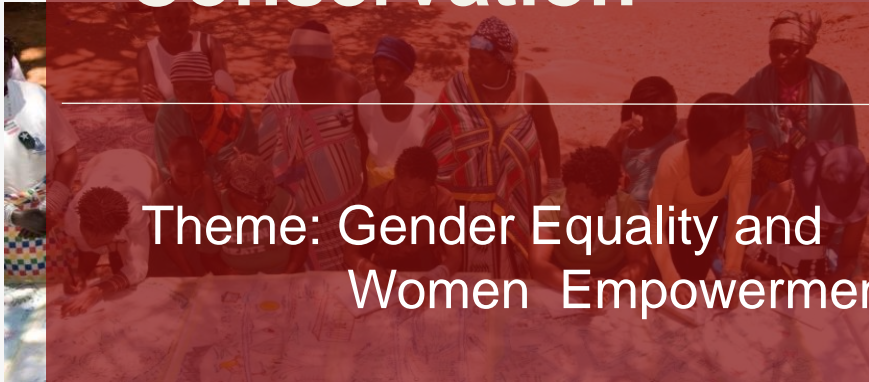


Community-Based Conservation



Theme: Gender Equality and Women Empowerment



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Increasing pressure on nature and people

Infrastructure “tsunami”:

- 25 M km new roads by 2050
- 69% increase in length over 2010
- 3700 dams (<1 mw) under construction or planned
- 90% in developing countries

Feeding growing populations leads to further land conversion

- We need to “bend the curve” – 60% fall in wildlife populations in just over 40 years
- This requires a system change - one that involves Indigenous People and Communities in conservation

The Urgency

We face an existential challenge





The Urgency

Indigenous peoples and local communities have defended their lands and territories from destructive exploitation and encroachment of unsustainable development projects.

But trends show increasing encroachment with rampant human rights violations and even use of criminal gangs.



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defenders
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in 2017

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Community-Based Conservation (CBC)

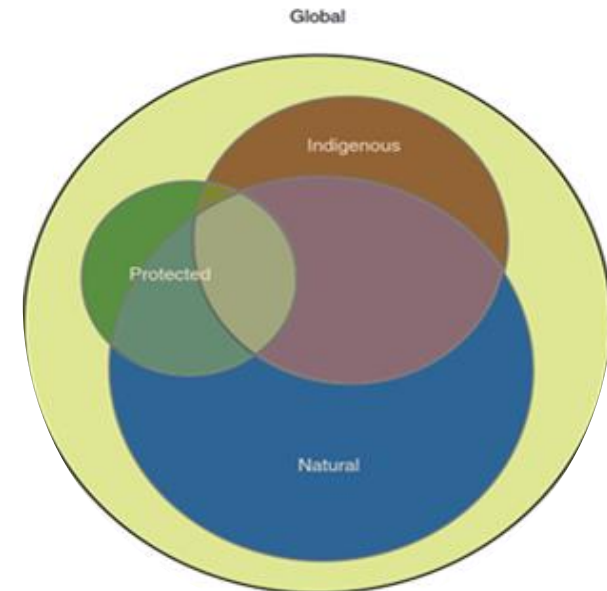
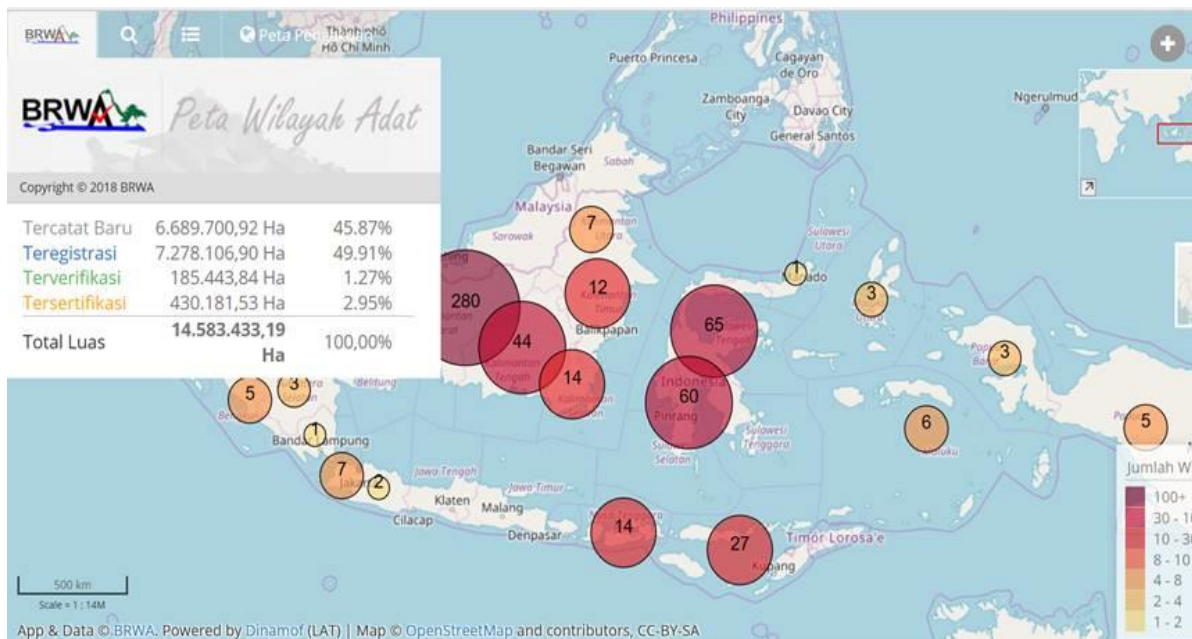
- Shift away from “fortress conservation”
- Born out of protests and advocacy by IPs and LCs
- Approaches: Joint Management/Co-Management, ICCAs
- Linking of rights to land, territories and access to resources by IPLCs as a human rights issue
- Importance of women empowerment, also of the youth
- CBC not only as a conservation approach but also for climate justice and for achieving the SDGs
 - multiple-use protected areas with tourism – 20% wealth increase and 26% poverty reduction, 13% less stunted children
 - multiple-use areas without tourism – poverty decline by 13%



