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Note by the Executive Secretary

- 1. The Executive Secretary is pleased to make available herewith, for the information of participants in the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the summary report of the Caucasus/ Central Asia/ Eastern Europe regional workshop on "Strengthening the Capacity of Governments to Implement Priority Activities of the Programme Of Work On Protected Areas under the Convention on Biological Diversity" held in the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 19 to 23 August 2007. In pursuance of paragraph 10 of decision VIII/24, this workshop was organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the "protected areas for a living planet" programme of WWF, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and IUCN/World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).
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Strengthening the Capacity of Governments to Implement Priority Activities of the CBD PoWPA

Caucasus/ Central Asia/ Eastern Europe Regional Workshop

Isle of Vilm, 19-23 August 2007

SUMMARY REPORT







This training workshop was a joint collaboration among the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, WWF's *Protected Areas for a Living Planet* programme and The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

This is a summary of the full report which was prepared by the workshop facilitator, Meg Gawler – *ARTEMIS Services for Nature Conservation and Human Development*. The full report is available from the website of BfN / the International Academy for Nature Conservation: http://www.bfn.de/0610_vortraege+M52087573ab0.html

Protected Areas for a Living Planet — delivering on CBD commitments

Developed with the support of the *MAVA Fondation pour la Protection de la Nature*, WWF's *Protected Areas for a Living Planet* programme is working in key ecoregions to help governments meet bold targets for biodiversity conservation. Launched in January 2007, the programme brings together partners and stakeholders to support and monitor implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Programme of Work on Protected Areas – an historic commitment by 188 governments to create a global network of comprehensive, well-managed, and representative terrestrial and marine protected areas.

Protected Areas for a Living Planet is WWF's contribution to helping governments achieve the 2010 Target to reduce the current rate of biodiversity loss. Meeting this target is not only essential to safeguard our world's unique species and habitats, but also essential to improving the food security, health, and income of poor communities worldwide, and therefore to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

BMZ German Federal Agency for Economic Co-operation and Development

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity

CHM Clearing House Mechanism
Cl Conservation International
COP Conference of the Parties

CPAF Caucasus Protected Areas Trust Fund EGA Ecological Gap Analysis / Assessment

GEF Global Environment Facility
GIS Geographic Information System
IUCN The World Conservation Union

KfW Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (German development bank)

MDGs Millennium Development Goals

METT Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool

MPA Marine Protected Area

NISP National Implementation Support Partnership

NP National Park PA Protected area

PA4LP Protected Areas for a Living Planet programme

PAN Protected Area Network

PoWPA Programme of Work on Protected Areas

RAPPAM Rapid Assessment and Prioritization of Protected Area Management

TBPA Transboundary Protected Area TNC The Nature Conservancy

UNDP United Nations Development Programme UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services

WB World Bank

WCMC World Conservation Monitoring Centre WCPA World Commission on Protected Areas

WG Working Group

WGPA Working Group on Protected Areas

WWF World Wide Fund for Nature

Executive Summary

In February 2004, at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-7) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 188 countries endorsed a comprehensive Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA), including an ambitious set of time-bound targets aimed at establishing and maintaining a comprehensive, effectively managed, ecologically representative national and regional protected area systems by 2010/2012. At COP-8 governments recommended capacity building workshops to help Parties implement the PoWPA by providing practical, hands-on tools, information, and training.

This workshop was intended to provide an overview for countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe of three of the most critical elements for implementing the PoWPA: ecological gap analysis, improving management effectiveness, and sustainable financing, and it set the following objectives:

- (1) Review the progress in implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA), including challenges and obstacles, for input to the second meeting of the CBD Working Group on Protected Areas (February 2008)
- (2) Increase the capacity of government officials to implement the PoWPA
- (3) Demonstrate the relevance of national master plans for implementing the programme of work on protected areas
- (4) Develop national workplans for developing national master plans for achieving progress on targeted themes that complement the activities of the *Protected Areas for a Living Planet* programme (PA4LP) at the ecoregion level
- (5) Identify the necessary resources and capacity as well as gaps and obstacles at the national level for implementing the PoWPA.

The workshop was organized by German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and WWF's *Protected Areas for a Living Planet* programme in cooperation with the Secretariat of the CBD and The Nature Conservancy. It was held in August 2007 at the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm in Germany.

