

# Protecting the Planet



## DELIVERING THE PROMISE OF SYDNEY

DECEMBER 2018

### INSPIRING PEOPLE



#### **Léonidas, a conservation hero from Burundi**

Léonidas Nzigiyimpa, a forester with training on sustainable development, has been working for 20 years at the Burundian Office for Environmental Protection. Driven by a genuine desire for change, he piloted an initiative to support the empowerment of Batwa communities who live near the Bururi Forest Reserve. For this determinant action he won the National Geographic / Buffett Award 2018 "Leadership for the protection of the environment".

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### INSPIRING SOLUTIONS



#### **Mindful engineering builds sustainable tourism value**

The georeserve model is a trademarked innovation demonstrated at the Masungi Georeserve conservation area in Baras, Rizal, Philippines. It has been proven to provide sustainable income for the management of the 430-hectare local conservation area through innovative tourism and engineering. The main beneficiaries of this initiative are the local communities and indigenous people, and the tourism community in the Philippines.

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### PANORAMA



#### **Wrapping up an exciting year**

It has been an eventful year for the [PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet](#) initiative! A new thematic community on "Business engagement", coordinated by IUCN, was launched, and UNDP joined as a new partner, working with IUCN to identify and celebrate innovation and systematically document knowledge in protected area management and governance. New publications summarize solutions on the Blue Economy, locally-led marine conservation and other topics. Read all about the developments of the last few months in the latest PANORAMA news update.

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### WORLD HERITAGE

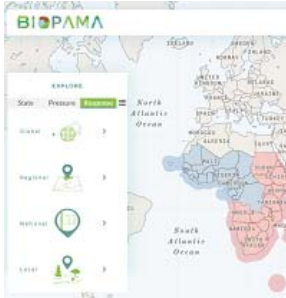


### IUCN reviews nine new World Heritage nominations for 2019

The IUCN World Heritage Panel met earlier this month to evaluate site nominations proposed for the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2019. Proposals for seven new natural heritage sites and one 'mixed' natural-cultural site have been submitted by state parties, as well as one extension of an existing mixed site. The nominated sites are in Albania, Brazil, China, France, Iceland, Iran, Italy, Monaco and Turkey.

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### BIOPAMA



### Open source information system for ACP protected areas

On 14 December 2018, the Joint Research Centre launched the version 2.0 of [the Reference Information System \(RIS\)](#) for BIOPAMA, aimed at assisting the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries in addressing their conservation priorities and the sustainable use of natural resources with innovative geospatial information tools and technologies. The RIS provides up-to-date information based on a broad range of consistent and comparable indicators at site, national and regional levels, thus tracking progress towards agreed conservation targets.

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### GREEN LIST



### China seeks protected areas quality and good performance

In 2018 China has consolidated the governance of the protected areas estate through the formation of the new National Forest and Grassland Administration (NFGA). The NFGA will oversee a process of revision and standardisation of protected and conserved areas of all types across the country. IUCN participated in major events and also provided a training and orientation on the IUCN Green List for leading experts in China.

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### HOT OFF THE PRESS



### The 100th edition of the Mountain Protected Areas Update

To focus on this significant milestone the 100th edition returns to what was the first 'official' Update written and edited by Dr Larry Hamilton in 1993. So where applicable throughout this edition there are observations from 1993 and the very early days of the Mountain Protected Areas Network. Larry was a powerhouse that generated so many useful products for the mountains constituency. Every quarter without fail, the Update would be dispatched as a mail-out - hours of work by both Larry and Linda (wife). We hope to continue Larry's tradition for many years to come.

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### News on African Protected Areas

The [125th edition of the NAPA](#) includes a piece on pursuing a PhD in conservation. You will also find a brief update on the IUCN Red List of endangered species + a reminder about our trainings onsite and online.

*La [NAPA n° 125](#) pose la question de l'utilité d'un doctorat en conservation. Une mise à jour de la Liste Rouge y figure également ainsi que les informations utiles sur nos cours en présentiel et en ligne.*

### WCPA North America News

The [WCPA North America Newsletter](#) is now available. Read about the latest activities of this region in 2018.

### EVENTS & GET INVOLVED

**WCPA and CoalitionWILD Mentorship Programme**

CoalitionWILD and the WCPA are accepting applications to the 2019 Global Mentorship Programme, pairing conservation veterans with emerging leaders for a 12-month intergenerational exchange. Apply to be a Mentor or Mentee by 15 January.

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**5th International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas**

Early registration is open for the 5th International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas.

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