Priorities emerging from the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014











Over 6000 participants

5363 registered delegates

160 countries

300 workshop sessions

200 congress and high level events

6 pavilion programmes





The Promise of Sydney

VISION

 The highlevel
 aspirations
 for the
 change we
 need in the
 coming
 decade

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

- Bold steps
 recommended
 to achieve
 these
 aspirations
- 150 recommendations made

SOLUTIONS

Evidence
 that shows
 how we can
 approach
 our work
 differently to
 achieve
 these
 aspirations

PROMISES

 Pledges from governments, public and private institutions and civil society to fulfilling these aspirations





We recognized that rebalancing the relationship between human society and nature is essential, and that ecosystems and their variety of life fully support our existence, cultural and spiritual identity, economies and well-being.



We acknowledged the increasing role of Indigenous Peoples', community, and privately-conserved areas and territories in reaching biodiversity conservation and societal goals.

We acknowledged the opportunities presented by new communication and other technologies to better understand and engage new constituencies, including young people in the world's rapidly expanding cities.



VISION

Promise to INVIGORATE ... our efforts to ensure that protected areas do not regress but rather progress. We will scale up protection in landscapes, wetlands and seascapes to represent all sites essential for the conservation of nature, especially in the oceans, and involve all of those who conserve.

Promise to INSPIRE ... all people, across generations, geography and cultures, and especially the world's expanding cities, to experience the wonder of nature through protected areas, to engage their hearts and minds and engender a life-long association for physical, psychological, ecological, and spiritual well-being.

Promise to INVEST... in nature's solutions, supported by public policy, incentives, tools and safeguards that help to halt biodiversity loss, mitigate and respond to climate change, reduce the risk and impact of disasters, improve food and water security, and promote human health and dignity.



Innovative approaches for each of the eight streams ...



Stream 1 - Reaching Conservation Goals



Stream 2 - Responding to Climate Change



Stream 3 - Improving Health and Well-Being



Stream 4 - Supporting Human Life



Stream 5 - Reconciling Development Challenges



Stream 6 - Enhancing Diversity & Quality of Governance



Stream 7 - Respecting Indigenous & Traditional Knowledge and Culture



Stream 8 - Inspiring a New Generation



... and cross-cutting themes









A total of 150 recommendations for transformative change

SOLUTIONS

PANORAMA

Inspiring Protected Area Solutions



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Learning from success in protected areas

Protected areas are the cornerstone for conserving nature and related ecosystem services on which humans depend. The **Panorama** assembles positive examples of approaches in, and for, protected areas, to support learning from proven success – helping avoid reinventing the wheel, and bringing existing guidance frameworks to life with real-world examples.

Add Solution

Explore Solutions





FEEDBACK

Name

Email

- 1. Is there a need for better communicating success in protected areas? *
- O Yes
- O No
- O Don't know/no opinion
- 2. What do you like about the Panorama website? *
- Concept
- Design

PROMISES

Commitments from governments and civil society



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The Promise of Sydney: Our Commitment to action for the Promise of Sydney

Below is the current list of commitments recorded during and after the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014. Please note that this list is continually evolving as commitments are made, expanded and added to the record.

The IUCN President invited further promises and commitments to be made. These can be notified to: <u>promiseofsydney@iucn.org</u>, and will be added to the online register of promises. Please also notify us if the commitment as stated below is not recorded correctly.

Commitments made by: Governments | Organizations

Commitments made by Governments to the Promise of Sydney

Australia: Education and research

Australia committed to:

- A further AUD \$100K to support the partnership between local universities and private land-managers in the Tasmanian Land Conservancy. This money will support curriculum development to build capacity in protected area management in Australia, and across our region through agreements with our universities in the Asia-Pacific region.
- A further AUD \$1.2 million for the Bush Blitz species discovery program, a publicprivate partnership between the Australian Government, the mining company BHP Billiton and Earthwatch Australia. This program has already uncovered more than 825 new species.



Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions

Protected areas must progress, NOT REGRESS

Protected areas must be established in the right places

Raising
the bar
for
conserving
nature

Include areas conserved by private, indigenous peoples, and local communities

Improve QUALITY: protected areas need to be effective

Increase CAPACITY to address novel threats



Achieve the Aichi Targets

Asia Protected Planet Report 2014

Tracking progress towards targets for protected areas in Asia









THE IUCN GREEN LIST GLOBAL STANDARD Pillars and Principles



IUCN Green List of Protected Areas: Global Partnership



2014 GLPA in Numbers:

08 PARTNER COUNTRIES

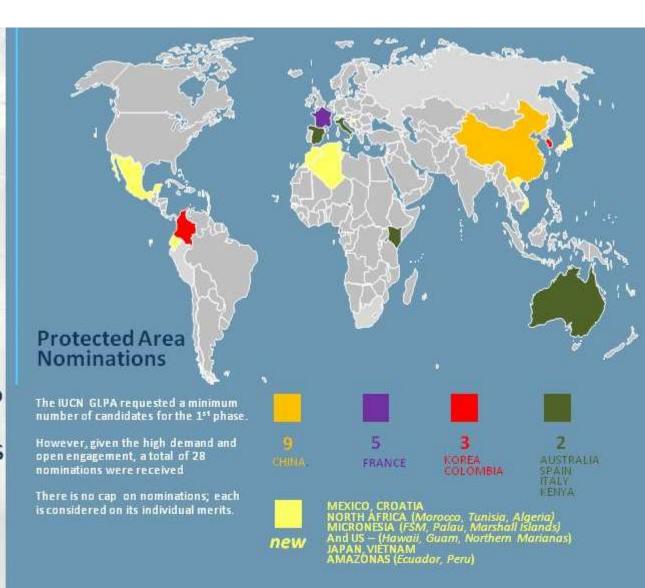
50 PROTECTED AREA COMMITMENTS

PROTECTED AREA NOMINATIONS

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GREEN LIST STANDARD

202 EXPERT REVIEWERS Involved in process

12 NEW COUNTRY PROPOSALS



Professionalize:

Publish competences register, user guide and tools

Enable

Pilot use of performance, assessment and certification guidance.

Professionalize:

Test use of competence approaches and materials

Putting in place the right capacity

Publish guidelines on capacity development by, with and for indigenous and local communities

Professionalize:

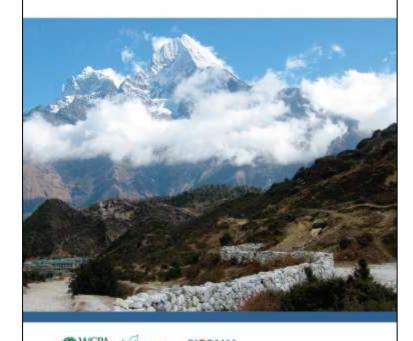
Prepare and launch body of knowledge on line tool

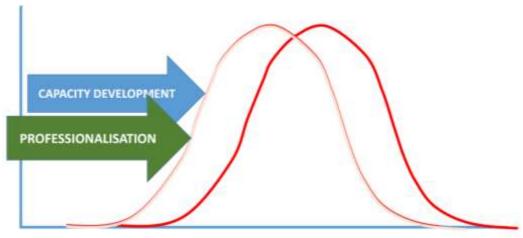
Build partnerships with providers of education and training and evaluate progress

