

Priorities emerging from the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014



CBD Regional Workshop





IUCN WORLD PARKS CONGRESS SYDNEY 2014



Parks are the planet's inspiration



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Over 6000 participants

5363 registered delegates

160 countries

300 workshop sessions

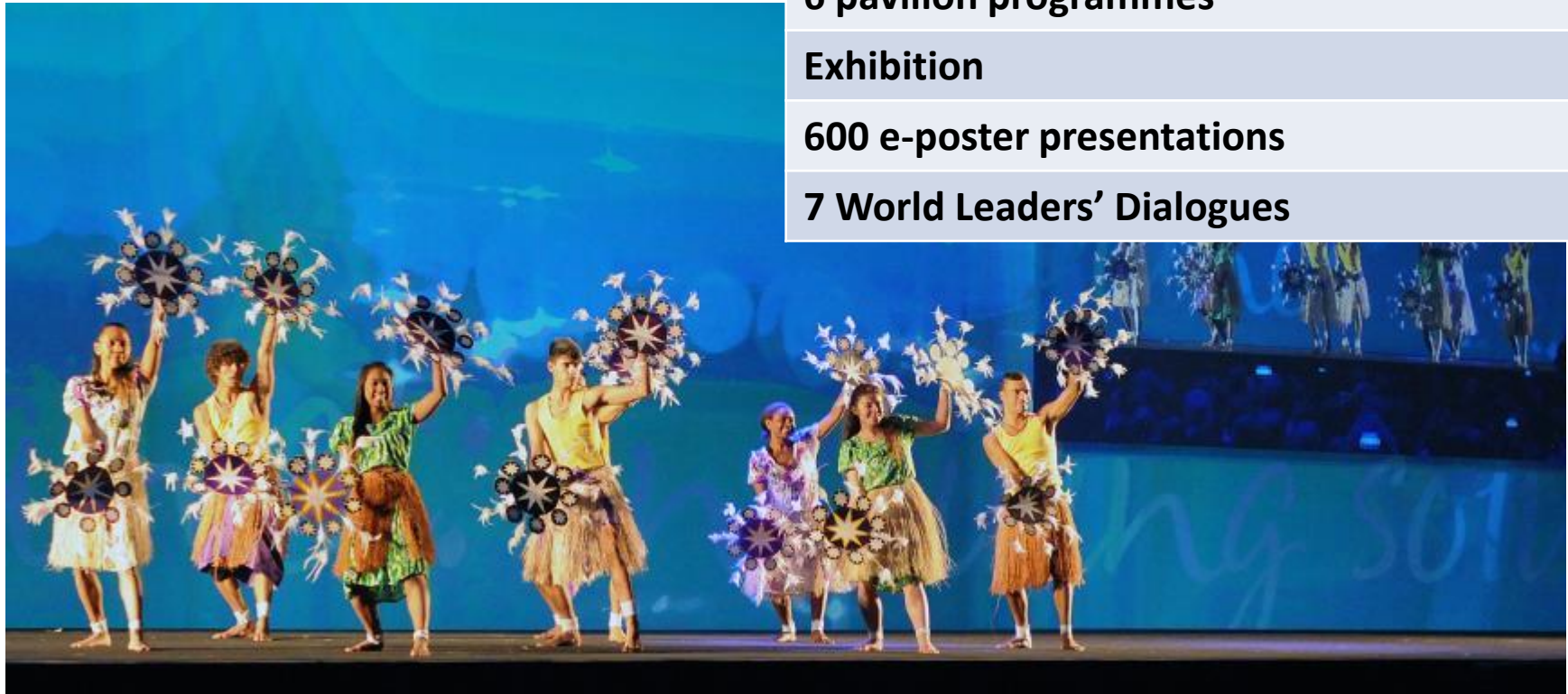
200 congress and high level events

6 pavilion programmes

Exhibition

600 e-poster presentations

7 World Leaders' Dialogues





The Promise of Sydney

VISION

- The high-level **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

VISION

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.