From feedback from the participants in the workshop evaluation, it is clear that this capacity building workshop made a valuable contribution to the implementation of the CBD PoWPA in the region. The workshop did accomplish the objectives and outputs set out, and achieved the following outcomes:

- ✓ Twenty-nine participants responsible for protected areas in 13 countries in the Caucasus, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) gained practical knowledge in tools for implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, with particular emphasis on ecological gap assessment, management effectiveness, sustainable financing, transboundary cooperation and master planning.
- ✓ These 13 countries agreed to provide a review to the CBD Secretariat on the implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas in their countries.
- ✓ The 13 countries elaborated workplans to achieve targets of the CBD PoWPA, including gap assessment, threat assessment, management effectiveness assessment, capacity assessment, equity and benefits assessment, governance, policy environment, sustainable finance, and monitoring of PA systems. For each of these elements, they rated the actual status of implementation, its priority for the country, next steps, what is needed to take the next steps, and obstacles.
- ✓ Participants developed detailed recommendations for the CBD Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WGPA). In brief, the recommendations to the WGPA focused on:
 - 1. Raising additional funding for the implementation of the CBD PoWPA
 - 2. Accelerating the implementation of the PoWPA
 - 3. Making relevant tools available in the Russian language
 - 4. Developing sustainable financing for protected areas.

According to the results of the workshop evaluation, the participants found the workshop to be extremely useful.

Strengthening the Capacity of Governments to Implement Priority Activities of the CBD PoWPA

Caucasus/ Central Asia/ Eastern Europe Regional Workshop, August 2007

Background

In February 2004, at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-7) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 188 countries endorsed a comprehensive Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA), including an ambitious set of time-bound action targets aimed at establishing and maintaining comprehensive, effectively managed, and ecologically representative national and regional protected area systems by 2010/2012. At the COP-8 meeting in March 2006, governments adopted Decision VIII, which recommended capacity building workshops to help Parties in implementing the PoWPA. These workshops are intended to provide practical, hands-on tools, information, and training to help governments complete some of the key early actions in the PoWPA.

In November 2006, the European Commission, the government of Germany, several international NGOs and the IUCN-WCPA agreed to assist the CBD Secretariat in organizing workshops in sub-regions to enhance capacities for implementation of priority activities identified by COP-8, and to review implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas.

Workshop Purpose

This workshop was intended to provide an overview for countries in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus of three of the most critical elements for implementing the CBD PoWPA: ecological gap analysis (EGA), improving management effectiveness, and sustainable financing.

Workshop Objectives

- (1) Review the progress in implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, including challenges and obstacles, for input to the second meeting of the CBD Working Group on Protected Areas (February 2008)
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- (4) Develop national workplans for developing national master plans for achieving progress on targeted themes that complement the activities of the Protected Areas for a Living Planet programme (PA4LP) at the ecoregion level
- (5) Identify the necessary resources and capacity as well as gaps and obstacles at the national level for implementing the PoWPA..

A questionnaire on the level of implementation of the PoWPA in each country was sent to all participants in advance of the workshop, with a request that they complete it prior to the workshop, and forward the response to the CBD Secretariat.

Expected Outputs

The workshop intended to produce two essential outputs:

- A. A plan of action for each country outlining next steps for the development of national gap assessments; sustainable financing plans; management effectiveness and capacity building plans; and national master plans (format in Annex 3)
- B. Recommendations for the CBD Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas.

Organization of the Workshop

This workshop was organized by WWF's *Protected Areas for a Living Planet* programme in cooperation with the CBD Secretariat, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation. Funding, and in-kind contributions were provided by the organizers, with co-financing by the German Federal Ministry of the Environment.

The general structure of the workshop was as follows, and the detailed final agenda is attached as Annex 1.

- Day 0, Sunday: welcome, participant introductions, and general overview of the workshop
- Day 1, Monday: overview of the CBD PoWPA, introduction to developing Master Plans, and ecological gap analyses
- Day 2, Tuesday: management effectiveness assessment and sustainable financing
- Day 3, Wednesday: Master Plan linkages; transboundary PAs; reports back from working groups
- Day 4: Thursday: endorsement of recommendations to the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas and other regional processes; workshop evaluation.

Alexander Belokurov (WWF International) and Sarat Babu Gidda (CBD Secretariat) took the lead, and expert input was provided by Rolf Hogan (WWF International), Jamie Ervin (TNC), José Courrau (TNC), Marlon Flores (TNC), Steve Watkins (TNC), Maxim Vergeichik (UNDP) and Jutta Stadler (BfN). The workshop was held in English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

Twenty-nine participants came from 13 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The full list of participants with their contact details is given in Annex 2.

Recommendations to the CBD Working Group on Protected Areas

The regional workshop for Central Asia and the Caucasus requests the meeting of the 2nd open ended working group on protected areas (WGPA 2) to consider making the following recommendations to the 9th Conference of the Parties (COP-9).

