

World Heritage Convention and the Post-2020 framework



Workshop among biodiversity -related conventions
on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

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UNESCO action for biodiversity



Intergovernmental
Oceanographic
Commission



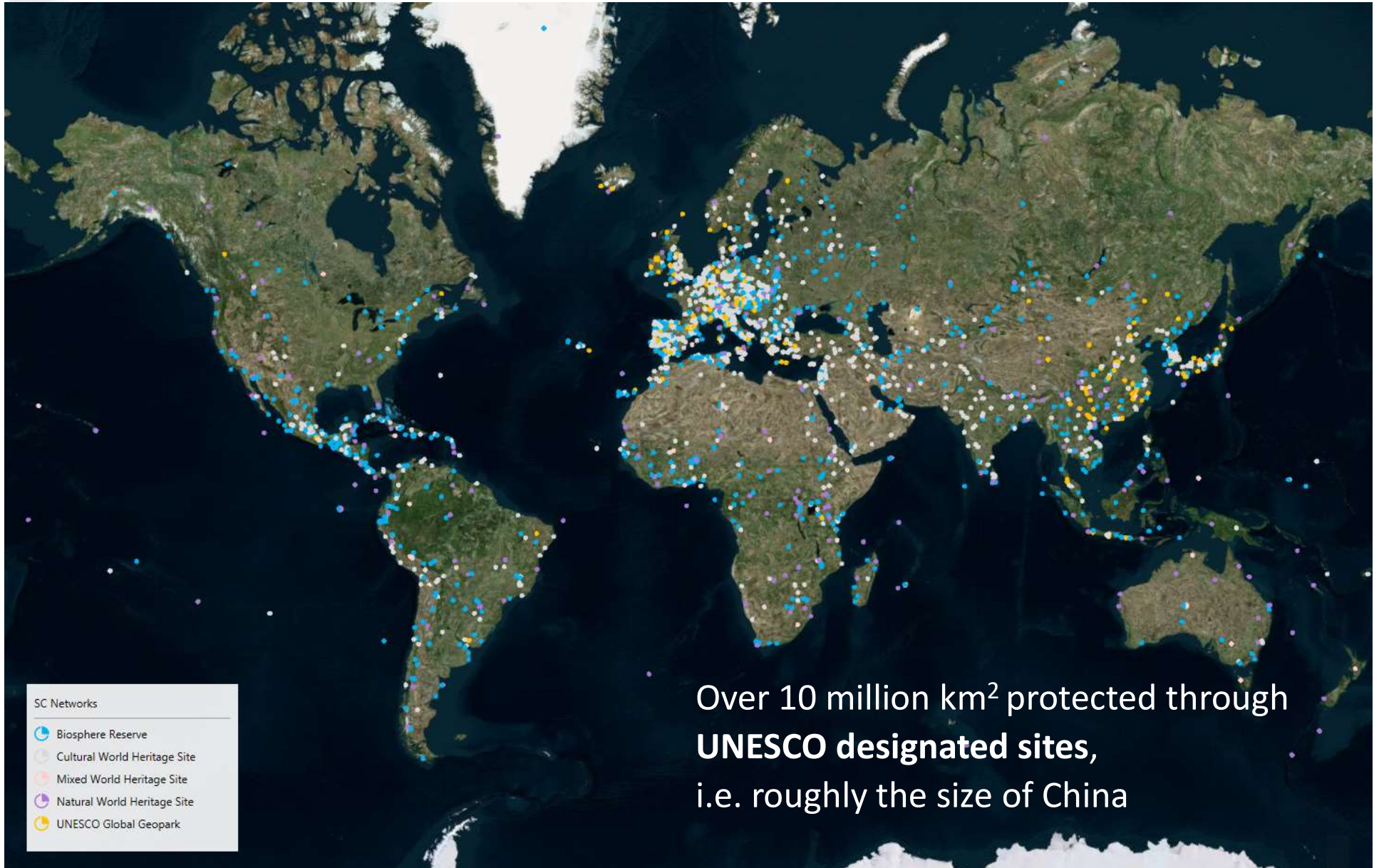
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