National Natural Parks

WCPA Steering Committee

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Administration and Management of the National Natural Parks System Protect:

National System of Protected Areas - SINAP:

SINAP: 913 Protected areas that cover an area of: 23,903,255 million hectares out of 207’040.800 million hectares. (total marine and terrestrial area of Colombia) 11.5%

• 7’978.505,348 million hectares out of the total marine area of the country (92’866.000 million hectares), representing the 8.59%
• 15’924.750,62 million hectares out of the total terrestrial area (114’174.800 million hectares), it represents the 13.95%

National Parks System:

• 59 SPNN areas, 14,268,244.29 hectares, 6.89% of the national territory
• 11.3% of the continental area
• 1.5% of the marine area

Natural Reserves of Civil Society Data - RNSC

• 552 Reserves: 102,221 hectares
Contribution to Aichi
Target 11 – 3’975.000 Has.

**Perspectives**

**New Areas: 9**
- Serranía de Perijá
- Serranía de San Lucas
- Arauca Savannas and Wetlands
- Cinaruco
- Manacacías
- Tochequito
- Mangroves Cape
- Cumaribo
- Patía Dry Forests

**Perspectives**

**Expansion: 5**
- Gorgona
- Malpelo
- Chiribiquete
- Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
- Acandí
National Parks System’s Contribution to the Colombian economy

- **Power Industry:** Provides around 52% of water for hydroelectric plants.
- **Agriculture:** It provides water for irrigation districts (152,286 ha)
- **Reduction of sedimentation:** Represents USD$ 2,242 million per year.
- **Economy:** Through water resources, protected areas contribute about USD$ 2,770 million yearly (0.9% GDP).
- **Water:** Provides around 60% of drinkable water for the country, e.g. Chingaza National Park to 7´000.000 inhabitants in Bogota
- **Environment:** Contributes as an agent for climate protection and regulation
- **Ecotourism:** 1´500.000 visitors in the last two years.
- The Park System’s forests contribute by storing between 17 and 20% of carbon stocks, and between 12 and 13% in its buffer zones.
The promise of Sydney

**Vision**
- The high aspirations for the change we need in the coming decade

**Innovative approaches**
- Bold steps recommended to achieve these aspirations
- 150 recommendations were 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
Healthy Parks Healthy People Program

General Objective

Consolidate the Natural National Parks as spaces that promote healthy life styles and well-being to children, young people and adults who visit them, contributing to the improvement of visitor’s health.
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

• Articulation with Decennial plan of Public health (2012-2021), in Conditions and Life styles.
• Guide to physical activity in the free time (Including National Natural Parks).
• Preventions protocols for visiting National Parks.
• Participation in II Forum of Healthy Life Styles.
• Campaign of promotion and prevention in health and wellness.
2. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM

- Articulation with the strategy of “Tourism and Sports”

- Development of a pilot program of tourism and sport in National Parks of Colombia

- Development of a promotion campaign about tourism and sport in National Parks of Colombia
3. COLOMBIAN FOUNDATION OF THE HEART

- Begin the process of certification as a healthy organization.

- Support scientific and technically in all initiatives to promote programs of healthy habitats and process advance teaching that allow empower the members of the communities to be health promoters in their families, immediate environments and work places.
Parques Nacionales Naturales de Colombia

3 PAs GREEN LISTED IN COLOMBIA:
AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO SHOW PA´S IMPACT
IUCN WORLD PARKS CONGRESS

Parque Nacional Natural Tatamá

Parque Nacional Natural Gorgona

Santuario de Flora y Fauna Galeras
The Green List has helped Colombia to:

• Provide guidelines to enhance management effectiveness tools and planning, based on the standard

• Promote discussions about standards, reference levels, and successful conservation measures and how these are reflected in several international goals (e.g. Aichi Target 11’s qualitative elements clearly advanced)

• Motivate the adjustment of management effectiveness assessment tools to adopt an evidence-based system and include new and innovative means of verification

• Promotion and recognition of innovation and different approaches demonstrating how PAs are achieving conservation, cultural and social goals

• Be part of a global network motivating, recognizing and celebrating conservation efforts of PAs teams

• Further explore the link between good management and social equity (i.e. with local and scientific communities)

• Strengthening relations between PNN-WWF-IUCN
Preservation of Culture

32 natural protected areas overlapping with ancestral indigenous and Afro Colombian territories

82 Indigenous Peoples
40 Afro Colombian communities
The special management regime is a set of rules and procedures that allow the planning, implementation and monitoring of coordinated actions between the two authorities at the overlapped area.

Agreements for Land Use
With the Afro-Colombian communities with collective territories inside the park, we work together through a natural resources and watershed management.
ECOTOURISM IN THE PARKS

- Spaces for recreation, health and spiritual benefits
- 23 Areas open to ecotourism
- Activities
  - Hiking and trekking
  - Fauna and flora observation,
    Bird, whale and butterfly watching
  - Scuba diving
  - Beach and sunbathing
  - Contact with different cultures

- Parks with ecotourism services
- Concessioned ecotourism services
- Parks with community-based ecotourism services
Community Based Ecotourism

Parque Nacional Natural El Cocuy

Santuario de Fauna y Flora Los Flamencos

Santuario de Fauna y Flora Otún Quimbaya

Santuario de Fauna y Flora Iguáque

Parque Nacional Natural Corales del Rosario y de San Bernardo

Parque Nacional Natural Utría
Current Concessions

Tayrona National Natural Park

Gorgona National Natural Park
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