Funding Implementation

- 1. Considering the urgency of raising additional funding for the implementation of the CBD PoWPA, the WGPA 2 urges the COP to:
 - ii) Call on the GEF to develop a second round of early action grants which have successfully advanced PoWPA implementation in many countries;
 - iii) Call on governments and international organizations such as UNDP and the World Bank to support future grants for PoWPA implementation;
 - iv) Urge donors to use the PoWPA as a framework to develop coordination and synergies in their work;
 - v) Urge donors to support national and regional donor roundtables;
 - vi) Urge the Executive Secretary to engage with the private sector to develop innovative mechanisms to support implementation.

National Implementation

- 2. Considering the need to advance implementation of the PoWPA if the commitments Parties made at COP-7 are to be met, the WGPA 2 urges COP to request Parties to accelerate the implementation of the PoWPA through:
 - i) The establishment of a <u>multi-stakeholder coordination committee</u>, including NGOs, government agencies and departments, scientists, donors, etc., to support the implementation of the PoWPA based on existing experience and carry out the following tasks inter alia:
 - coordination of activities among all relevant protected area actors
 - preparation for COP meetings
 - coordination between relevant ministries and departments of government
 - development of national targets and action plans for implementing the PoWPA
 - dissemination of information on the POWPA to relevant organizations including PA agencies and managers
 - coordination of PoWPA implementation with the national implementation of other biodiversity-related conventions for synergistic implementation

- monitoring of national PoWPA implementation and reporting to the CBD
- promotion of the establishment of similar multi-stakeholder committees at the regional and local level:
- ii) The building of <u>public awareness</u> and support at the national level through the:
 - development of specific communications materials on the PoWPA aimed at specific audiences, such as children, businesses etc.
 - development of innovative approaches to building the awareness of the general public on protected areas and their values, such as concerts, festivals, films, computer games, and internet applications;
- iii) The designation of a focal point for the PoWPA to coordinate implementation;
- iv) The identification and removal of legislative barriers to diversifying sources of income for PAs, including innovative financial mechanisms.

Regional Implementation

- v) The establishment, or strengthening of existing <u>regional or sub-regional platforms</u>, such as the Caucasus Biodiversity Council and the Central Asian Council for Sustainable Development, to support implementation of the PoWPA at the regional level to carry out the following tasks inter alia:
 - cooperation in the establishment of transboundary ecological networks at the ecoregion level, for example, by the exchange experience on the development of EcoNet in Central Asia and Russia
 - exchange of lessons on implementation of the programme of work
 - coordination on the implementation of capacity building plans
 - establishment of regional networks of protected area specialists for various thematic areas of the PoWPA
 - convening regional donor roundtables in collaboration with various donors and multilateral agencies.

Translation of Tools and Guidance

- 3. Considering the need to support PoWPA implementation in the region by making relevant tools available in the Russian language, the WGPA 2 recommends that COP request the Executive Secretary in collaboration with relevant organizations and partners to:
 - Compile and make available information on tools and guidelines that exist in the Russian language;
 - Identify and translate into Russian key tools for implementation of the PoWPA;
 - Provide guidance on existing methodologies, and develop simplified versions of these methodologies to facilitate their application at the national level;
 - Disseminate relevant regional case studies and lessons learned on PoWPA implementation through the CHM, and where possible in the Russian language.

Building Capacity for Sustainable Financing

- 4. Considering the need to develop sustainable financing for protected areas, the WGPA 2 urges COP to request governments, donors and international organizations to support the implementation of the PoWPA, and to specifically support capacity building for governments, NGOs and protected area professionals for increasing financial support for protected areas by:
 - Building capacity and sharing lessons learned for the engagement of the private sector in supporting PoWPA implementation, through corporate social responsibility, operations, and innovative financial mechanisms etc.:
 - Developing guidance on the use of methodologies for the economic valuation of the benefits of protected areas to local and national economies in order to promote the business case for the establishment and funding of protected areas;
 - Establishing innovative funding mechanisms, such as special funds for PAs including the compensation to private land owners;
 - Developing guidance and tools supported by capacity development for better financial planning for PAs and PA networks.

Documentation

Participants were provided with a CD containing a wealth of documents on the nine elements of PA System Master Plans, together with copies of all the workshop presentations and workshop documents.