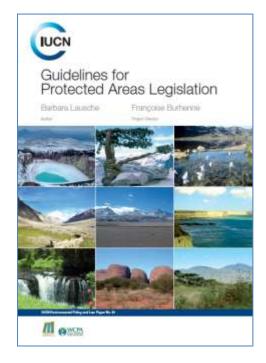


Protected Area Governance and Management

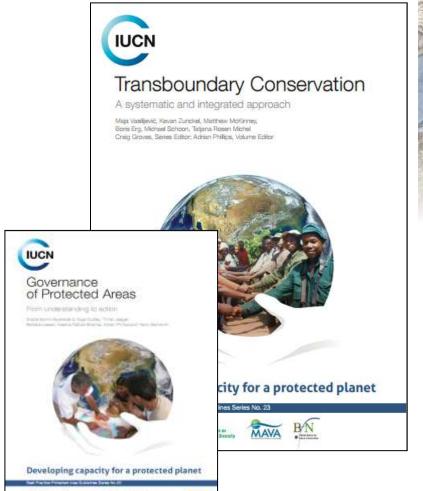
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Developing Capacity for a Protected Planet



- natural and associated values of protected areas · Key concepts, underlying principles and
- guidelines, technical best practices, and
- ground experiences in and around protected areas across the globe





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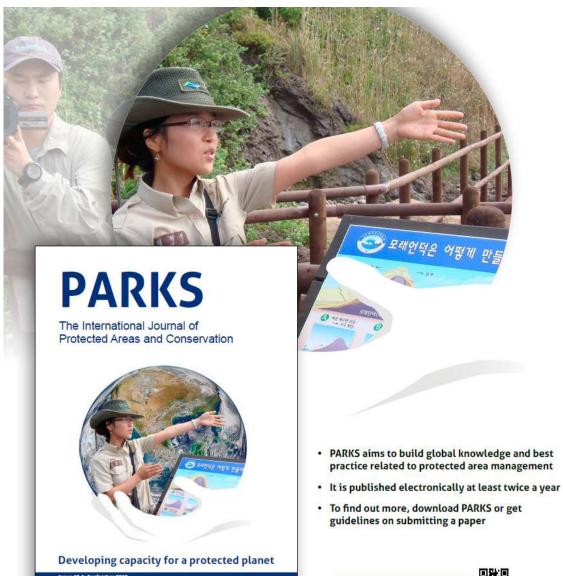
Developing capacity for a protected planet





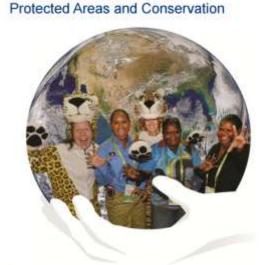






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Urgently increase the ocean area that is effectively and equitably managed

Invest in large-scale marine management initiatives

Riding the wave for marine

Improve environmental standards and transparency in supply chains

Protect and manage biodiversity in the high seas

Detect and prevent illegal activities at sea





14 governments
made
commitments to
protect the ocean
as part of the
Promise of Sydney

Sites must serve as models for effective, equitable and enduring conservation

Achieve a credible World Heritage List by nominating only the best sites

Restore the credibility and integrity of the World Heritage Convention

Brighten
the outlook
for World
Heritage

Sites must an improved Outlook and resilience in the face of global change

Review engagement in accordance with a rights-based approach

Impacts on sites may not be compensated by offsets

IUCN WORLD HERITAGE OUTLOOK 2014

First global assessment of natural **World Heritage**





Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions

Las áreas protegidas respetan las personas

More supportive legal and policy frameworks and integration of customary law.

Apply "No Go" policies to prevent damage from extractive activities

Enhance governance diversity, quality and vitality

Fully recognize and support voluntary conservation of protected and conserved areas

Respect procedural and substantive human rights

Move from growthbased towards sustainable, equitable and satisfying economies and societies







A primer on governance for protected and conserved areas



De la comprensión a la acción

Grant Robbs Favoragest, Nigel Dudley, Tillian Junger. Berbara Lassen, Navina Pattier Brooms, Author Haller y Tilever Sandardt.





Gouvernance des Aires Protégées

De la compréhension à l'action

Smalls Blocks-Filyersbord, Mgel Durker, Tilrean, Jacque.



Développement des capacités pour une planète protégée













Recognize and strengthen the collective land and resource rights of Indigenous Peoples

Respect and maintain traditional knowledge and customary governance systems

Respect
Indigenous &
traditional
knowledge
and culture

Integrate natural and cultural aspects for PA and World Heritage Site designations

Observe rights and governance systems and free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples

recognize and include Indigenous cultural skills and capacities.