VISION

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



Capacity Development



Marine



World Heritage



New Social Compact

**A total of 150 recommendations
for transformative change**



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A New Social Compact

Featured solution: Namdrik Atoll Local Resources Committee (Marshall Islands)

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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.

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SEARCH



FEEDBACK

Name

Email

1. Is there a need for better communicating success in protected areas? *

- Yes
- No
- Don't know/no opinion

2. What do you like about the Panorama website? *

- Concept
- Design

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: promiseofsydney@iucn.org, 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:

1. 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.
2. A further AUD \$1.2 million for the Bush Blitz species discovery program, a public-private partnership between the Australian Government, the mining company BHP Billiton and Earthwatch Australia. This program has already uncovered more than 825 new species.



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Protected areas
must progress, **NOT**
REGRESS

**Raising
the bar
for
conserving
nature**

Protected areas
must be established
in the right places

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

Protected Planet Report 2014

Tracking progress towards global targets for protected areas



THE IUCN GREEN LIST GLOBAL STANDARD

Pillars and Principles

Delivering Conservation Impact

Natural Values

Social Values

1. Designed
to Deliver

2. Equitably
Governed

3. Effectively
Managed

IUCN Green List of Protected Areas: Global Partnership



2014 GLPA in Numbers:

08

PARTNER
COUNTRIES

50

PROTECTED AREA
COMMITMENTS

28

PROTECTED AREA
NOMINATIONS

23

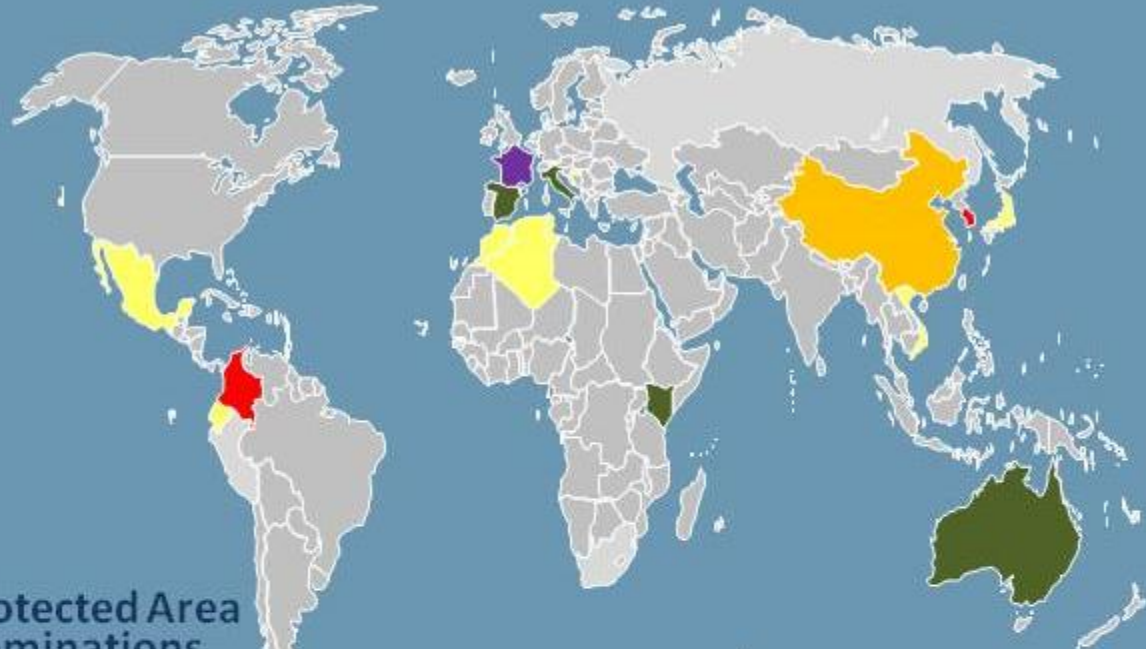
ACHIEVED IUCN
GREEN LIST STANDARD

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EXPERT REVIEWERS
Involved in process

12

NEW COUNTRY
PROPOSALS



Protected Area Nominations

The IUCN GLPA requested a minimum number of candidates for the 1st phase.