Workshop Outcomes

- ✓ Twenty-nine participants responsible for protected areas in 13 countries in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Caucasus and other countries of the former Soviet Union (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) gained practical knowledge in implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, with particular emphasis on ecological gap assessment, management effectiveness and sustainable financing.
- ✓ These 13 countries agreed to provide a review to the CBD Secretariat on the implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas in their countries.
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 monitoring of PA systems. For each of these elements, they rated the actual status of
 implementation, its priority for the country, next steps, what is needed to take the next steps, and
 obstacles.
- ✓ Participants developed detailed recommendations for the CBD Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas.

Thus the workshop did generally achieve the objectives and outputs set out.

The workshop evaluation demonstrated that the participants found the workshop to be extremely useful.

Annex 1. Agenda

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
8:30-9:30 Introduction to the CBD PoWPA Protected Areas for a Living Planet programme UNDP/GEF Early Action Grants	8:30-9:30 How the outputs from this workshop contribute to the 2010 Target Managing PA Networks Presentation, exercise, discussion	8:30-9:30 Summary of Day 2 Master planning linkages and coalition building	8:30-9:30 Summary of Day 3 Synthesis and discussion of results and recommendations Endorsement of Recommendations to CBD	
9:40-10:40 Master Planning Presentation, exercise, discussion	9:40-10:40 Case studies on Managing PA Networks: Georgia, Mongolia	9:40-10:40 Transboundary issues Case studies: Caucasus, Altai-Sayan	Recommendations (cont.)	
10:40-10:50 break 10:50-12:30 Gap Assessment Presentation, exercise, discussion	10:40-10:50 break 11:00-12:30 Sustainable Finance Presentation, exercise, discussion	10:40-10:50 break 10:50-12:30 GEF Funding CBD Reporting Requirements Presentation, group work	10:40-10:50 break 10:50-11:50 Workshop evaluation Closure	
12:30-2:00 - Lunch 2:00-3:00 2 Case studies – gap assessment: Ecological Networks in Russia and Central Asia Instructions to Break-out groups Group work	12:30-2:00 - Lunch 2:00-3:00 Finance case study, Caucasus Instructions to Break-out groups Group work	12:30-2:00 - Lunch 2:00-3:00 Reports back on Status, Capacity needs, and Action Plan	12:00-1:00 - Lunch Depart	
3:00-5:00 Country break-out groups: Development of plans for national gap analyses and follow-up (4 groups of 3-5 countries)	3:00-5:00 Group work	3:00-5:00 Recommendations for gap assessment, management effectiveness and financing		
6:00-7:00 - Dinner 7:00-8:30 Guided walk around the island (Judith Jabs and Cordula Epple)	6:00-7:00 - Dinner	6:00-7:00 - Dinner 9:00- Party!		

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FINAL AGENDA

Sunday evening

19:30-20:30

Welcome (Gisela Stolpe, Sarat Babu Gidda, Alexander Belokurov, Steve Watkins)

Participant introductions (Meg Gawler)

Objectives and Outputs of Workshop, and Workshop Structure (Meg Gawler)

Ground Rules (Meg Gawler)

Introduction to Vilm (Gisela Stolpe)

DAY 1

- 8:35 Welcome and Introduction (Gisela Stolpe, Alexander Belokurov, Meg Gawler)
- 8:50 Introduction to the CBD PoWPA (Sarat Babu Gidda)
- 9:10 Protected Areas for a Living Planet Programme (Rolf Hogan)
- 9:18 Break
- 9:28 Altai-Sayan Ecoregion Project (Chaizu Kyrgyz)
- 9:39 Protected Areas Programme Caucasus Ecoregion (Maka Bitsadze)
- 9:53 UNDP/GEF Early Action Grants (Maxim Vergeichic) Supporting Country Action of the CBD PoWPA
- 10:11 Discussion (Alexander Belokurov)
- 10:25 Break
- 10:43 Master Planning Exercise (Jamison Ervin)
- 11:30 Ecological Gap Assessment: An Overview (José Courrau)
- 12:13 Exercise on Gap Assessment (Jamison Ervin)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Discussion of Gap Assessment Exercise (Jamison Ervin)
- 14:08 Ecological Networks in Russia and Central Asia (Irina Onufrenya)
- 14:27 Gap Analysis of the Federal System of PAs in Russia (Irina Onufrenya)
- 14:30 Instructions to break-out groups (Jamison Ervin, Alexander Belokurov, Meg Gawler)
- 15:00 Break
- 15:15 National groups work on matrix
- 15:45 Group work to identify common themes, trends
- 17:00 End of Day 1
- 18:00 Dinner
- 19:00 Tour of Vilm Island (Judith Jabs, Cordula Epple)

