

# Priorities emerging from the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014



**Central and  
Eastern Europe**





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

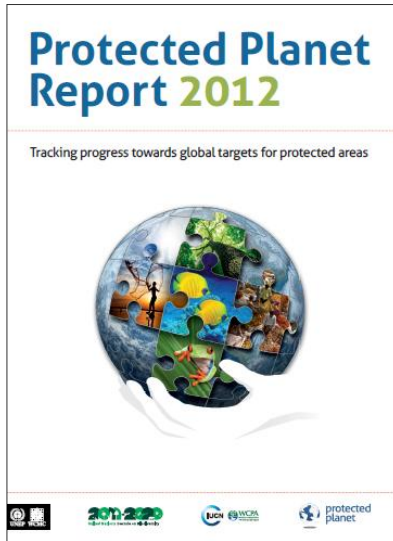


**CONVENTION  
on BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
& CARTAGENA PROTOCOL on  
BIOSAFETY**

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

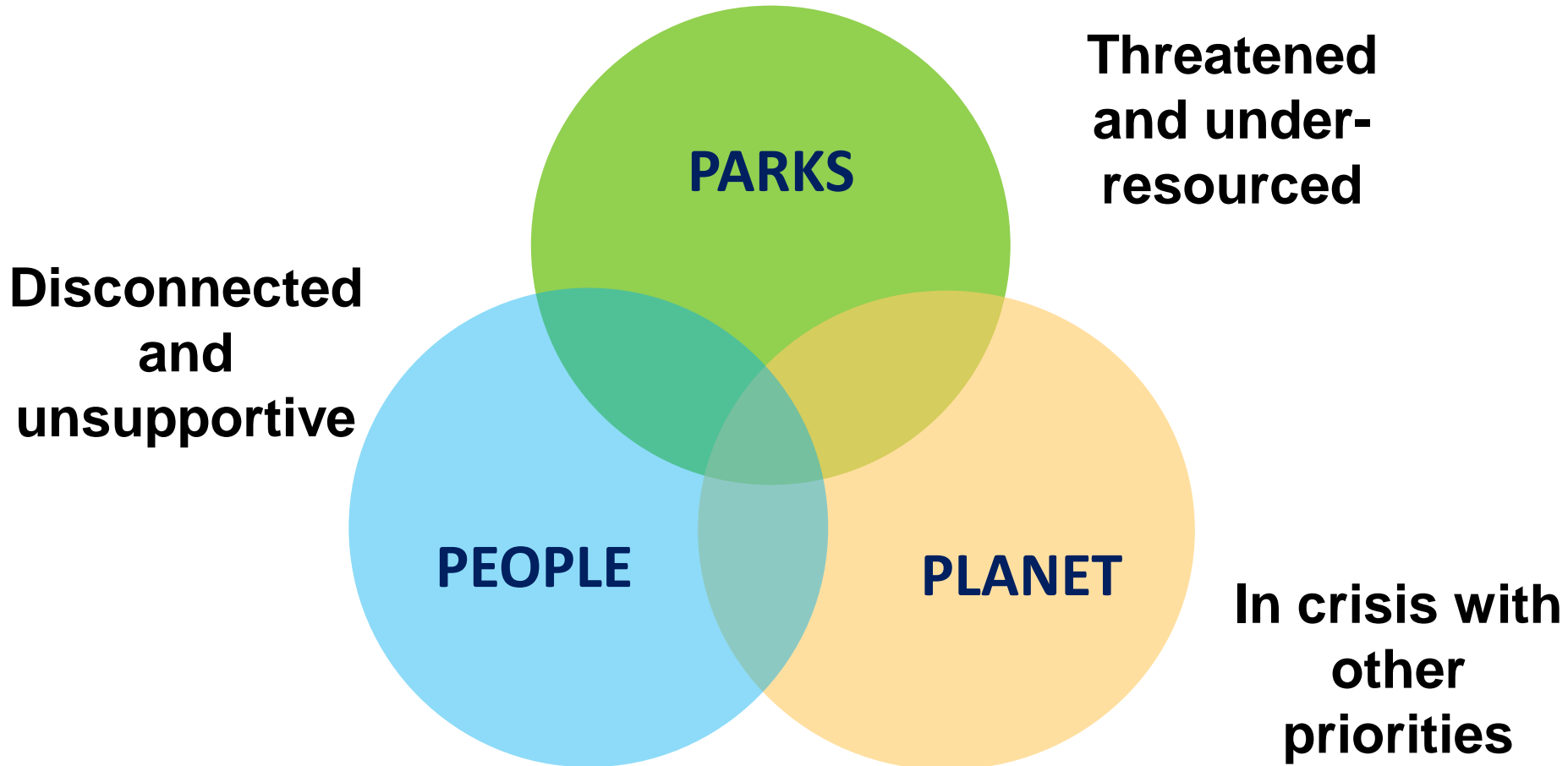


