

INTERGRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES PERSPECTIVES IN THE CBD PROCESSES

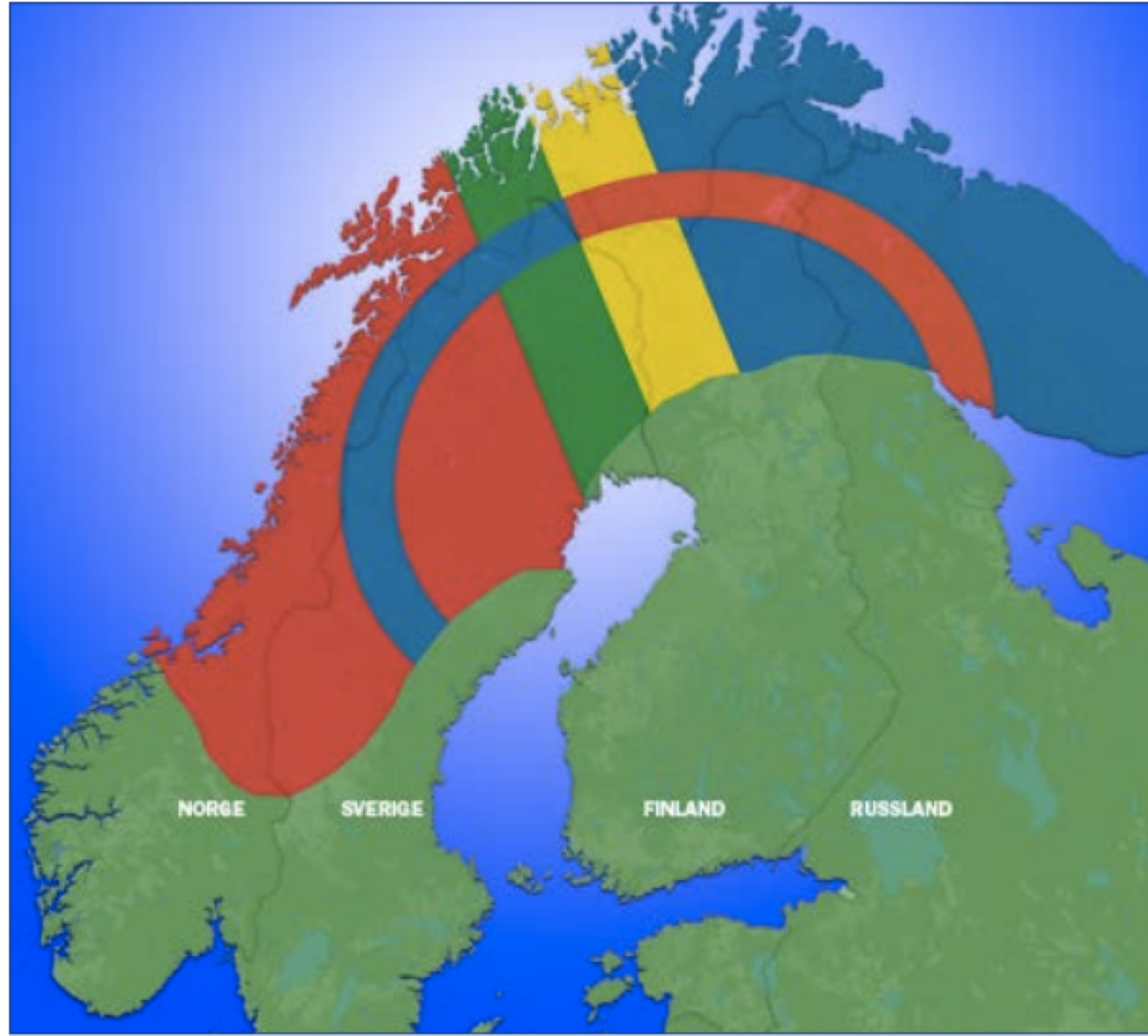
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Setting the Scene for the Sámi Context

- The link between cultural and biological diversity
 - Sámi are the only indigenous people on the European side of WEOG
- Climate change is changing everything
 - Some species disappear, other appear
 - Many unanswered questions to both “Western” scientist and Indigenous knowledge holders – we need to combine our knowledges
- We need space to adapt
 - Adaptive management strategies

