

Priorities emerging from the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014



Africa





“we must break with traditional thinking, catalyze a new vision, and join hands in new partnerships”



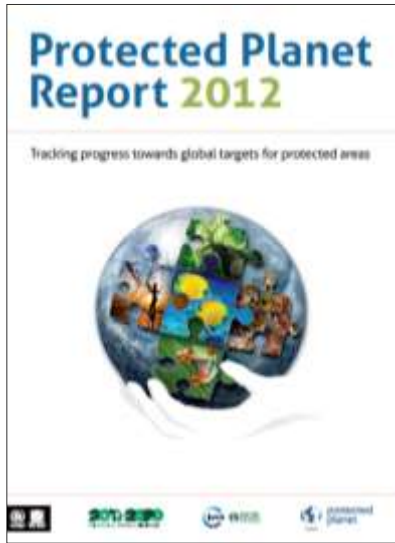
**CONVENTION
on BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
& CARTAGENA PROTOCOL on
BIOSAFETY**

9th–27th February 2004
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Durban led to the
first multilateral
agreement:
The CBD's
Programme of
Work on Protected
Areas in 2004**

CBD Decision XI/24 Protected Areas

Parties welcome the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014, invite IUCN to coordinate activities and for capacity building and implementation to achieve the full scope of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, and to report progress in the Protected Planet Report