**Parties welcome the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014, invite IUCN to coordinate activities and for capacity building and implementation to achieve the full scope of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, and to report progress in the Protected Planet Report**





# *Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions*





# 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

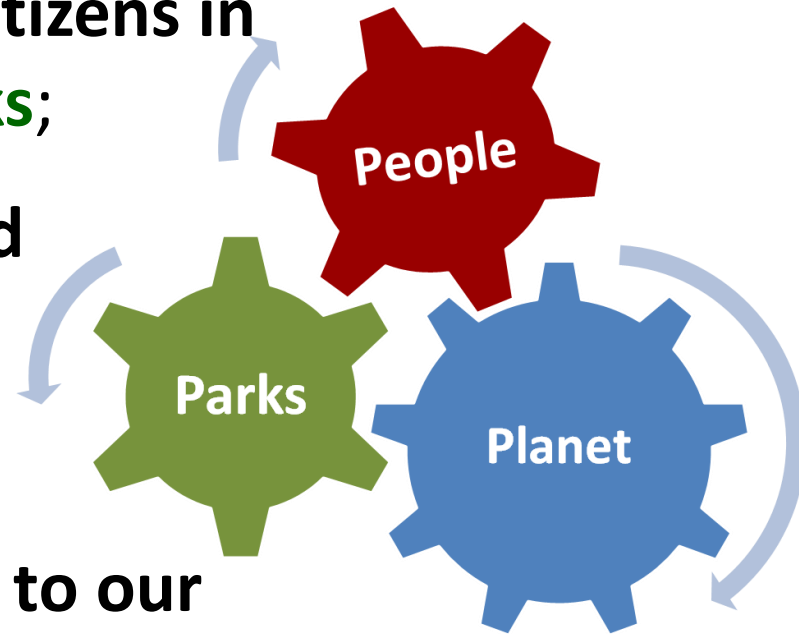
- **Evidence that shows how we can approach our work differently** to achieve these aspirations

