaboration

## **2. A generation that thrives in a world of rapid change**

## **3. Media-savvy, quick to reject anything that appears fake, and profoundly respectful of integrity**

## **4. A generation that craves self-expression and experience as their most important currency**



## CHAPTER 3 – MOVING FROM THE ABSTRACT TO THE REAL

# How do we secure the attention of the new generation?

- Ignite their interest?
- Develop predisposition to support Nature?
- Actually “Experience Nature”?
- Inspire and motivate them to lead the voyage?



# MOVING FROM THE ABSTRACT TO THE REAL

## There is only one pathway...

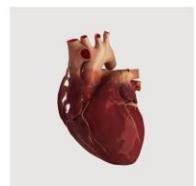
Inspire the new generation and motivate them to action...

Actions that result in 'experiences' of nature...

Move 'nature' from being an 'Abstract' concept to a 'Real' experience

- an actual feet on the ground,
- emotions in the heart,
- visceral and meaningful experience

Nature: The flow from abstract to real





## CHAPTER 4 – COME TOGETHER

**With a common platform, speaking with a common voice, delivering a common message, we can attain a tipping point for success:**

A screenshot of a Google search results page. The search query "kids and nature activities" is entered into the search bar. The results are displayed under the "Web" tab, with a red underline. Other tabs visible include "Images", "Maps", "More", and "Search history". The first result is a link to a site titled "Nature Activities for Kids". Below the search results, it says "About 149,000,000 results (0.41 seconds)".

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# THE WORLD PARKS CONGRESS

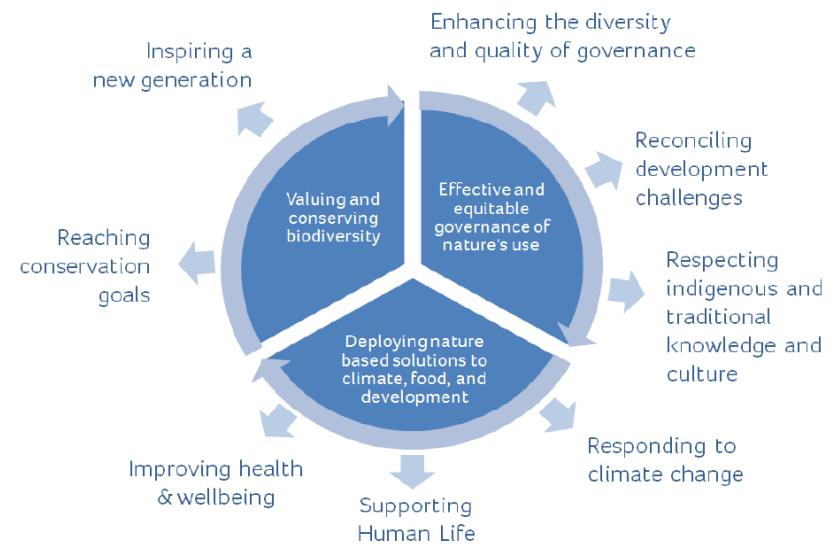
The IUCN World Parks Congress will take place in Sydney, Australia in November 2014, with a focus on:



## ***Parks, people, planet – Inspiring Solutions***

The Congress will bring together the international protected areas and conservation community to set a shared agenda, priorities and legacy for the next decade

***Inspiring a New Generation*** will be one of eight presentation streams at the Congress





# INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

## ***Inspiring a New Generation will...***

Bring the powerful voices of diverse young people to the World Parks Congress, sharing their knowledge, experiences and leadership

Showcase innovation in providing children, youth and urban audiences direct experiences in nature - in their communities and in our parks

Bring together diverse partners to commit the growth a global movement to connect the next generation to nature



# INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

***Inspiring a New Generation*** program elements include....

Work being done to facilitate public experiences to nature:

- Through park programs and outreach
- In urban areas
- In our schools
- Through new technology and social media
- Through non-traditional partnerships



# INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

***Inspiring a New Generation*** program elements include....

The engagement of young professionals through:

- Intergenerational dialogues and co-mentorship
- Pre-Congress capacity-building programs
- Working sessions (using social media, how to build a movement, etc.)
- Development of a Young People's Pact for Parks, People and Planet



# INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

***Inspiring a New Generation* program elements include....**

## **INSPIRATION!**

- Leadership dialogues
- Storytelling
- Creative art and performances
- Technology fair
- Youth video competition



# INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

***Join us ...***

...on a journey to the 2014 World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia in November 2014 to...

***...Inspire a New Generation***



Parks  
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IN THE END, WE WILL CONSERVE  
ONLY WHAT WE LOVE.  
WE WILL LOVE  
ONLY WHAT WE UNDERSTAND.  
WE WILL UNDERSTAND  
ONLY WHAT WE ARE TAUGHT.

Baba Dioum, Senegal, 1968





# ***JOIN US...***



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