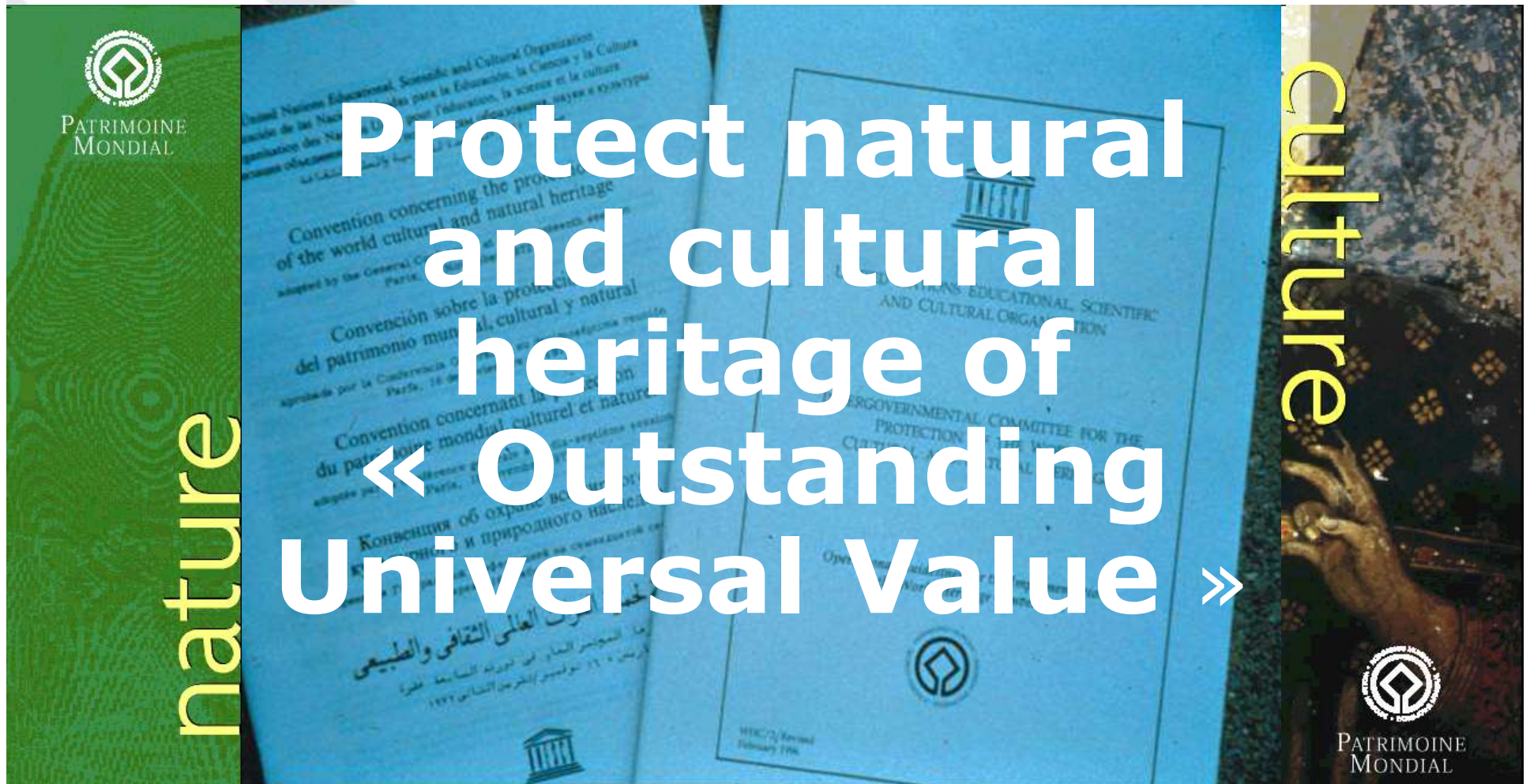
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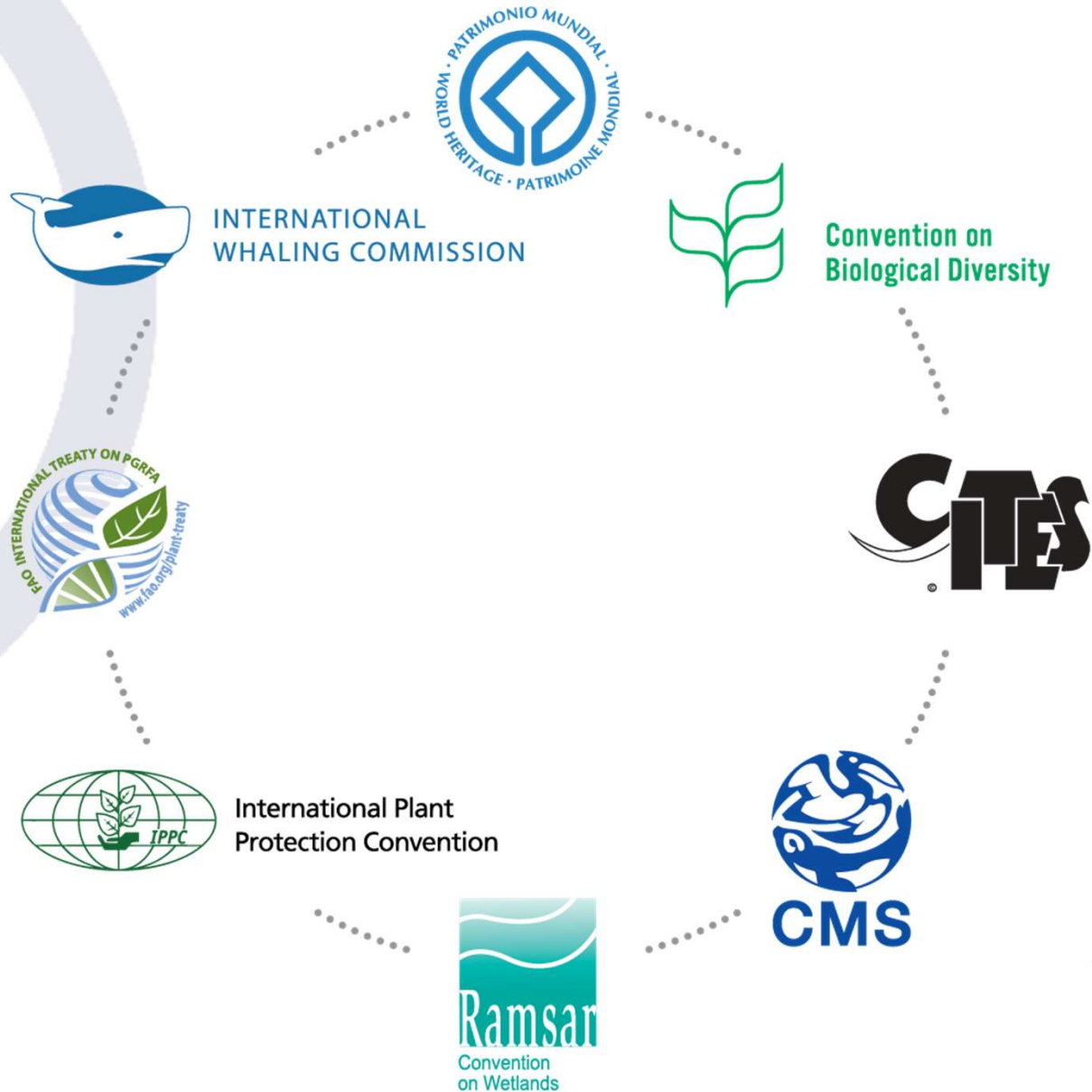
1972 World Heritage Convention



CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE
WORLD CULTURAL ET NATURAL HERITAGE



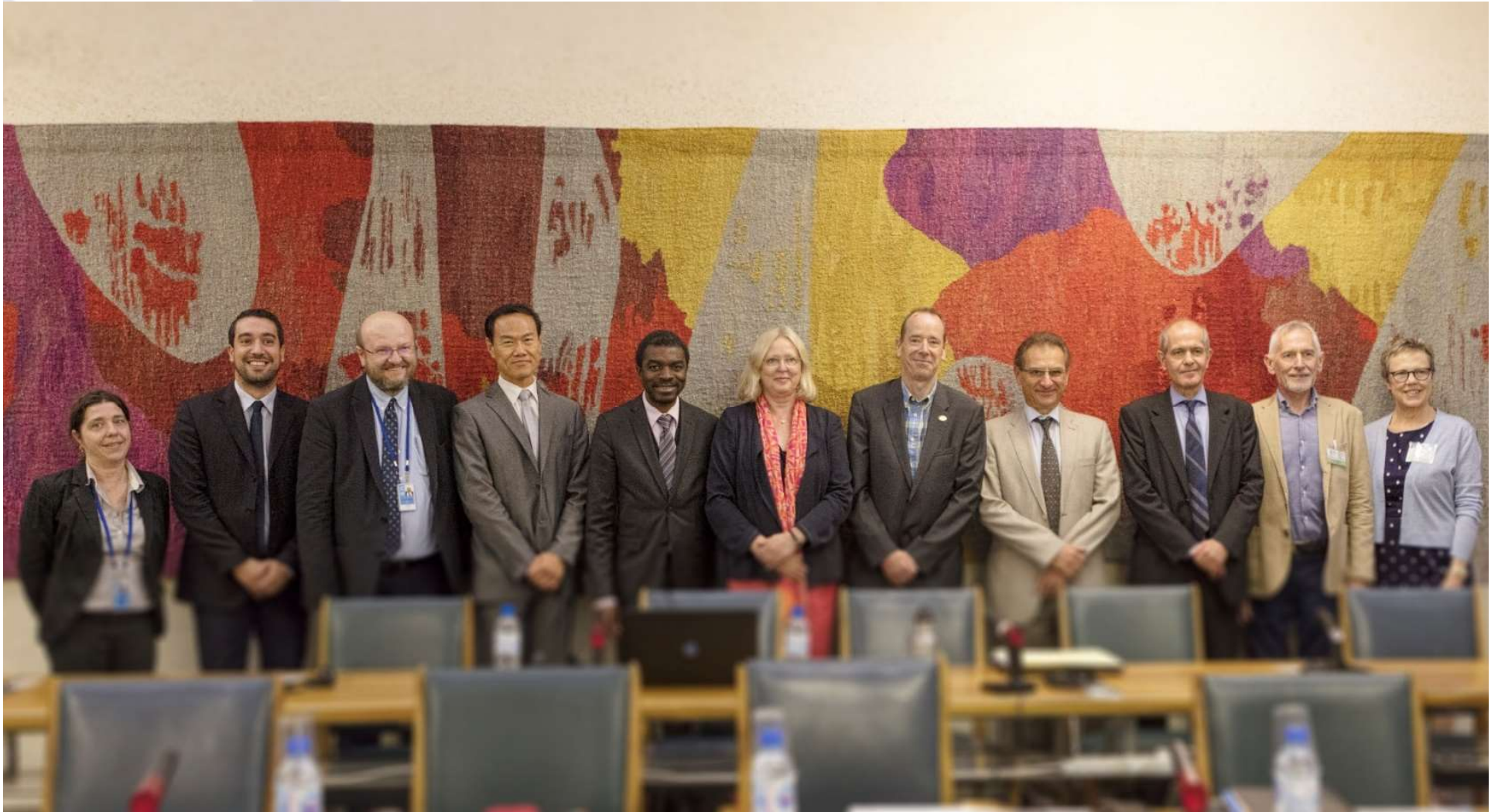
Biodiversity MEA



**World Heritage is about...
linking nature & culture**



Thirteenth meeting of BLG (UNESCO HQs in Paris, 18-19 September 2018)



BLG members meet with the Culture Conventions Liaison Group
(CCLG)



An aerial photograph of a coral reef system, showing various shades of blue and white. The water is a deep blue, while the coral reefs appear as lighter, textured areas. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