## PROMISES

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

# 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.

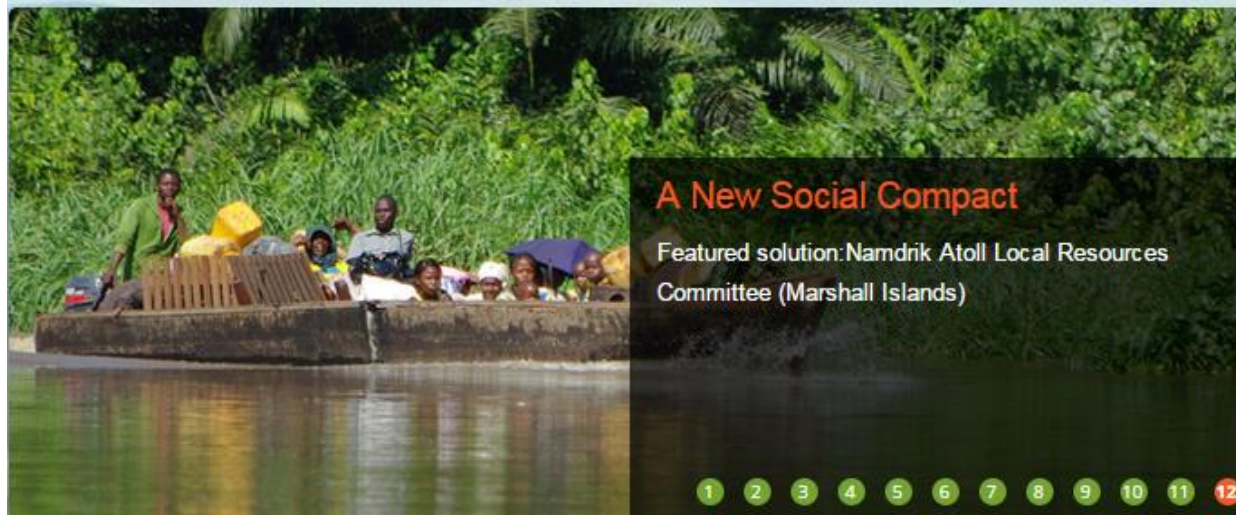


## VISION

**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.

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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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### 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

## 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: [promiseofsydney@iucn.org](mailto: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





# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

**Putting in  
place the  
right  
capacity**

**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

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**

# BIOPAMA

## Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme



# BIOPAMA

Developing capacity for protected areas  
in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific



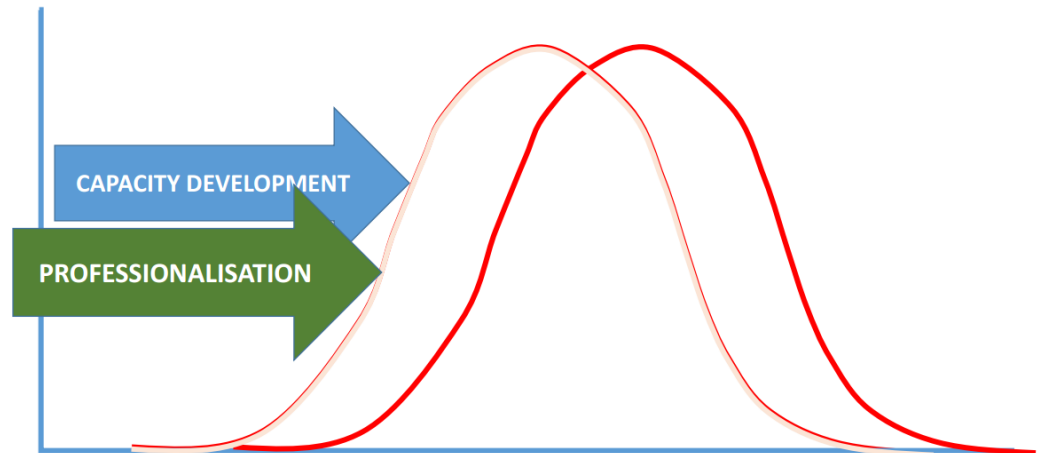


# Protected Area Governance and Management

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



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## Guidelines for Protected Areas Legislation