However, given the high demand and open engagement, a total of 28 nominations were received

There is no cap on nominations; each is considered on its individual merits.



9
CHINA



5
FRANCE



3
KOREA
COLOMBIA



2
AUSTRALIA
SPAIN
ITALY
KENYA

new

MEXICO, CROATIA
NORTH AFRICA (*Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria*)
MICRONESIA (*FSM, Palau, Marshall Islands*)
And US – (*Hawaii, Guam, Northern Marianas*)
JAPAN, VIETNAM
AMAZONAS (*Ecuador, Peru*)

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

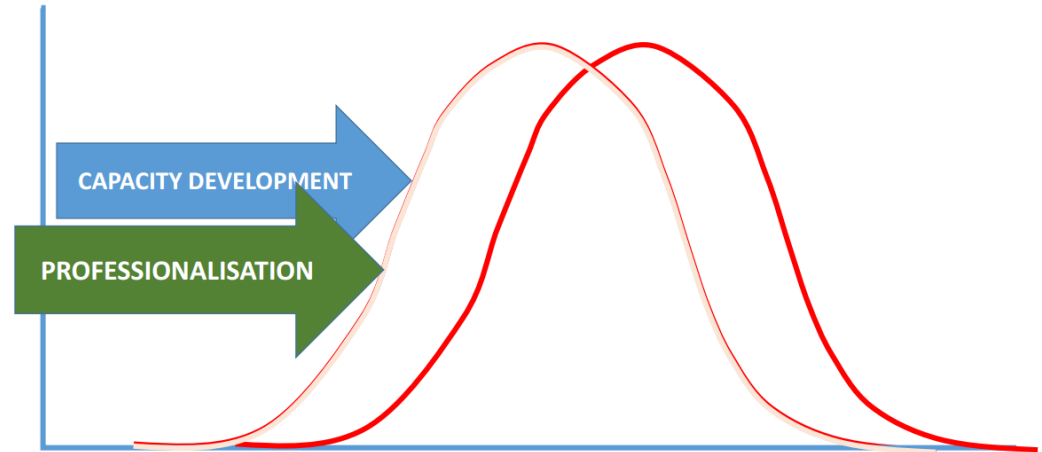


Protected Area Governance and Management

Editors: Graeme L. Worboys, Michael Lockwood, Ashish Kothari, Sue Feary and Ian Pulsford



BIOPAMA



Guidelines for Protected Areas Legislation

Barbara Lausche
Author

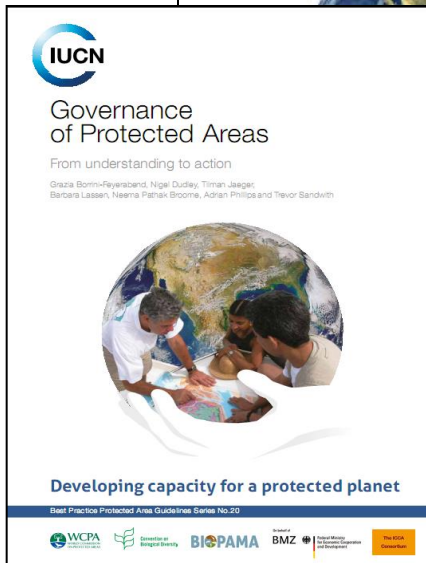
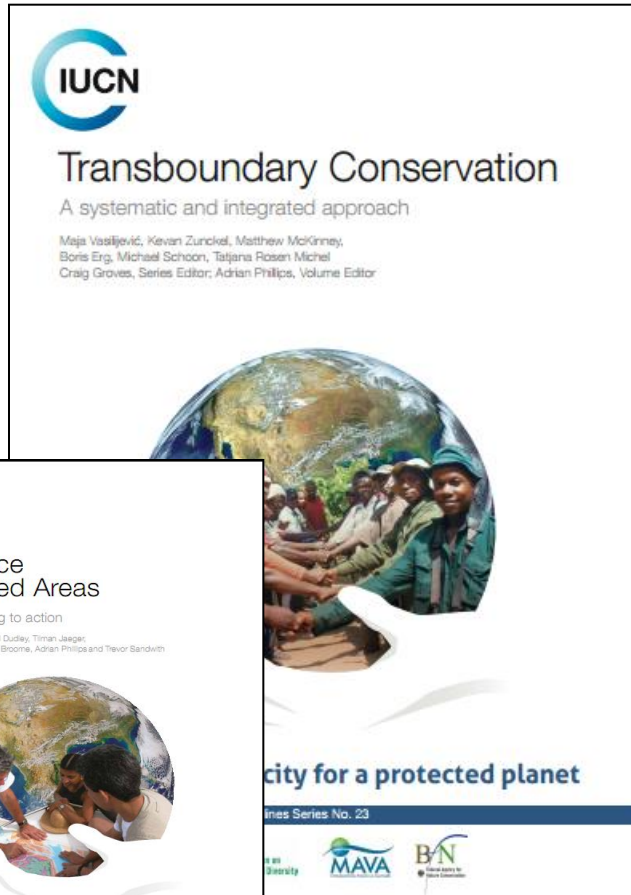
Françoise Burhenne
Project Director