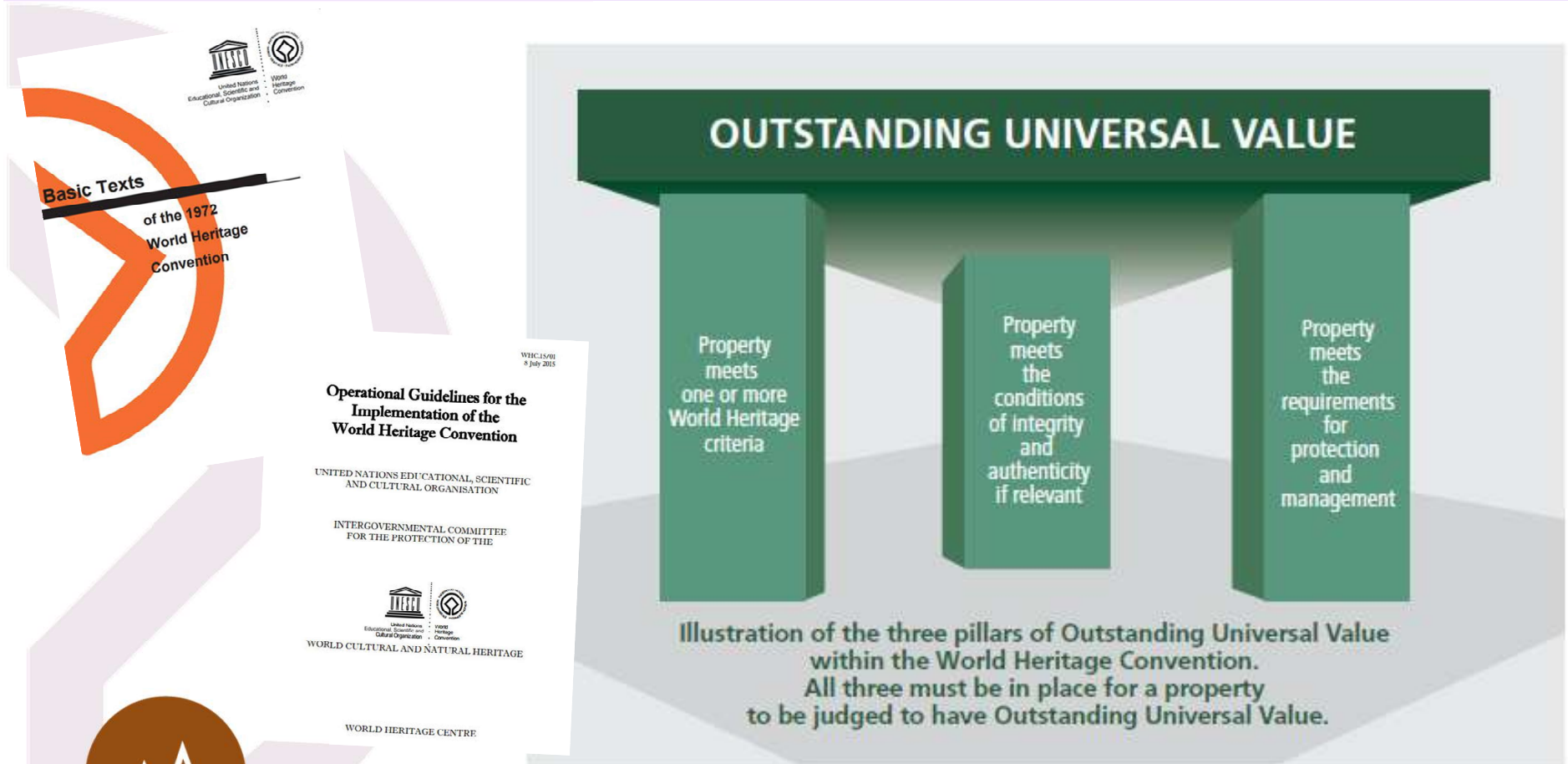
**247 natural and mixed World Heritage
properties inscribed to date protect over 295
million hectares of land and sea in all the
world's major ecosystems**

**7 % of the total area covered by over
236,000 recorded protected areas**



105 “Cultural Landscapes” also safeguard important biological and cultural diversity

World Heritage inscription is a commitment to conservation



Monitoring
Reporting

Strategic Action Plan for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention 2012-2022

Adopted during the 18th General Assembly (UNESCO, 2011) by Resolution 18 GA 11

Our Vision for 2022:

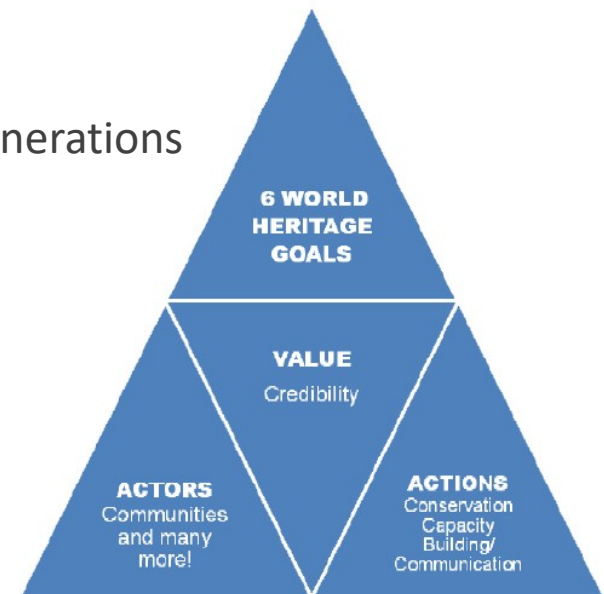
International cooperation and shared responsibility through the *World Heritage Convention* ensures effective conservation of our common cultural and natural heritage, nurtures respect and understanding among the world's communities and cultures, and contributes to their sustainable development.