Indigenous Peoples of Africa CoordinatingCommittee SOTZ'IL (Central America)

North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Managers Conservation International/United Nations University Launch a global campaign to connect young people to nature through PAs

Evaluate youth and public engagement in PAs and its impact on health, education, and conservation

Inspire a new generation

Facilitate
engagement of youth,
urban dwellers, and
other new audiences
to engage with
nature

Ensure all children have the right to experiences in protected areas at an early age

Scale up networking platforms and social media for connecting people with nature





Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions

Las áreas protegidas ... ofrecen soluciones

Promote the full recognition of ecosystems/PAs to respond to climate change

Ensure equitable participation from society, including youth, women and Indigenous Peoples

Address climate change

Build capacity to apply innovative, appropriate, and context-specific measures

Support coalitions for collective action in the polar regions

Build on traditional knowledge in finding solutions to climate change



CONSULTATION DRAFT DO NOT CITE OR QUOTE

Responding to Climate Change

Guidance for protected area managers and planners

Baltled by John Grass, Jannes Warson, Blepher Woodey, Leigh Welling and David Fishnon



Climate change slogan for a protected planet

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RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE STREAM



Demonstrate the value of protected area ecosystem services to all audiences

Apply a rights-based approach to conservation in protected area systems

Strengthen spatial planning to enhance the role and impact of protected areas

Support
human life:
food, water,
risk
reduction

Identify legal,
institutional and
social factors to
optimize synergy for
supporting human
life

Promote
conservation of
freshwater
ecosystems and
enable civil society
in water governance.

Build strong
evidence, policy and
practical advice for
applying ecosystembased disaster-risk
reduction

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PROTECTED AREAS AS **TOOLS FOR**







DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

A handbook for practitioners

Advice for disaster risk reduction specialists and protected area managers on how best to use protected area systems as effective buffers, to prevent natural hazards from developing into



Build the evidence

for connecting health and nature incl. traditional knowledge

Strengthen policies
and planning to
promote nature's
role in health and
well-being

Improve health and well-being

Promote the preventative health contribution made by PAs, including urban parks

Improve biodiversity and maximize human health and well-being outcomes.

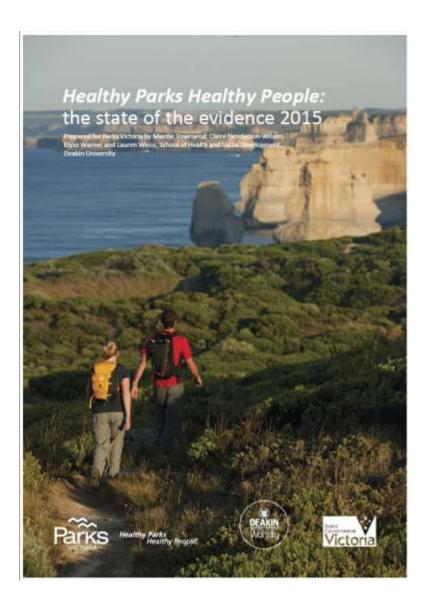
Build alliances and capacity across the health and protected area sectors



Estimated avoided healthcare costs

\$ 198.8 million per annum benefit

\$ 323.9 million total budget for parks



Anchor PAs in environment, governance and land-use planning frameworks

Work with such intensive land and sea-use industries to deploy sustainability standards.

into economic accounting, and measure, account, and report

Reconcile development challenges

Better understand
PA financing needs
and move towards
long-term
sustainable
financing.