IUCN Environmental Policy and Law Paper No. 81



De nouvelles lignes directrices



Developing Capacity for a Protected Planet

- Guidance for terrestrial, marine and freshwater protected area managers on the restoration of natural and associated values of protected areas
- Key concepts, underlying principles and guidelines, technical best practices, and implementation processes
- Examples and case studies illustrating on-the-ground experiences in and around protected areas across the globe

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The International Journal of
Protected Areas and Conservation



Developing capacity for a protected planet

Issue 18.1: September 2012



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Issue 21.1: March 2015



- PARKS aims to build global knowledge and best practice related to protected area management
- It is published electronically at least twice a year
- To find out more, download PARKS or get guidelines on submitting a paper

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Urgently **increase**
the ocean area that
is effectively and
equitably managed

**Riding the
wave for
marine**

Invest in **large-scale**
marine management
initiatives

Improve
environmental
standards and
transparency in
supply chains

Protect and manage
biodiversity in the
high seas

Detect and prevent
illegal activities
at sea

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5 Takeaways From Huge Once-a-Decade Gathering on World's Protected Areas



#1: Protect the Oceans

**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 have an **improved Outlook** and resilience in the face of global change

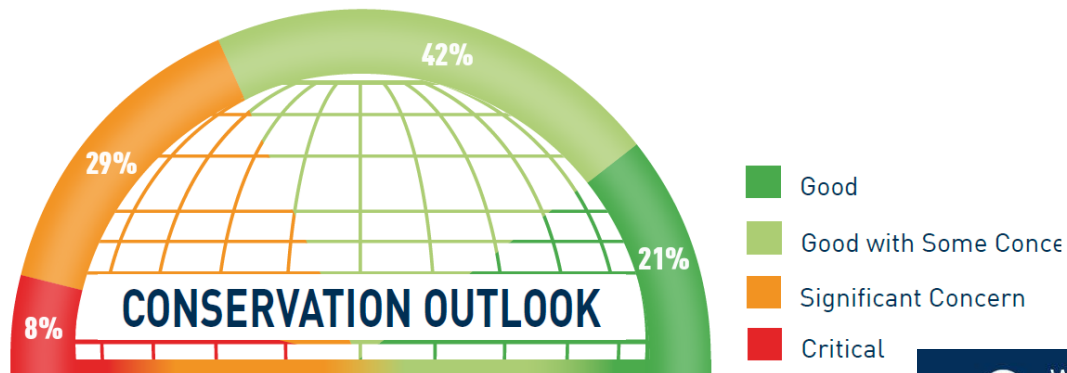
Review engagement in accordance with a **rights-based approach**

Impacts on sites **may not be compensated** by offsets

IUCN WORLD HERITAGE OUTLOOK 2014

First global assessment of natural World Heritage

- 228 site assessments
- 500 experts worldwide
- more than 3 years in the making



The IUCN World Heritage Outlook is the first global assessment of all natural World Heritage sites and the action needed to achieve excellence in their conservation