Our Mission since 1972:

To identify, protect, conserve, present and transmit to future generations the world's outstanding cultural and natural heritage

Our World Heritage Goals 2012-2022:

- Goal 1:** The Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage sites is maintained
- Goal 2:** The World Heritage List is a credible selection of the world's most outstanding cultural and natural heritage
- Goal 3:** Heritage protection and conservation considers present and future environmental, societal and economic needs
- Goal 4:** World Heritage maintains or enhances its brand quality
- Goal 5:** The Committee can address policy and strategic issues
- Goal 6:** Decisions of statutory meetings are informed and effectively implemented



Policy Document | Integration of a Sustainable Development Perspective into the Processes of the World Heritage Convention

Adopted by the 20th
General Assembly
in 2015

Environmental Sustainability

Protecting biological and ecological diversity

Strengthening resilience to natural hazards and climate change

Inclusive Social Development

Contributing to inclusion and equity

Enhancing quality of life and well-being

Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights

Respecting, consulting, involving, indigenous peoples & local communities

Achieving Gender Equality

Inclusive Economic Development

Ensuring growth, employment, income and livelihoods

Promoting economic investment and quality tourism

Strengthening capacity-building, innovation and local entrepreneurship

Fostering Peace and Security

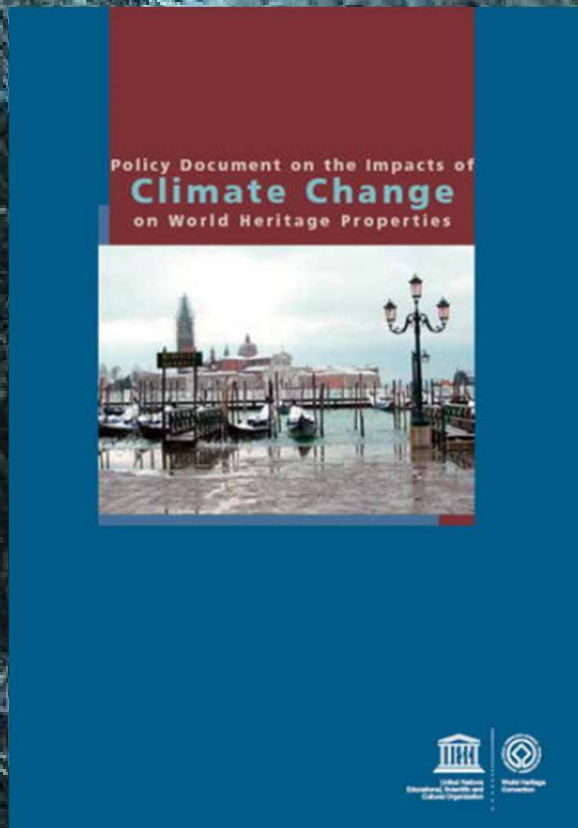
Ensuring conflict prevention

Protecting Heritage during conflict

Promoting conflict resolution

Contributing to post-conflict recovery

Policy Document | Impacts of Climate Change on the World Heritage Properties



Adopted by the 16th General Assembly in 2007 → On-going updating



Requests States Parties to the World Heritage Convention to ensure that their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans fully take into account the importance of World Heritage properties to achieve the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and the Aichi biodiversity targets.

(Decision 37 COM 5A, Phnom Penh, 2013)



Post 2020 Framework: the way forward?

**No need to reinvent the wheel, but
time to act!**





One common agenda: approach biodiversity in a cooperative and complementary manner and reflect the priorities and contributions of all Conventions



Linking Nature and Culture: it is critical to further highlight the role of culture in protecting biodiversity

Concrete targets for improving the conservation status of biodiversity in World Heritage sites





World Heritage sites as beacons for best conservation practice



Demonstrating the contribution of nature to the well being of people

World Heritage sites in synergy with other instruments





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