Barbara Lausche  
Author

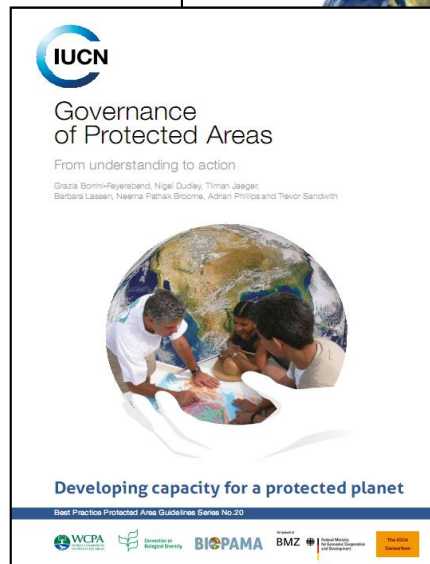
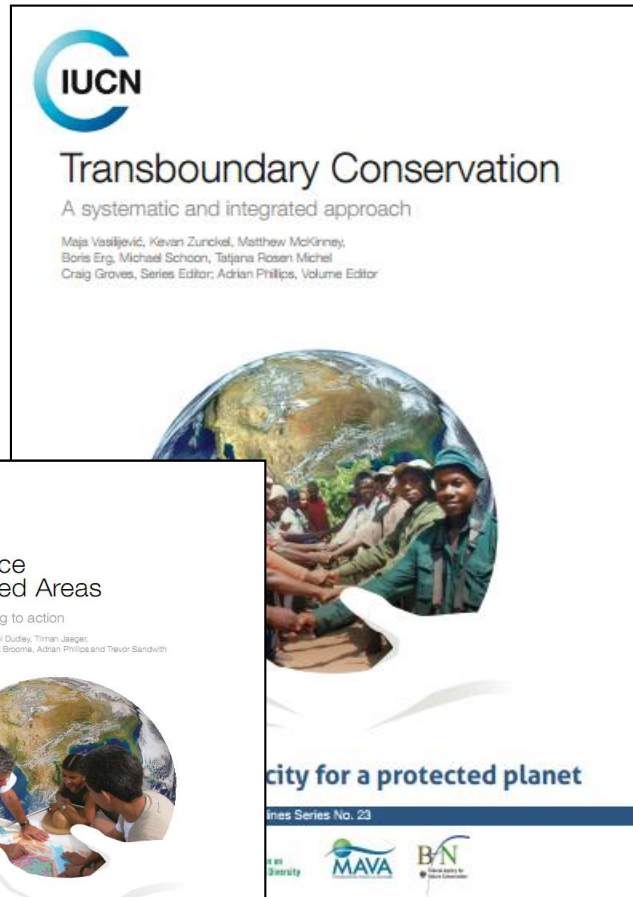
Françoise Burhenne  
Project Director



IUCN Environmental Policy and Law Paper No. 81



# De nouvelles lignes directrices



## Developing Capacity for a Protected Planet

**IUCN**

### Ecological Restoration for Protected Areas

Principles, Guidelines and Best Practices

Prepared by the IUCN WCPA Ecological Restoration Taskforce:  
Karin Koenigsdorff, Nigel Dudley, Stephanie Cairns, Carol Hall, and Sue Slotton, Editors  
Peter Valentin, Series Editor

**Developing capacity for a protected planet**

Best Practice Guidelines for Protected Area Managers Series No. 18

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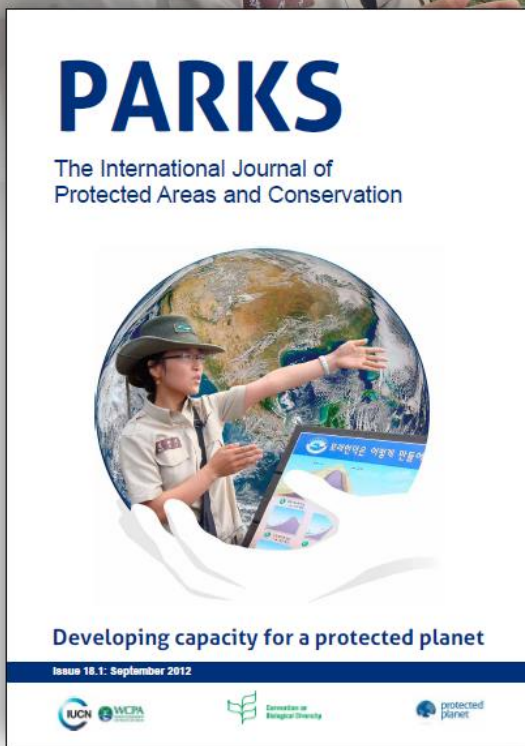
[http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa\\_puball/wcpa\\_bpg/](http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_puball/wcpa_bpg/)