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- Good
- Good with some concerns
- Significant concern
- Critical
- Data deficient
- Coming soon

www.worldheritageoutlook.iucn.org



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**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 growth-
based** towards
sustainable,
equitable and
satisfying economies
and societies



A primer on governance for protected and conserved areas



Gobernanza de Áreas Protegidas

De la comprensión a la acción

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, Nigel Dudley, Tilman Jaeger, Barbara Lassen, Neema Pathak Broome, Adrian Phillips y Trevor Sandwith



Gouvernance des Aires Protégées

De la compréhension à l'action

Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, Nigel Dudley, Tilman Jaeger, Barbara Lassen, Neema Pathak Broome, Adrian Phillips et Trevor Sandwith



Développement des capacités pour une planète protégée

Lignes Directrices des meilleures pratiques pour les aires protégées N°20



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Comparto TICCA

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 Coordinating Committee
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

Inspire a new generation

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

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

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

Thinking differently about
Inspiring
a New Generation.



Proposal for joint IUCN CEC & WCPA Task Force



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**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
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Responding to Climate Change

Guidance for protected area managers and planners

Edited by John Gross, James Watson, Stephen Woodley, Leigh Welling and David Harmon



Climate change slogan for a protected planet

Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series No. XX



RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE STREAM



Karina Mullen Branson

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Demonstrate the value of protected area ecosystem services to all audiences

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

Support human life: food, water, risk reduction

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

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 ecosystem-based disaster-risk reduction



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PROTECTED AREAS AS TOOLS FOR

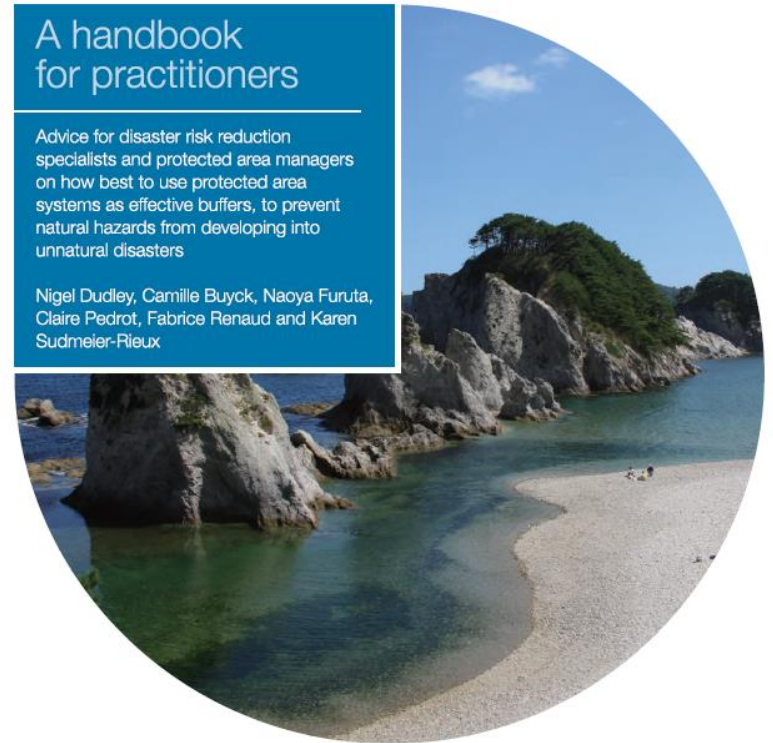


DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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 unnatural disasters

Nigel Dudley, Camille Buyck, Naoya Furuta, Claire Pedrot, Fabrice Renaud and Karen Sudmeier-Rieux