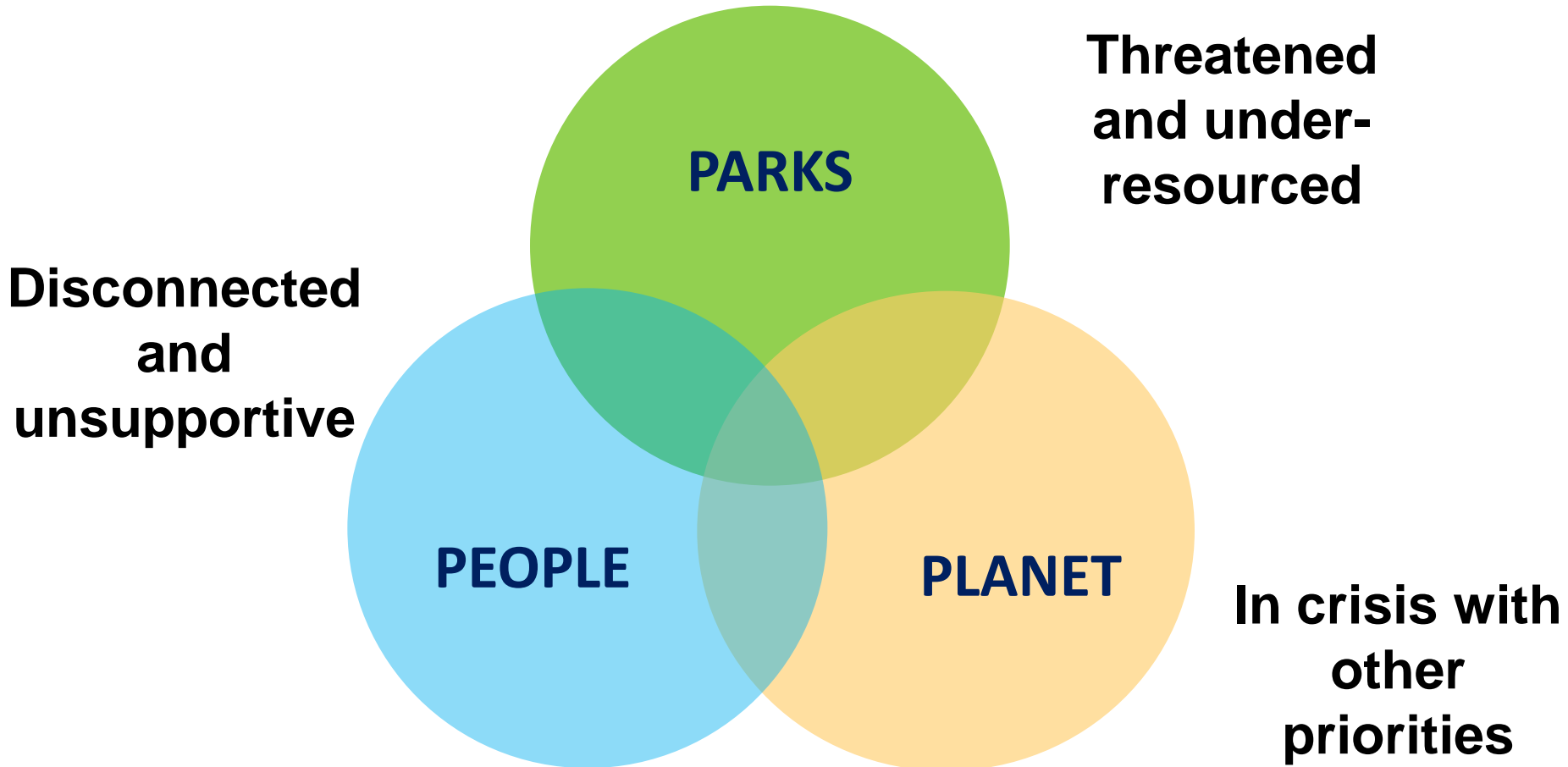




IUCN WORLD PARKS CONGRESS SYDNEY 2014



Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions





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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

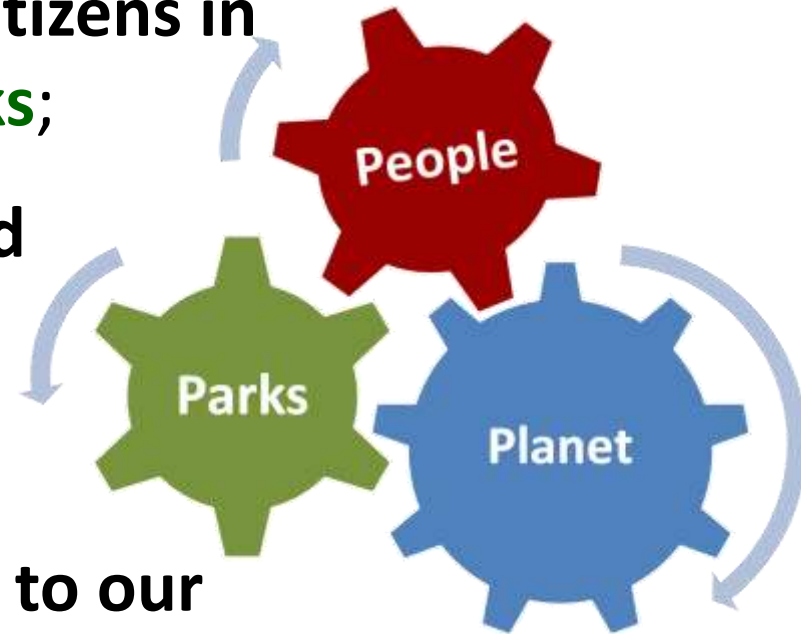
- **Evidence that shows how we can approach our work differently** to achieve these aspirations

PROMISES

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

The Promise of Sydney

- Find better and fairer ways to conserve natural and cultural diversity, involving governments, businesses and citizens in establishing and managing **parks**;
- Inspire **people** around the world and across generations to reconnect with nature;
- Demonstrate nature's solutions to our **planet's** challenges such as climate change, health, food and water security.



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.



About IPAS

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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





IUCN Green List of protected and conserved areas



Recognizing protected areas that deliver *conservation impacts* for people and nature