DAY 2

- 8:40 Recap of Day 1 (Meg Gawler)
- 8:45 From Here to There How the Outputs from this workshop contribute to the 2010 Target (Meg Gawler)
- 8:55 Protected Area Management Effectiveness: Review of Tools and Critical Steps (Alexander Belokurov and Jamison Ervin)
- 9:30 Case Study from Mongolia in RAPPAM Assessments (Nyamsuren Batnasan)
- 9:42 Break
- 9:54 Assessment of PA Management Effectiveness in Turkey (Sedat Kalem)
- 10:13 Implementation of RAPPAM Methodology in Georgia (Maka Bitsadze)
- 10:30 Exercise on Management Effectiveness (Jamison Ervin)
- 10:56 Break
- 11:12 Sustainable Finance (Marlon Flores)
- 12:02 Exercise on Sustainable Finance Mechanisms (Jamison Ervin and Alexander Belokurov)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:02 Announcements
- 14:05 Discussion of the Matrix on Sustainable Financing (Jamison Ervin)
- 14:13 Case study: the Caucasus PA Trust Fund (Maka Bitsadze)
- 14:30 Case studies on sustainable financing plans: Costa Rica, Brazil, Ecuador (Marlon Flores)
- 14:40 Discussion on sustainable financing (Alexander Belokurov)
- 15:25 Discussion of Emerging Issues: Communicating Non-biodiversity Values of PAs (Alexander Belokurov)
- 15:57 Instructions to Break-out Groups (Alexander Belokurov, Meg Gawler, Jamison Ervin)
- 16:05 Break-out Groups

17:00 End Day 2

DAY 3

- 8:35 Announcements and group photo
- 8:55 Master planning linkages and coalition building (Jamison Ervin)
- 9:09 Lessons on Implementation of the TNC Global Programme on PAs (Steven Watkins)
- 9:48 Break
- 10:02 Transboundary Conservation: A New Vision for PAs (José Courrau)
- 10:19 How to create a transboundary park: Example from Finland and Russia: Oulanka-Panaajärvi (Alexander Belokurov)
- 10:35 Transboundary Cooperation in the Caucasus (Maka Bitsadze)
- 10:44 Transboundary cooperation in the Alta-Sayan Ecoregion (Chaizu Kyrgyz)
- 11:20 Break
- 11:30 CBD Reporting Requirements (Sarat Babu Gidda)
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Group work to finalize presentations and recommendations
- 15:15 Reports back to plenary:
 - 15:17 Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey (Sedat Kalem)
 - 15:30 Belarus, Moldova, Russia (Irina Onufrenya)
 - 15:48 Central Asia (Timur Berkeliev)
 - 16:06 Altai-Sayan (Chaizu Kyrgyz)
- 16:18 Break
- 16:45 Synthesis of Recommendations (Jamison Ervin and Alexander Belokurov)
- 17:25 Announcements
- 17:42 THEMATEA: Issue-based Modules for the Coherent Implementation of Biodiversity-related

Conventions: A Module on Protected Areas (Jutta Stadler)

17:55 Workshop Evaluation and End Day 3

DAY 4

- 9:10 Opening (Meg Gawler)
- 9:13 Discussion of Recommendations from the Workshop (Rolf Hogan)
- 9:38 Break
- 10:04 Conclusion on Recommendations (Rolf Hogan)
- 10:10 Workshop Closure (Alexander Belokurov, Sarat Babu Gidda, Rolf Hogan, participants)
- 10:45 End of Workshop

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Annex 3. Reporting Template

COUNTRY NAME:

0= no progress; 1 = started; 2 = some good progress; 3 = excellent progress or completed

Element of Master Plan	Status (0-3)	Status What is the status of activities to achieve this goal e.g. working group established, draft plan available etc.?	Obstacles or Challenges What are the key problems to achieving this goal e.g. lack of resources, interest, capacity, etc.?	Next Steps What are the 2 to 4 actions to follow up to this workshop e.g. forma a working group, develop action plan, raise funds, build capacity?	What Support is Needed to Take These Steps How can the next steps be supported e.g. training workshops, technical support form outside organizations, development of fundraising proposals etc.?
Ecological Gap Assessment					
RECOMMEND- ATIONS TO CBD					
Management Effectiveness					
RECOMMEND- ATIONS TO CBD					
Sustainable Finance Planning					
RECOMMEND- ATIONS TO CBD					

COMMUNICATION:

Who are the people in your country who will be most influential in advancing the Programme of Work on Protected Areas and how will you communicate the results workshop and next steps defined in this template?

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