- 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



Parks Canada  
Parcs Canada





- 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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<http://www.iucn.org/parks>



# PARKS

The International Journal of  
Protected Areas and Conservation



Developing capacity for a protected planet

Issue 21.1: March 2015



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



**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

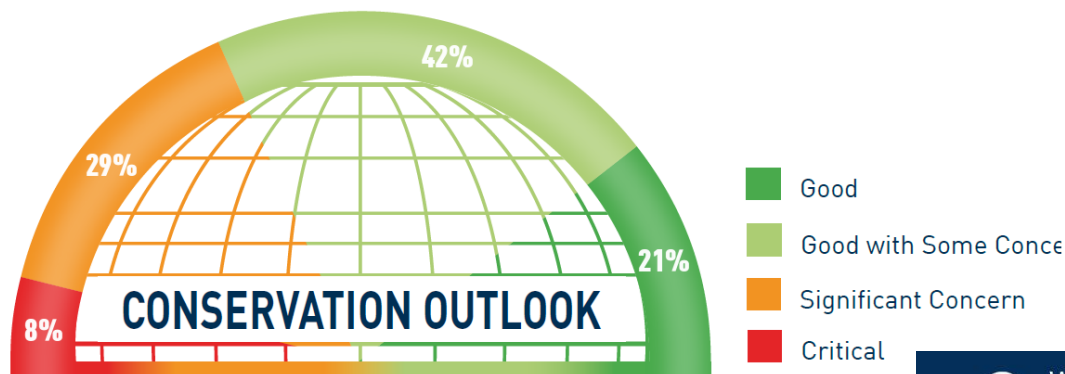
Review engagement in accordance with a **rights-based approach**

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



**World Heritage Outlook**  
Conserving our natural wonders

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

Home ABOUT SITES NEWS RESOURCES PARTNERS

**Explore Natural Sites**

Advanced search

View by rating

See all (228)

- Good (228)
- Good with some concerns (110)
- Significant concern (10)
- Critical (1)
- Data deficient (1)
- Coming soon

[www.worldheritageoutlook.iucn.org](http://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

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

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

Respect and  
maintain **traditional  
knowledge and  
customary  
governance** systems

**Respect  
Indigenous &  
traditional  
knowledge  
and culture**

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**

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

**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

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



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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



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

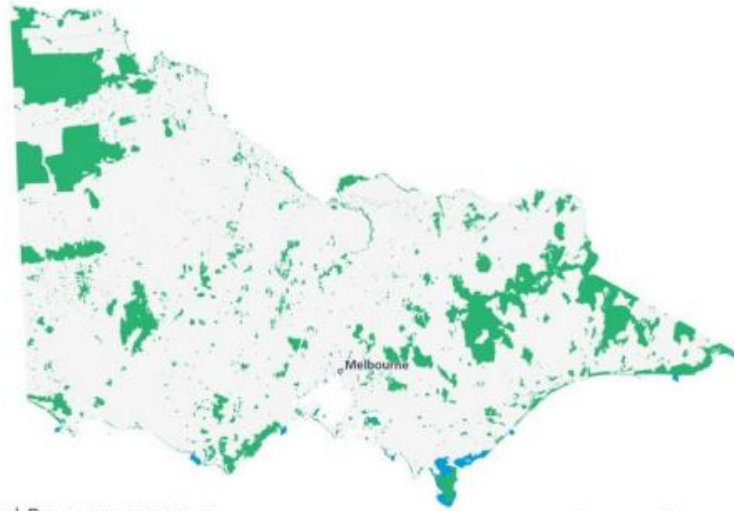
Strengthen **policies**  
**and planning** to  
promote nature's  
role in health and  
well-being

