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Statement by the IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office on the report “Reconfiguring Africa’s Protected Areas” by Bertrand Chardonnet

The IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) notes that the report “*Africa is Changing: Should its Protected Areas Evolve? Reconfiguring the Protected Areas in Africa*” by Bertrand Chardonnet is being widely cited as representing the official views of IUCN. IUCN ESARO would like to clarify that this report did not go through the official IUCN peer review process, and that the views expressed in this report cannot be in any way assumed to reflect the views of IUCN ESARO.

IUCN ESARO is currently in the process of reviewing the assertions and recommendations made in this report and consulting widely to assess their technical basis. Further details of the process will be shared in due course.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luther Anukur', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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