Build the evidence
for connecting
health and nature
incl. traditional
knowledge

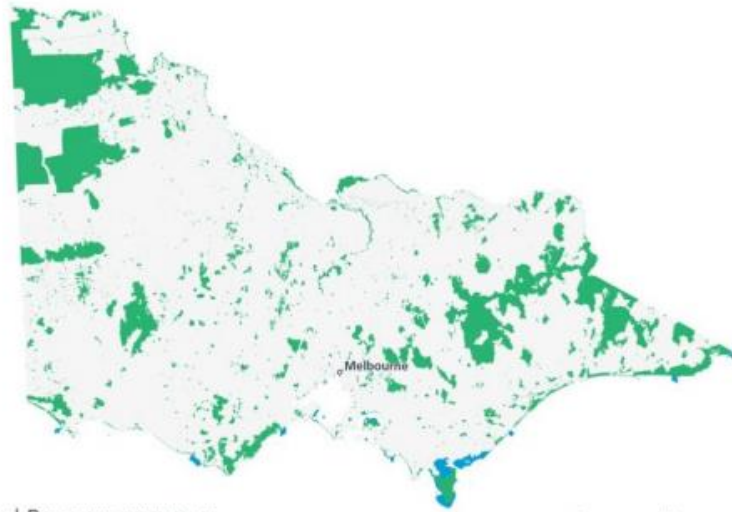
Strengthen **policies**
and planning to
promote nature's
role in health and
well-being

**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

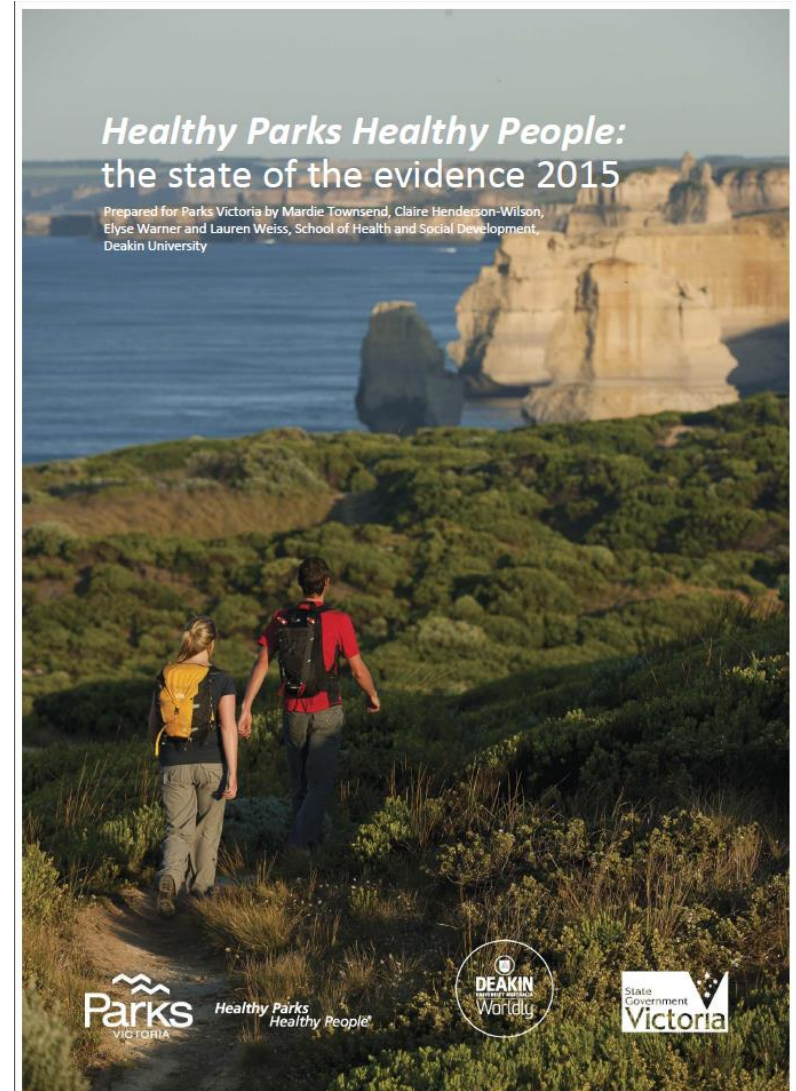


Parks and Reserves VICTORIA

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**.

