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# INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

## Vision and Programmes for Protected Areas Management and Capacity Building in West Asia & North Africa

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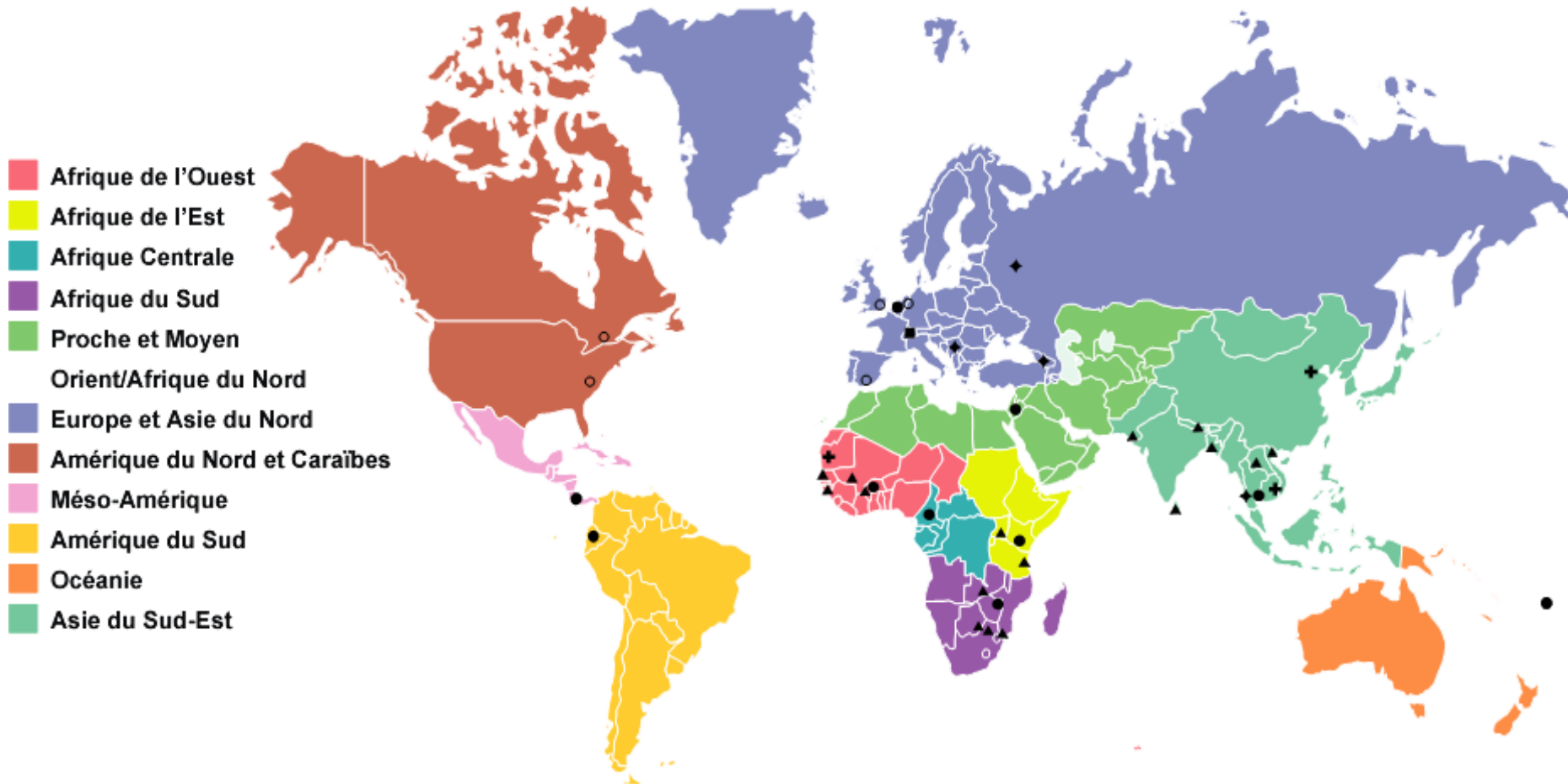
# IUCN AT A GLANCE