The Potential

38 million square km or 3.8 billion hectares in 87 countries, 40 percent of protected and ecologically intact landscapes are actually under IP custodianship (WCS and CIFOR); represents 80% of the world's biodiversity

~370 million Indigenous People in the world, present in more than 90 countries. Representing ~5% of the world's population making up 15% of the extremely "poor" and ~33% of the rural poor

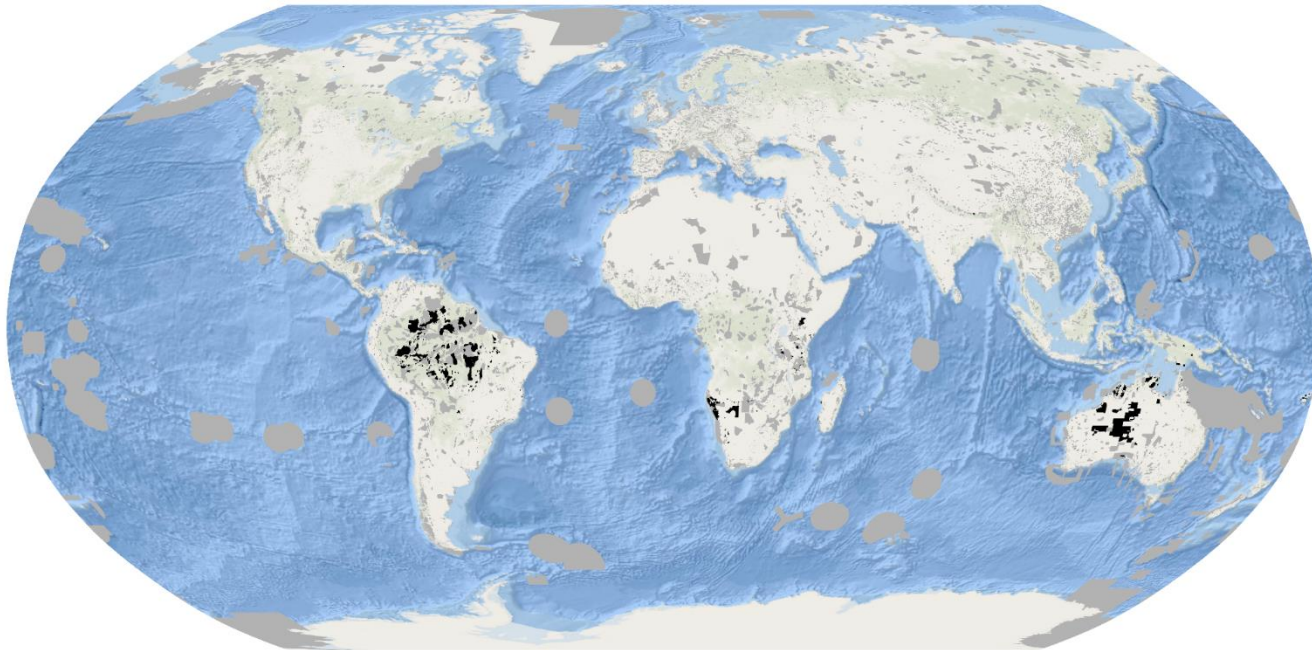




Community Conserved Areas Largely Unrecognized

Only 5 million square km have been provided recognition as IPLC managed and part of the countries' overall conservation efforts *(Note that bringing these areas into present legally mandated protected area systems and not as IPLC managed ICCAs would be recipe for conflicts)*