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

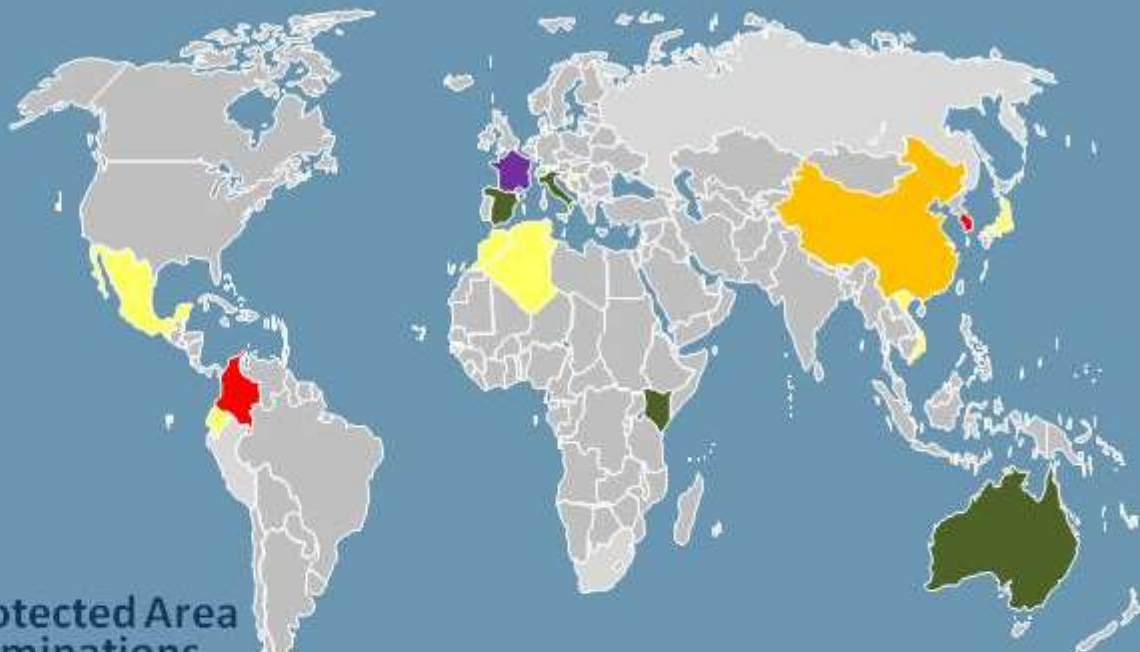
ACHIEVED IUCN
GREEN LIST STANDARD

202

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**

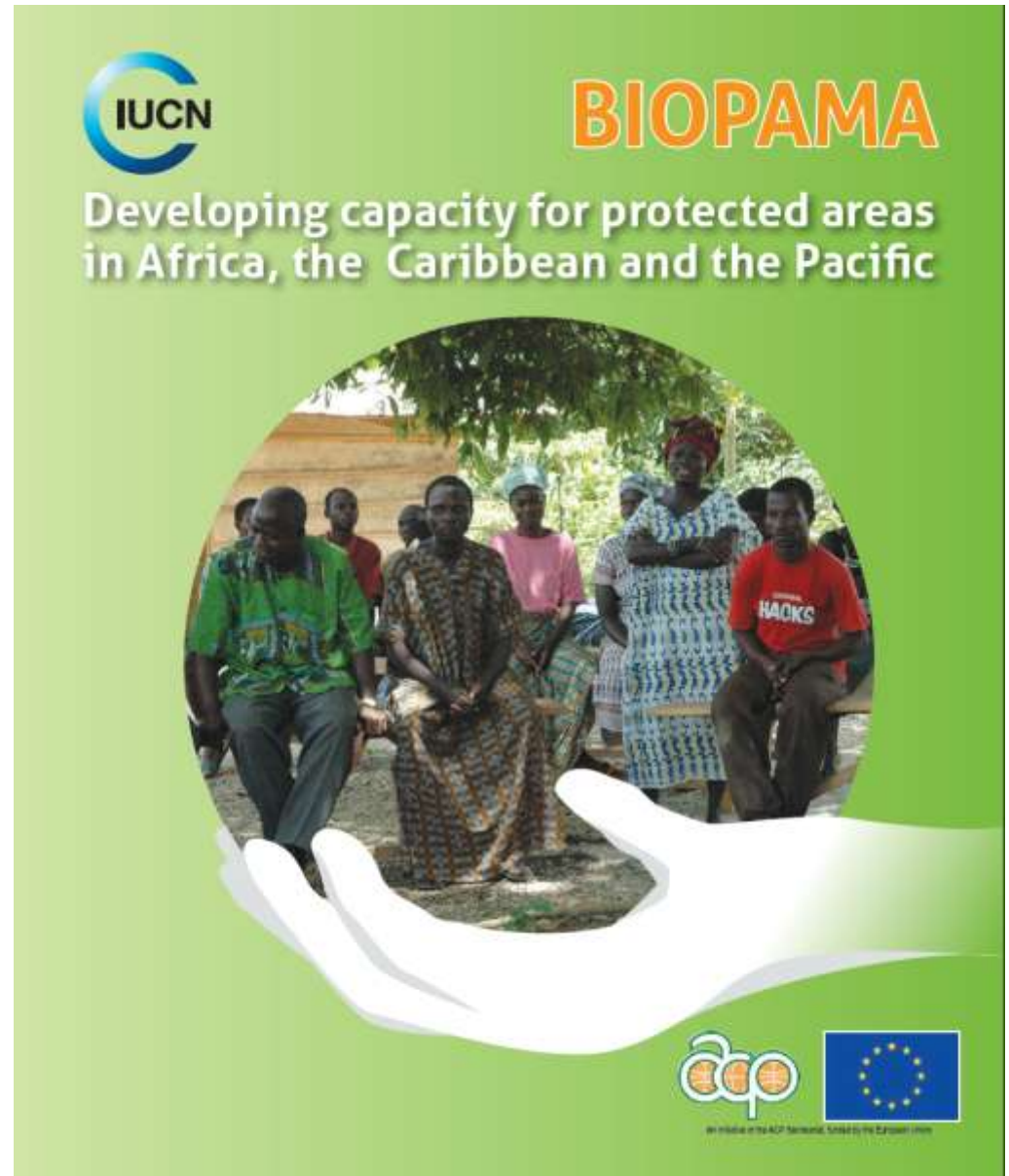
Publish guidelines on
capacity development
by, with and for
indigenous and local
communities