- Created in 1948. Headquarter in Gland (Switzerland)
- A unique democratic union of more than 1,000 member organizations
- National states, government agencies and NGOs from over 160 countries
- 11,000 scientists in six commissions of expertise
- 1,000 staff in 62 offices worldwide
- A neutral forum for governments, NGOs, scientists, business and local communities to find pragmatic solutions
- UN Observer Status



# IUCN REGIONAL OFFICES





## IUCN MISSION

To influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable



# IUCN COMMISSIONS

- Guiding the management of natural and modified ecosystems

**ECOSYSTEM  
MANAGEMENT**



- Promoting sustainability through education and communication

**EDUCATION AND  
COMMUNICATION**



- Advising on economic and social factors that affect natural resources

**ENVIRONMENTAL,  
ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL POLICY**



- Advancing environmental laws and its application

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
LAW**



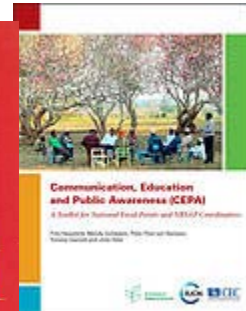
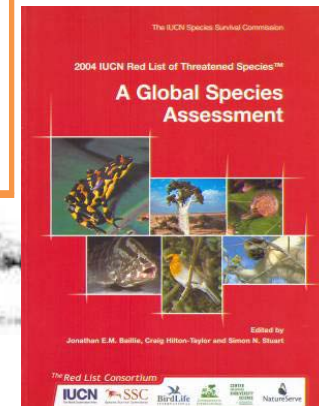
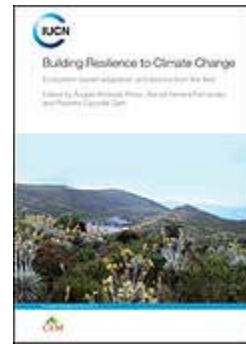
- Advising and promoting terrestrial and marine reserves, parks and protected areas

**PROTECTED AREAS**



- Supporting species conservation and protecting endangered species

**SPECIES SURVIVAL**







# OVER 50 YEARS WORKING ON PROTECTED AREAS

A GLOBAL REPUTATION DATING BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE UNION

5 World Park Congresses from 1962 to date UN list of protected areas

*IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas* Official

Advisor to UNESCO on natural World Heritage Policy  
advocacy achievements for protected areas from global to  
local level IUCN Protected area management categories

*Knowledge sharing via Best Practice Guideline Series* Helped grow the  
global protected area estate. Developed and mainstreamed  
management effectiveness approach Raised awareness of

protected area benefits Convened a global constituency,  
shared information and grown capacity in this