Reconcile development challenges

Integrate PA values into economic accounting, and measure, account, and report

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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FINANCE ALLIANCE

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CFA Working Group on Protected Areas Financing invited to become a WCPA Specialist Group

- 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

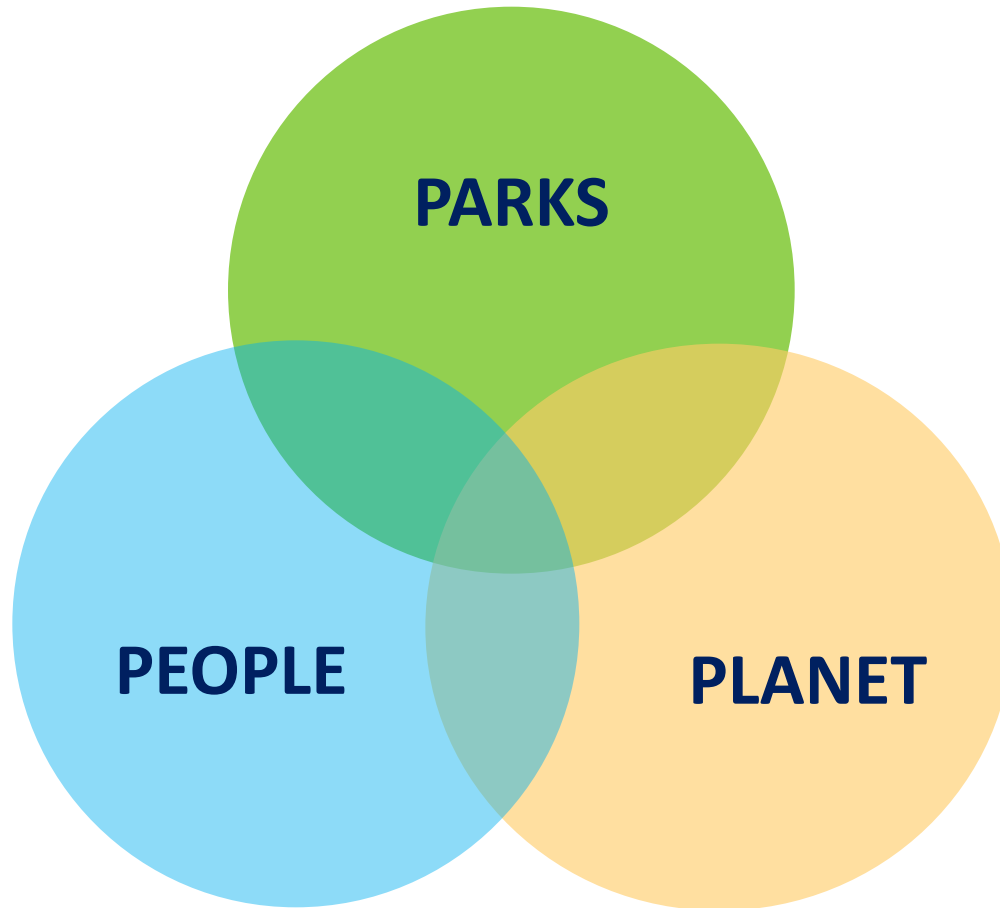
Fostering a new social compact

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

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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

The Promise from Asia



GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Bangladesh	Establish the first Marine Protected Area in Bangladesh, to protect whales, dolphins, sharks, and other marine life. Spanning some 1,738 km ² with a depth of more than 900 meters, the Swatch of No Ground Marine Protected Area will be larger than Cape Cod Bay and include waters at the head of the submarine canyon from which it gets its name.
Cameroon	Conserve protected areas to enhance livelihoods of the local population and improve economies of the nation.
China	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increase the protected areas territory to at least 20% by 2020, and to match Chinese categories of protected areas to global standards.2. Increase its forest area to 40 million hectares by 2020, increasing the standing volume by 1.2 billion cubic hectares.

The Promise from Oceania



GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Japan	<p>The Ministry of the Environment, Japan, committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.