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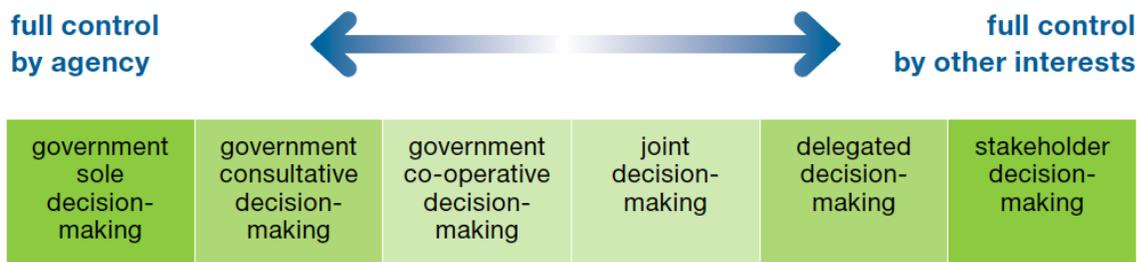
**1. Synergies with IUCN PA Governance Knowledge Baskets**

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Issues of governance are now well-integrated into IUCN's programs and global work on PAs. Four basic PA governance classes developed by IUCN are now integrated in the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA), with data on about half of all PAs globally.<sup>1</sup> These are:

- By government
- Shared (co-management)
- Private PAs
- Community-managed (ICCAs)

A basic typology of governance also exists:<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Bastian, B., C. Corrigan, J. Kerrisey, S. Kenney, C. Ravilious, C. Besancon and N. Burgess. 2012. *Protected Planet Report 2012: Tracking progress towards global targets for protected areas*. IUCN, Gland, Switzerland and UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge, UK.

<sup>2</sup> Diagram from *Protected Planet Report 2012*

These frameworks are used not only by WCPA and the IUCN PA Program, but are integrated in the WDPA managed by UNEP, and also are increasingly relevant to the CBD, particularly the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA). A currently in-process publication, *Governance of Protected Areas: From Understanding to Action*<sup>3</sup> posted online as a draft for comment, synthesizes much of this emerging knowledge around PA governance and also provides a number of frameworks and analytic tools for assessing PA governance. As the title suggests, there are also additional suggestions for action based on those assessments.

This body of work would appear to be a crucial building block for NRGF, for a number of basic reasons:

- The IUCN (and partners') work on PA governance has established some clear typologies, frameworks, and diagnostic tools. This is precisely what NRGF seems to be proposing.
- While the PA governance work is focused on 'PAs', this is a somewhat expansive definition of PAs as it now includes ICCAs, which are often not formal protected areas. As one of the major challenges for NRGF may be figuring out what scale to carry out analyses of 'natural resource governance', focusing on more discrete physical areas, such as PAs (including ICCAs), may be helpful in terms of developing the framework and associated diagnostic tools.
- The IUCN PA governance framework and tools are used in a number of related processes and monitoring efforts, including most notably WDPA and the CBD PoWPA. These efforts, and particularly the CBD, will be important for deploying the NRGF diagnostics or assessment tools (e.g. such as a NR governance index as proposed), and encouraging widespread use and adoption. Again, it seems crucial to build on what already exists.

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.cbd.int/pa/doc/draft-governance-pa-2012-07-en.pdf> Organizations or entities which are co-producers of this document include: GIZ, the CBD Secretariat, CEESP, WCPA, ICCA Consortium, and IUCN. The lead author of the document, G. Borini-Feyerabend, is a member of NRGF WG.