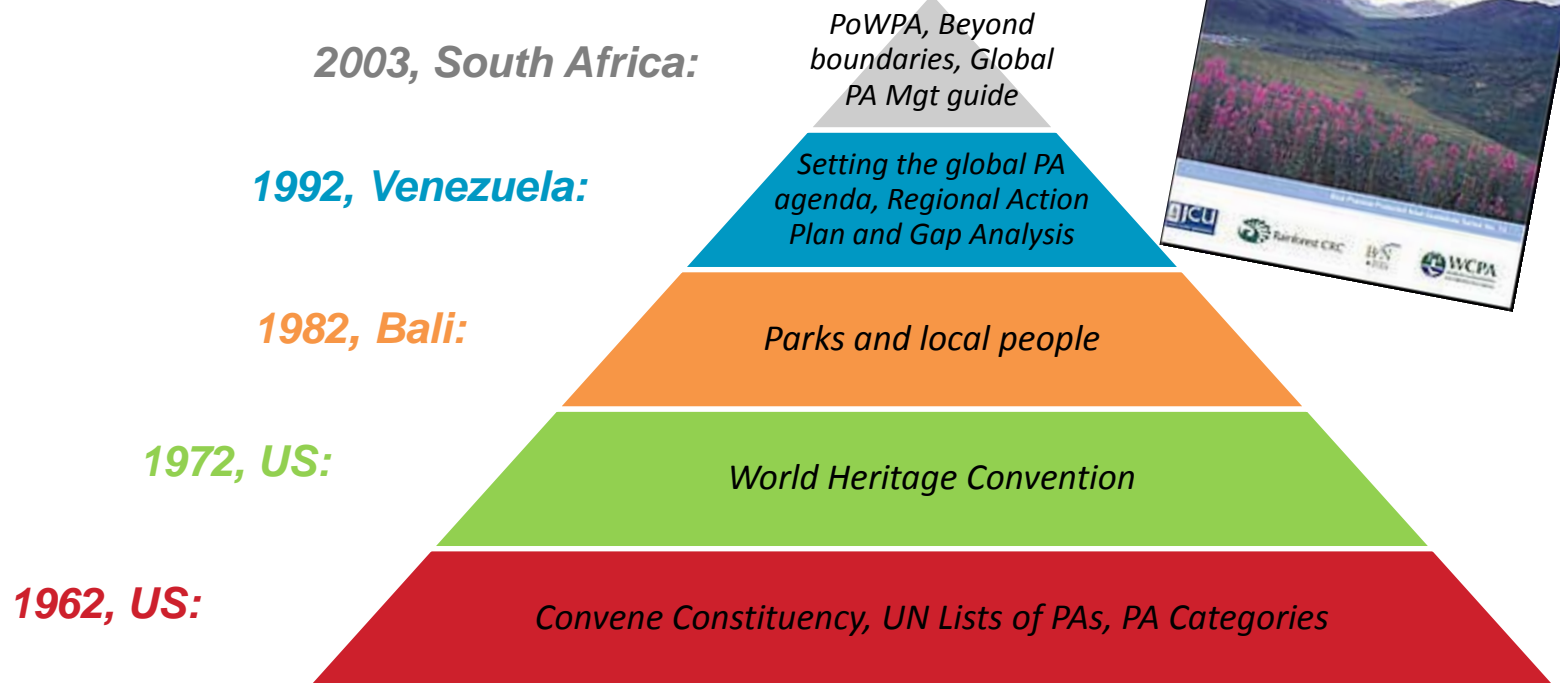
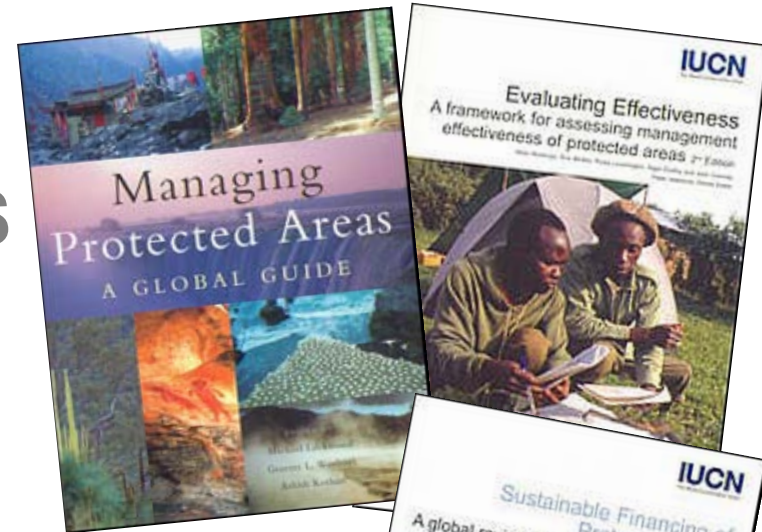
Established the IUCN World Parks Congress as the forum

setting the global protected area agenda



# IUCN WCPA ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Best Practice Guidelines**
  - A well known and well respected product
  - 17 Guidelines produced since 1998.
- **5 world park congresses**