Apply spatial planning regulation to sustain ecological processes

Establish and employ social and environmental safeguards



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Conservation Finance
 Alliance renews
 strategy to leverage and manage investment





















Incorporate facilitated dialogues at the core of deliberations on complex challenges facing conservation

Embrace a new ethic that is just, equitable, reciprocal and respectful, linking biological and social-cultural issues

Adopt a clear set of human rights standards and capacity building techniques

Fostering a new social compact

Develop a "rapid response" redress mechanism for people impacted by protected areas

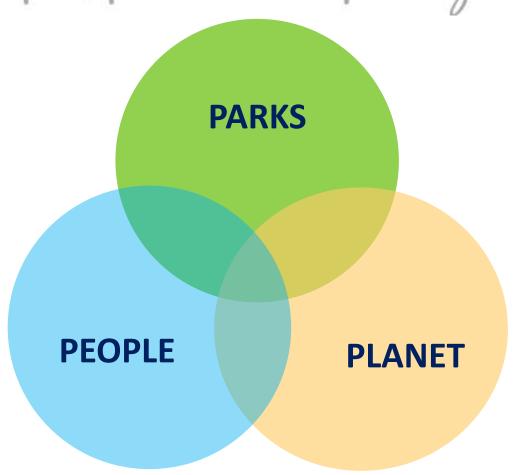
Take a firm and vocal stance against development activities that are destroying nature and communities

Sound the alarm and provide active leadership regarding the global biodiversity crisis





Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions







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The Promise of Sydney

- Strengthening implementation, but it is not WHAT, but WHEN and HOW and HOW MUCH
- Scaling up applying innovative approaches
- Find new ways to connect issues, and interact across sectors for mutual gains and maximum impact
- What can you do as an individual, a protected area, an organisation or a government to address the urgency of doing more, better? What is your promise?





The Promise from IUCN's Council

- Acknowledges and thanks the host country Australia, the traditional owners of the land on which the Congress was held, and IUCN members Parks Australia and the New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife for hosting WPC 2014;
- Acknowledges the many substantial contributions made by the WCPA, other IUCN Commissions, IUCN Members, partners, donors and the Secretariat;
- Welcomes the Promise of Sydney Vision and related recommendations, inspiring solutions and commitments as the substantial outcomes of the WPC;
- Requests the Director General to:
- ✓ Incorporate relevant recommendations into the IUCN Programme 2017-2020, subject to consultation;
- ✓ Promote the Promise of Sydney and related relevant recommendations through policy and policy-influencing opportunities;
- ✓ Maintain and monitor a register of Promises and Commitments made by governments, international organisations and others to implement the Promise of Sydney and to monitor and communicate progress on implementation;
- ✓ Promote ongoing dialogue on key issues for transformative change emanating from the Promise of Sydney





GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Global Environment Facility (GEF)	The Global Environment Facility, as the financial mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the largest funder of protected area systems, committed through its biodiversity strategy as well as its long term GEF 2020 strategy, and taking account of the innovative approaches identified in Sydney, to support country-driven actions to help conserve and sustainably use biodiversity through effectively-managed protected area systems that are integrated into sustainable landscape and seascape mosaics in 146 developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
ICCA Consortium	The ICCA Consortium, representing 76 civil society members organisations from five continents, committed to promoting the full diversity, quality and vitality of governance and conservation of nature in the wider landscape and seascape to achieve the CBD Aichi targets and UN post-2015 sustainable development goals through transformational models of subsidiarity in economic and political systems to support the commons, territorial-based democracy, equity and justice, ecological sustainability, and human well-being.

The Promise



GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Japan	The Ministry of the Environment, Japan, committed to: 1. Working with the IUCN Asia Regional Office to enhance collaboration among Asian countries on protected areas management through the Asia Protected Area Partnership (APAP), which was officially established during the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014 based on the broad and fruitful discussion in the 1st Asia Parks Congress (APC) held in Sendai, Japan in 2013 and the Asia Protected Areas Charter, which is referred to as the Sendai Charter, adopted in the APC. This commitment will result in: Enhanced PA management in Asian countries through information sharing and capacity building among countries; achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to PA management (Target 11 and others); and promotion of ecosystem-based approaches involving protected areas for disaster risk reduction. 2. Provide guidelines to protected area managers on disaster risk reduction