Professionalize:
Prepare and launch
body of knowledge
on line tool

Build **partnerships**
with providers of
education and
training and
evaluate progress

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Biodiversity and Protected
Areas Management
Programme



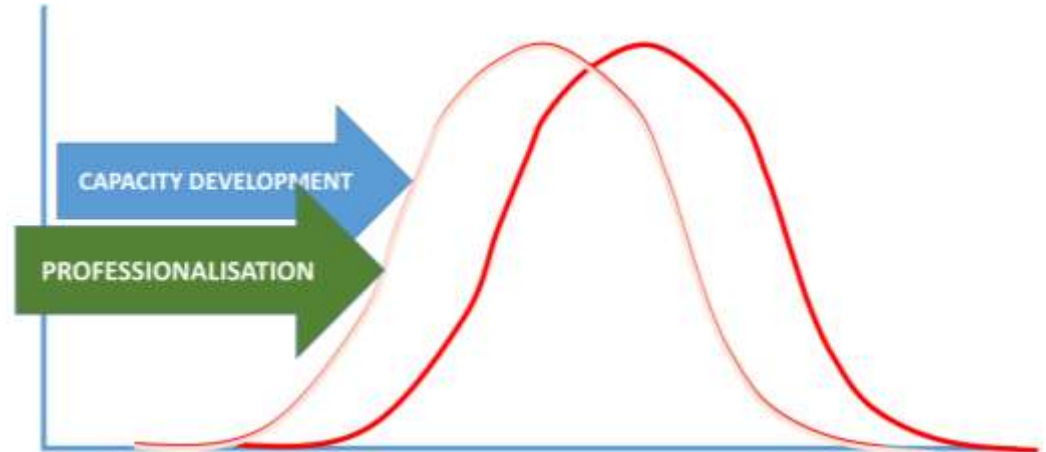


Protected Area Governance and Management

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



BIOPAMA



Guidelines for Protected Areas Legislation

Barbara Lausche

Françoise Burtennie

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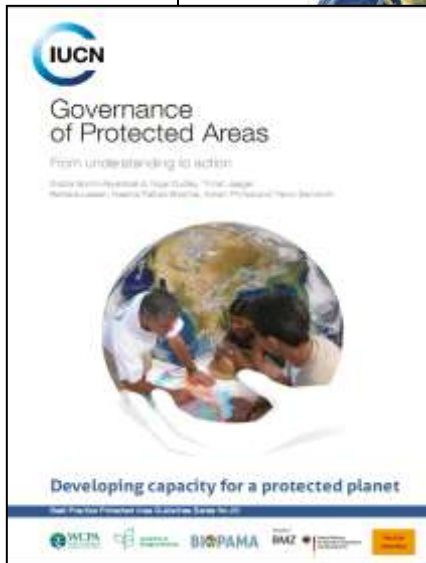
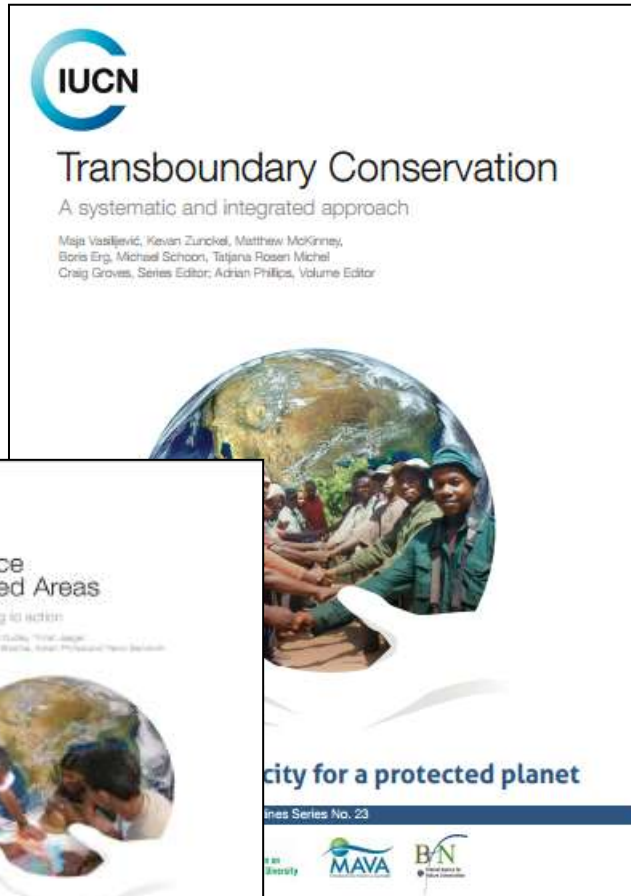
Project Director



IUCN Environmental Policy and Law Paper No. 24



De nouvelles lignes directrices



Developing Capacity for a Protected Planet

IUCN

Ecological Restoration for Protected Areas

Principles, Guidelines and Best Practices

Prepared by the IUCN WCPA Ecological Restoration Taskforce