**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



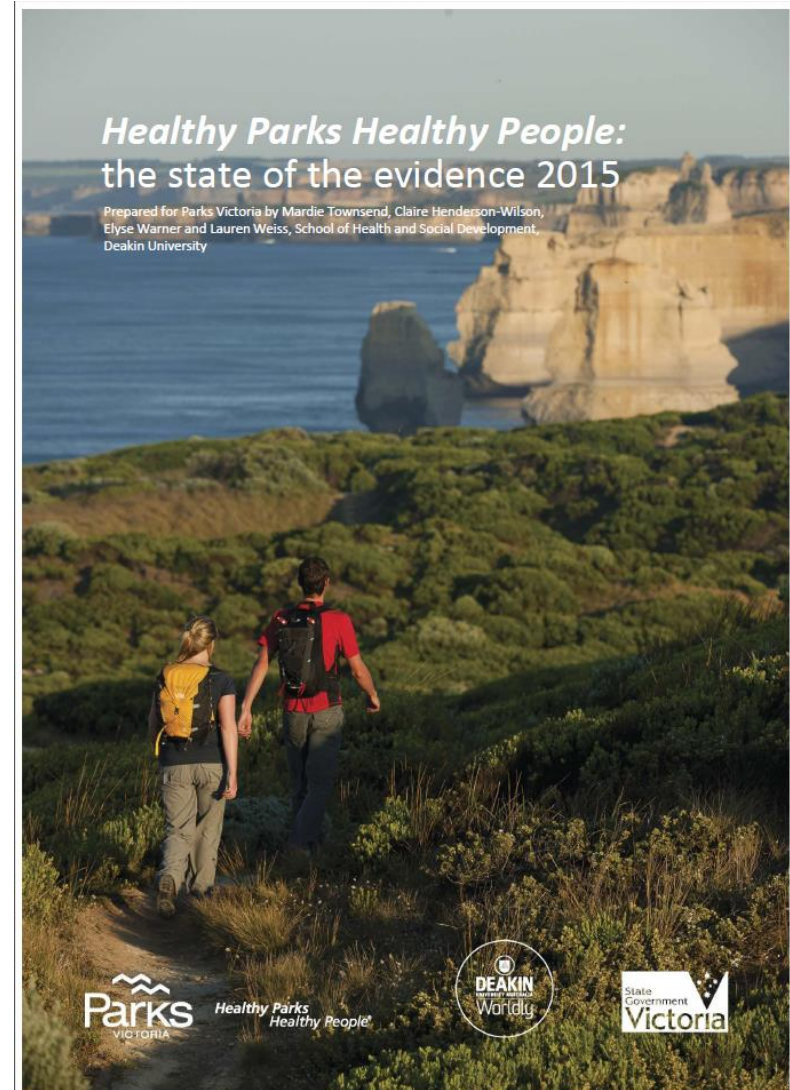
Parks and Reserves VICTORIA

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KILOMETRES

**Estimated avoided healthcare costs**

**\$ 198.8 million per annum benefit**

**\$ 323.9 million total budget for parks**





**Reconcile  
development  
challenges**

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

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

**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 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 Promises



GOVERNMENT	COMMITMENT
Russia	<p><b>Russia committed to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In the coming decade, to expand its protected area network by establishing at least 27 federal protected areas and expanding 12 others, increasing the total area of federal protected areas by 22% (or 13 million hectares). Critical habitats for important threatened species, including the Amur tiger in the Bikin River watershed (the southern Russian Far East), the polar bear in the Novosibirsk Archipelago, the Siberian crane in Yakutia, and the beluga in the White Sea near the Solovetsky Archipelago, among others, will be granted protection.</li><li>2. Expanding the territory of marine protected areas to protect a total of 17 million hectares in the next decade.</li><li>3. To extend the protection of threatened species, including Persian leopard in the Western Caucasus and to double the population of the Amur leopard.</li></ol>

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