

Protecting the Planet



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM CBD COP 14



Conserved Areas in the spotlight in Egypt

The likelihood that the global community will meet its area-based conservation targets by 2020 took a major step forward at the UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt. To inform the global gathering, IUCN published the Protected Planet Report which states that almost 15% of the world's terrestrial areas and 7% of marine areas are currently protected. This is commendable progress but still falls short of the 17% and 10% targets agreed in 2010. Now a new designation for "conserved areas" has been agreed that will advance progress towards these goals.

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IUCN lists 15 new sites as world's best protected areas

The IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas now counts 15 new sites in Egypt, France, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Peru and the United Arab Emirates – bringing a total of 40 sites now green-listed. "The IUCN Green List provides a global benchmark for protected area practice, and we encourage all governments to join Egypt in committing to its standard," said Egypt's Minister of Environment at the UN Biodiversity Conference.

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INSPIRING PEOPLE



Meet the winners of the 2018 Pathfinder Award!

UNDP, IUCN and WildArk – A Movement for the Wild are thrilled to announce the winners of the inaugural Pathfinder Award for innovation in nature conservation. The award, which celebrates innovation in protected and conserved area financing and resourcing, was presented in the opening plenary of the UN Biodiversity Conference in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. The main award goes to Prespa Ohrid Nature Trust (PONT), represented by its Executive Director Mirjam de Koning.

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INSPIRING PLACES

Ras Mohammed National Park



Ras Mohammed National Park received the IUCN Green List certificate at a ceremony in the reserve on 24th November, 2018, as part of the UN Biodiversity Conference in neighbouring Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. The award recognises the fair and effective management efforts that have ensured the protection and survival of natural ecosystems, especially coral reefs, mangroves and sea grasses.

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INSPIRING SOLUTIONS



PANORAMA: Welcoming UNDP and promoting business engagement solutions

The UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP14) provided the venue for two exciting announcements on the [PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet initiative](#): Stimulated by the collaboration on the Pathfinder Award, [UNDP officially joins the partnership](#) as co-coordinator for PANORAMA’s “Protected areas” theme, to work closely with IUCN in systematically documenting solutions from past and present PA projects, supporting solution uptake through knowledge brokering, and celebrating innovation in PA management through future awards. Further, the COP saw the [celebratory launch of a new PANORAMA theme](#) on “Business engagement”, coordinated by IUCN, which will promote good practice of civil society organizations engaging with the private sector for conservation outcomes.

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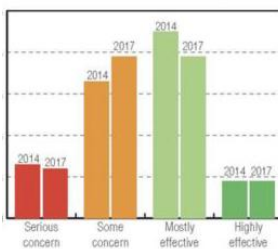


Fostering coordination and collaboration on protected areas

The Protected Area Working Group (PAWG) of the Pacific Island Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) is the regional forum that guides protected area coordination and collaborations in the Pacific. This group supports government partners to track and achieve progress towards meeting the regional and international biodiversity targets. It also advises BIOPAMA on strategic approaches to address the needs of the Pacific Island States.

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WORLD HERITAGE



IUCN Issues Brief on natural World Heritage

Did you know? Natural World Heritage sites are facing increasing threats, yet their protection and management are becoming less effective. Read IUCN’s latest Issues Brief, which provides an accessible overview of some complex issues related to the conservation of natural World Heritage, why they are important and what can be done.

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GOVERNANCE



Focus on indigenous and conserved community areas

The IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme has been working with the ICCA Consortium consolidating areas of work and joint projects. In October, the partnership traveled to Lima, Peru to convene a national stakeholder workshop on the network of ICCAs in Peru. In November, IUCN participated in the XIIIth General Assembly of the ICCA Consortium and the discussions about the 2019 Work Plan and partnerships ahead.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS



Protected Planet Report 2018

Around 15% of the world's terrestrial area is better safeguarded by conservation measures, as well as over 7% of the world's oceans, ensuring the world is on track to meet important conservation targets, according to the latest Protected Planet Report.

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PARKS 24.2

PARKS Issue 24.2 November 2018 is now available online. Papers in the issue span issues of improving planning and management of law enforcement, managing critical incidents and trauma and developing partnerships for conservation amongst scientists and managers, for private land stewardship and with Indigenous Peoples.

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Guidelines on Privately Protected Areas

The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) is pleased to announce the publication of Guidelines for Privately Protected Areas produced by the IUCN WCPA Specialist Group on Privately Protected Areas and Nature Stewardship, with many contributors from many nations and cultures. These Guidelines provide illustration from field experience on how best to manage, govern, evaluate and conserve privately protected areas globally.

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Tourism and Visitor Management in Protected Areas

Protected areas are a key component of any global conservation strategy. Tourism provides a crucial and unique way of fostering visitors' connection with protected area values, making it a potentially positive force for conservation. These Guidelines provide guidance on key issues to help managers achieve sustainable tourism in protected areas.

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News on African Protected Areas

The [124th edition of the NAPA](#) presents the third chapter of the PA governance and management guide (WCPA) that deals with cultural heritage of the earth. It also reminds us of our online courses (MOOCs). A session is currently open and you can join now on papaco.org/moocs.

La [NAPA n° 124](#) présente le chapitre 3 du guide sur la gouvernance et la gestion des AP de la WCPA qui porte sur le patrimoine culturel de la terre. Elle nous rappelle nos MOOC, accessibles sur papaco.org/fr/moocs. Une session est en cours et les inscriptions sont ouvertes !

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