Karin Koozevski, Nigal Duttay, Stephanie Cairns, Carol Hill, and Susi Stott, Editors; Peter Valentini, Series Editor

Developing capacity for a protected planet

Best Practice Guidelines for Protected Area Managers Series No. 18

WCPA, Convention on Biological Diversity, Parks Canada, Parcs Canada, SER, protectedplanet

- 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



- 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**

Improve
environmental
standards and
transparency in
supply chains

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

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 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



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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**

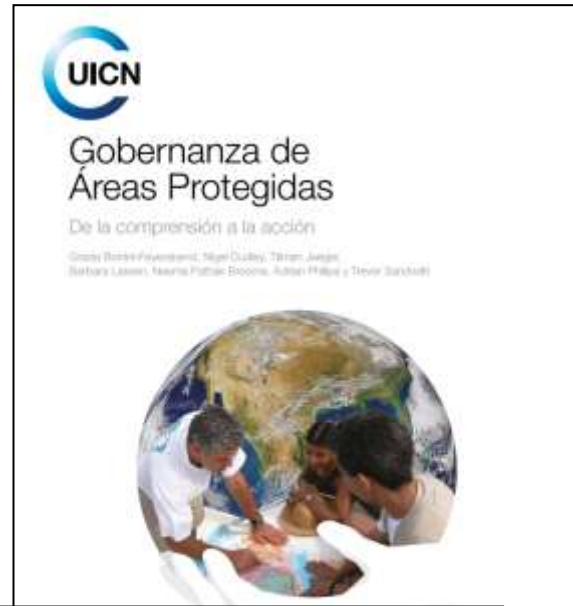
Fully recognize and
support **voluntary
conservation of
protected and
conserved areas**

