

# Protecting the Planet



## DELIVERING THE PROMISE OF SYDNEY

JULY 2018

### WORLD RANGER DAY



#### Nature's real life heroes

**World Ranger Day** is celebrated worldwide on 31 July to commemorate Rangers killed or injured in the line of duty and to celebrate the work Rangers do to protect the planet's natural treasures and cultural heritage.

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### INSPIRING PEOPLE



#### Taghi Farvar – our collective memory

As many of you will now know, we are mourning the passing of our long-term friend and colleague, Taghi - Dr. Mohammed Taghi Farvar, who died on 16 July 2018. Most of those who know him are struggling even to contemplate a world without Taghi. Maybe we can best cope with this loss by continuing to regard him as being with us still.

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### INSPIRING PLACES



#### New nature-culture sites on the World Heritage List

Three new "mixed" World Heritage sites have been inscribed for their natural and cultural importance, following IUCN's recommendations on their natural values. They include two indigenous peoples' territories – now among the largest listed sites – and one site whose biodiversity supports local communities. Three other inscriptions and one extension were approved this year, bringing the total of natural World Heritage sites to 247.

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### INSPIRING SOLUTIONS

**Increasing coastal resilience and social development opportunities in Guyana**



Community-based mangrove restoration helps address climate change impacts on low-lying coastal areas in Guyana. The programme aligns socio-economic development and environmental protection, and the communities are involved at every level of the project implementation. Women, empowered as environmental leaders, are at the forefront of the initiative.

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## PANORAMA



### **PANORAMA is growing – organically!**

Award-winning solutions from Vanuatu to Peru; innovative approaches to protected area financing and natural World Heritage site management; and IFOAM – Organics International as a new partner organization: A lot has happened for the PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet initiative in the past few months. Learn all about the latest developments in the July issue of the bi-annual news update and get a sneak preview of PANORAMA's upcoming areas of expansion!

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## GREEN LIST



### **The members of the California MPA EAGL announced**

Advancing the effort to add California's marine protected area network to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas, IUCN has selected members of the "Expert Assessment Group for the Green List" (EAGL). The 17 individuals represent the voices of key California ocean stakeholders from a diverse array of sectors.

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Read the [Green List Bulletin - July 2018](#) for the most recent Green List updates!

## BIOPAMA



### **Important steps for enhanced protected area management effectiveness**

Effective management of protected areas will allow countries in the Caribbean to better track the status of their natural resources, intervene quicker when issues need to be resolved, and potentially open them to more international funding that could aid in their development. These were some of the key messages conveyed at the workshop convened by BIOPAMA for 15 ACP-Caribbean countries. The meeting was an opportunity to introduce the IUCN Green List and seek collaborations.

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## WORLD HERITAGE



### **IUCN's key takeaways from the World Heritage Committee meeting**

UNESCO's 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee concluded in Bahrain on 4 July. This year, inscriptions set new landmarks for people, the Committee was full of contrasts, key danger-listing decisions were taken and the Advisory Bodies recalled our shared commitments. Peter Shadie, head of the IUCN delegation in Bahrain, shares some reflections.

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## GOVERNANCE



### 'Other effective area-based conservation measures': updates

In July 2018, governments at the 22nd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Science, Technology and Technological Advice (SBSTTA22) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) agreed a draft decision on 'Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures' (OECMs). For the first time the decision provides a definition for OECMs and guidance to Parties for their identification and management. The IUCN-WCPA Task Force on OECMs provided valuable input to the CBD process.

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## NATURE FOR ALL



### Youth for Wildlife Conservation

Youth for Wildlife Conservation (Y4WC) aims to form a global network of early-career wildlife conservationists to empower them to be future conservation leaders. Y4WC facilitates a global network of young conservationists, provides them with capacity-building resources, and showcases the diversity of opinions and perspectives from youth from across the globe.

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## HOT OFF THE PRESS

### Protecting the Planet Newsletter: MAY and JUNE 2018

In case you have missed it, the two previous issues of the Protecting the Planet Newsletter are available online: [MAY 2018](#) and [JUNE 2018](#).

### Pacific Protected Area News

[The Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal](#) (PIPAP) is the region's one-stop resource hub to support decision-making, more effective protected area management and governance, and biodiversity conservation in the Pacific region. Implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the BIOPAMA Programme, one of the PIPAP services is to provide the most recent and relevant protected area-related news.

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## EVENTS & GET INVOLVED

### Pathfinder Award for innovation in nature conservation

IUCN, UNDP and WILDARK have joined forces for the inaugural Pathfinder Award, which recognises outstanding and innovative solutions for financing and resourcing of protected and conserved areas, developed by individuals, organizations or groups. Nominations can be submitted until 15 August in [English](#) or [French](#) or [Spanish](#). The winner will receive 10,000 US\$ towards their conservation efforts, and will be invited to the award ceremony during the CBD's Conference of the Parties in Egypt in November. The 2018 award is organised in co-operation with the UNDP-Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) and PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet.

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### Contribute to the IUCN Green List Fair Financing Survey

IUCN is conducting a survey to explore the views relating to the IUCN Green List and the associated costs. It also serves to explore views relating to the "willingness to pay" for the IUCN Green List and the fair distribution of costs. These views will be analysed to support further discussion and review of the costs associated with the IUCN Green List programme. Contribute to the survey until 5 August.

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### Crowdfunding campaign to honour the fallen rangers of Virunga

A benefits concert at the UNESCO 42nd World Heritage Committee meeting paid tribute to park rangers who were brutally killed while protecting Virunga National Park. A crowdfunding campaign, #HelpVirunga, was launched to support the families of fallen rangers. The past year has been one of the bloodiest for the park, with 12 people losing their lives to armed assailants.

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