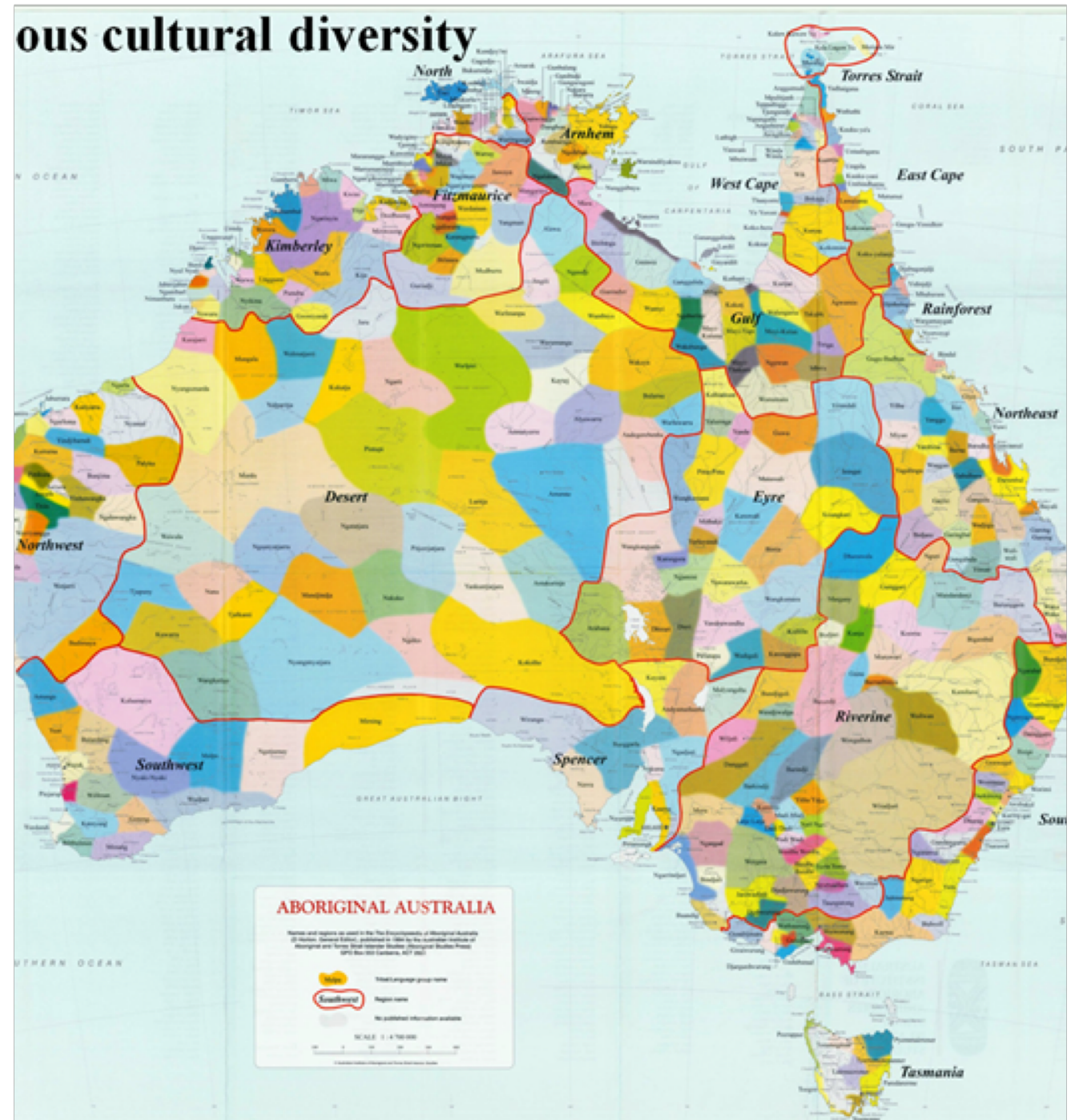


General issues to the post-2020 biodiversity framework

- WEOG has much more responsibility than just taking care of their own business
 - Call for contributions to the Voluntary Fund: the only way to ensure IPLC's effective participation
- Living in harmony with nature means also living in harmony with indigenous peoples who strive to live in harmony with nature
 - An ambitious target on areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities
 - Indicators and safeguards on customary sustainable use
- Scope: Continuing to increase areas for (monoculture) food production and industrial development creates biodiversity loss
 - Unlimited growth is not possible



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What does IPLCs have now?

- Convention includes Articles 8(j) that subject to National legislation, respect, preserve and maintain knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and promote their wider application with the approval and involvement of the holders of such knowledge, innovations and practices and encourage the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of such knowledge, innovations and practices.
- And Article 10(c) to Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices that are compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements.

- More than 20 years of the IIFB for an Indigenous voice in the CBD process
- An Open-ended Working Group WORK PROGRAM to deal with Article 8(j) and related provisions
- Reference to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in particular Articles 3, 15, 25 and 31
 - the right to *self-determination*.....
 - the right to *dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions*.....
 - the right to *maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual relationship with their traditionally owned lands, territories, waters and coastal seas*.....
 - the right to *maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and manifestations of their sciences, technologies and cultures, including human and genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditional, literatures, designs*.....

How successful is this being incorporated into CBD Processes

- CBD has developed Voluntary Guidelines for the conduct of cultural, environmental and social impact assessments regarding developments; Code of Ethical Conduct; Voluntary Guidelines for Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities; Glossary of Key Terms; and Voluntary Guidelines to ensure free, prior and informed consent (prior, informed consent; or approval and involvement)
- An Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions to incorporate effective, enhanced participation
- Support for the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)

- Supported the publication of the Local Biodiversity Outlook and support for the LBO2 to complement the Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 (published 2020)
- IIFB's Friends of the Bureau at COP and inter-sessional meetings (Friends of the Chair) to raise issues directly with the CBD
- Indigenous participation encouraged in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and Cartagena Protocol to ensure that Indigenous issues are addressed

How can this be improved?

- CBD to utilise UNDRIP as fundamental basis to work to achieve targets
- Effective participation in the Post 2020 BD Framework consultations
- To respect diversity of IPLCs, it is critical to have IPLCs regional representatives on the Post 2020 Open-Ended Working Group
- IPLCs have consulted widely and our view for the new Institutional arrangements are to be a Permanent Open-ended and Inclusive Body
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- Advocate and include women and youth in the CBD processes
- Use existing governance structures within IPLCs following core principles of integrity, inclusion, deliberation, and influence
- Support the Permanent Body to fill gap in collaboration with civil society groups of a “Learning Platform”
- Inclusive of fundamental ethical best practice including FPIC
- Adequate Secretariat funding in addition to voluntary contributions
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