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



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 Welton and David Hammon



Climate change slogan for a protected planet

Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series No. XX



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

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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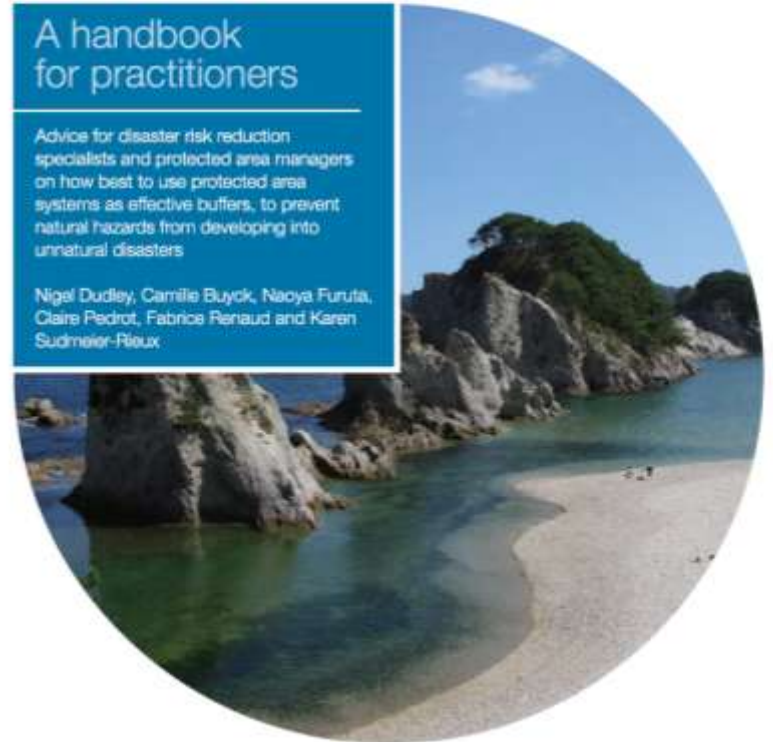


DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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

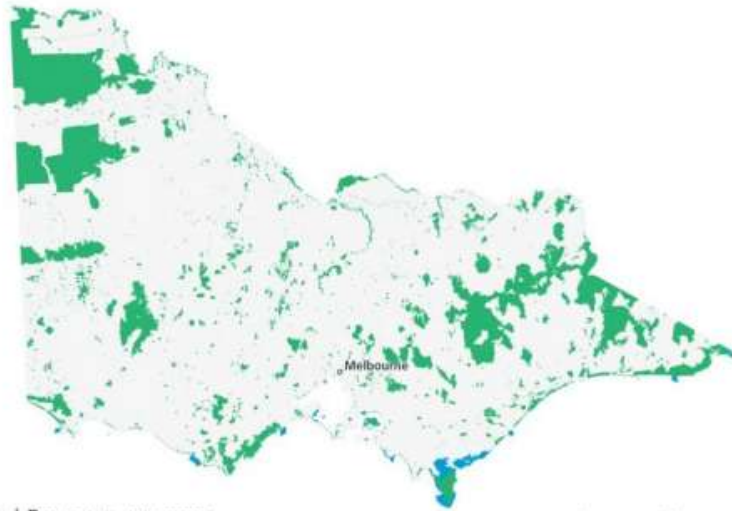
Strengthen **policies**
and planning to
promote nature's
role in health and
well-being