Less than 50% of countries (85% of global land area) have legal frameworks in place



Source: UNEP-WCMC AND IUCN (2018). Protected Planet: The World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) [On-line]. August 2018, Cambridge, UK: UNEP-WCMC. Available at www.protectedplanet.net

■ Areas governed by IPLC ■ All other governance types



The Solution

Community-Based Conservation that empowers indigenous peoples and local communities to secure their rights to lands, territories and resources and strengthens their governance systems thus enabling them to be more effective in their stewardship role.

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New maps show indigenous peoples are custodians of 40% of Earth's protected and ecologically intact landscapes.

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in their garden in Honitetu village in Indonesia's Maluku province. [CIFOR Photo/Ulet Ifansasti](#)



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The world's remaining 'wild places' are often envisaged to be packed full of biodiversity, and bereft of one troublesome species: *Homo sapiens*. [But a new global study](#) shows that about 40% of protected and ecologically-intact landscapes are actually under indigenous peoples' custodianship.

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A CBC Framework





Entry Points for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

Mapping that empowers, land use zoning for fodder, fuelwood, pasture, medicinal plants

Rights advocacy – “work with us, not for us”; technical and leadership fellowships

Networking with other women groups, also with government, corporates, and donors

Bio-cultural heritage, TK – especially with increasing generational gap; educating the youth

Climate adaptation with particular attention to disaster management focused on children, elderly and disabled

TK and new Tech – i.e. solar power, improved cookstoves, biogas

Sustainable Economies – non-timber products, crafts, ecotourism services, retail stores, PES (i.e. water)

Health, Nutrition, Food Security, Energy





Examples of Innovations (Women empowerment and Conservation)

- Autonomous markets; women banks; mobile helpline
- Production of sustainable raw material/product substitutes
- Health as incentive entry point (*i.e. clinic discounts for conservation work, non-cash payments*)
- Textile and Apparel Design
- Goats for Widows
- Seed Keepers Network
- Women rangers
- PES, Carbon finance, Ecosystem-based Adaptation, Community-based REDD+





What still needs to be done

Policy reform – rights by women to own land and inherit land

Develop more self-strengthening tools

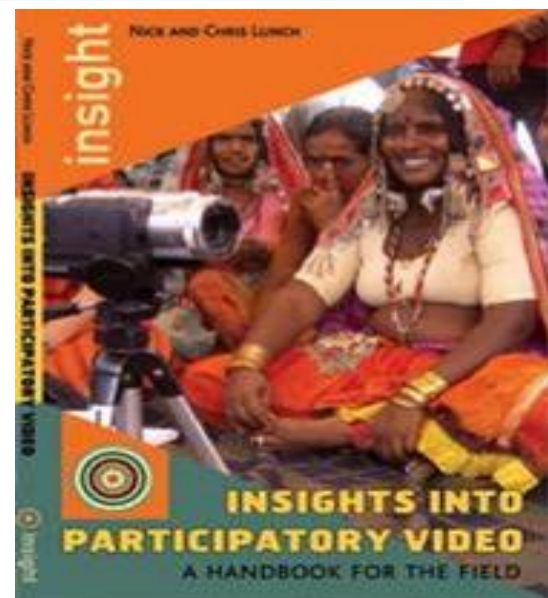
Need more bridging organizations/ mechanisms (i.e. CSO-Government Dialogue Platforms)

Transforming women from invisible to the visible

More dedicated gender equality components and funding (*presently only about 5% of donor assistance*)

Economic case studies of the added value of gender equality

Access to new technology



CNN hero 2007: Irania Martinez Garcia



What does success look like?

Indigenous and community conserved areas are appropriately recognized with social inclusion and gender equality of their governance systems strengthened, thus creating *global systems change* for sustainable development

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The new decree is presented by Indigenous leaders, President Santos of Colombia and Prime Minister of Norway, Erna Solberg.

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