# STATE OF PROTECTED AREAS GLOBALLY

- **CBD POWPA**

- Adopted 2004, after WPC 2003
- 2010 and 2012 dates for POWPA targets



Convention on  
Biological Diversity

- COP 9 requested PoWPA review led by IUCN WCPA
- WCPA Jeju Workshop, 2009
- COP 10 Protected Area Decision following review



# IUCN IN WEST ASIA & NORTH AFRICA

## North Africa Sub-region

- Under IUCN Mediterranean Office (established in 2000 and based in Malaga in Spain).
- 17 member organizations in NA
- North Africa Programme 2009-2012.
- Preparing the new IUCN North Africa Programme 2013-2016

## West Asia Sub-region

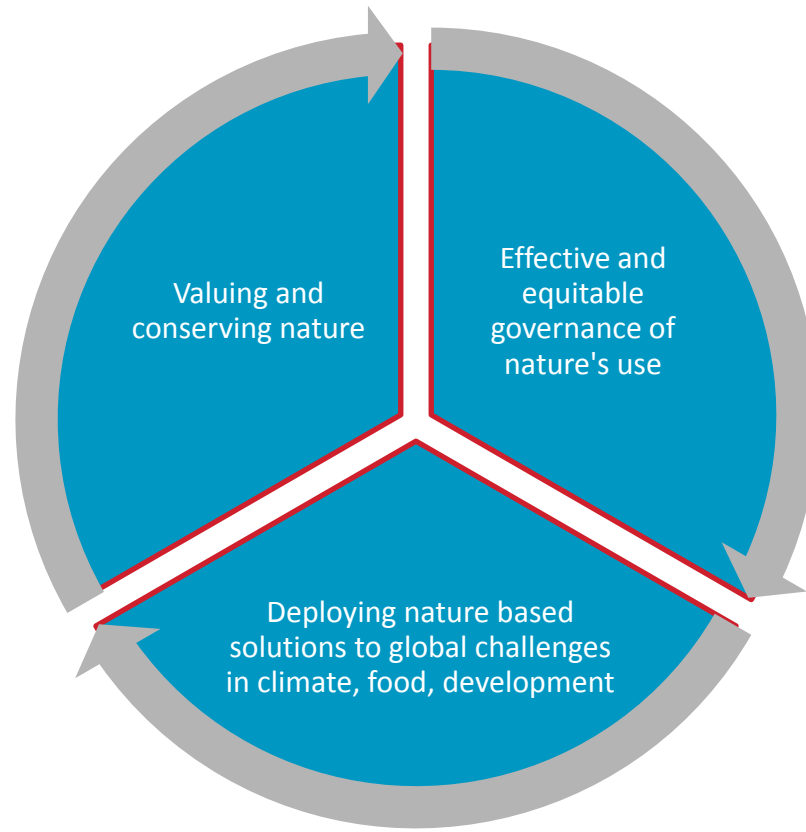
- Under IUCN RoWA Office (established in 2004 and based in Amman in Jordan).
- 47 member organizations in WA
- West Asia Programme 2009-2012.
- Preparing the new IUCN West Asia Programme 2013-2016

To be adopted during the IUCN World Park Congress (Jeju, September 2012)



# IUCN PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK 2013-2016

## 3 thematic areas





## MAIN IUCN PA INITIATIVES AND CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN WEST ASIA & NORTH AFRICA

- PA categorisation and management effectiveness (Maghreb, Jordan, Oman).
- Comprehensive PAs Management Planning Training programs (Jordan, Syria, UAE, Iraq)
- Towards a representative network of marine protected areas (Libya, Alboran Sea)
- Improving the management system of some protected areas as pilot examples (Al Hoceima National Park, Morocco)
- Assistance for the declaration of the Saloum marine PA in Egypt
- Improving biosphere reserves governance and management (Maghreb)
- Improve implementation of the UNESCO WH Convention (tentative lists, nomination files)





# **IUCN GLOBAL PROTECTED AREAS PROGRAMME**

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