**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



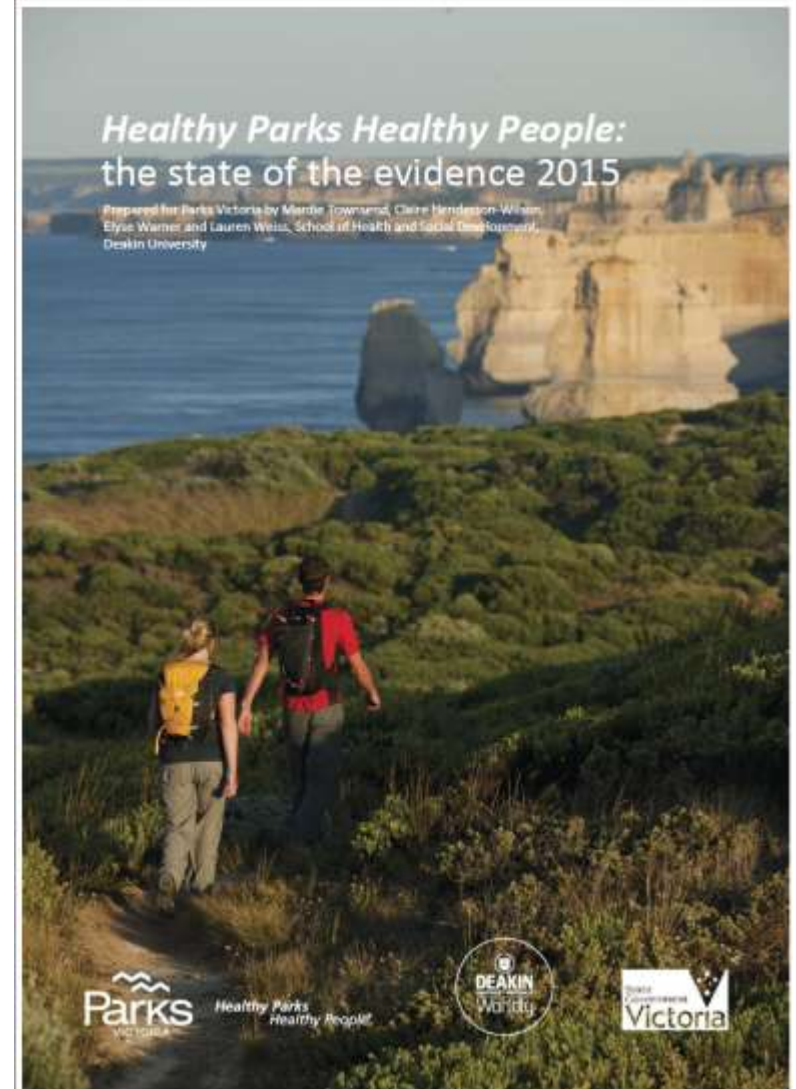
Parks and Reserves **VICTORIA**



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**



CONSERVATION
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

The Promise from Africa



GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Burundi	Burundi committed to: Increasing Burundi's protected areas estate from 5.4% to 10% within the next several years, and to strengthen enforcement.
Cameroon	Cameroon committed to: Conserving protected areas to enhance livelihood of the local population and improve economies of the nation.
Comores	Comores committed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Place biodiversity conservation in general and protected areas in particular as the cornerstone of national strategy to address climate change and maintain ecosystem resilience.2. In the next 10 years, to reach 22% of protection of terrestrial ecosystems and 7% of all marine and coastal ecosystems. In the next 5 years seven new PAs will be declared, including the nomination of Volcan of Karthala to be included in UNESCO's World Heritage List and the establishment of the Island of Mohéli as a Biosphere Reserve in the context of the MAP Programme.3. Establish a National trust Fund for Protected Areas to contribute to the financial sustainability of protected area management.

The Promise from Africa



GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Gabon	Gabon committed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The creation of a network of new Marine Protected Areas equivalent to 23% of its territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The 46,000 km²) area includes a range of ecosystems and bars commercial fishing.2. To develop and support an African Association of Heads of Park Agencies.
Madagascar	Madagascar committed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Finalise the expansion of tripling of the protected areas system which is almost complete, and to included protected areas at the heart of the country's Sustainable Development Strategy as tools for economic growth, political stability and the promotion of equity. In this context, by 20 May 2015 all of the new PAs proposed through different studies, totalling 7 million ha, will be officially declared and a new Foundation for Protected Areas will enhance their management including their financial sustainability.2. Triple the number of marine protected areas in the next 5-10 years.3. A zero tolerance policy on illegal wildlife trafficking and to stop the illegal traffic of wildlife products from the country to contribute significantly to ending wildlife crime worldwide.

The Promise from Africa



GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Namibia	Namibia committed to: A programme to intensively create awareness among the youth and to empower local people to be wildlife stewards through their role in managing and preserving natural systems, and to put a stop to poaching in the country.
South Africa	South Africa committed to: 1. More than triple its ocean protection over the next ten years, from less than 0.5% to 5% of our Exclusive Economic Zone within Marine Protected Areas, to ensure environmental sustainability as MPAs deliver ecosystem services which underpin South African livelihoods, food security and ecotourism. 2. Use South Africa's unique geographical position to encourage the African region to create a network of marine protected areas to increase ecosystem resilience, maintain genetic biodiversity and the ability to cope with climate change.

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