

# Protecting the Planet



## DELIVERING THE PROMISE OF SYDNEY

SEPTEMBER 2018

### INSPIRING PEOPLE



#### **Hugh Synge**

IUCN mourns the loss of Hugh Synge, who passed away on 4 August after a brief but fierce battle with cancer.

In his lifetime, Hugh made a huge contribution to the work of IUCN, particularly to IUCN's Species Survival Commission (SSC) and World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

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### INSPIRING SOLUTIONS



#### **Biodiversity Tax Incentives For South Africa's Protected Area Network**

In South Africa, approximately 75% of land is held in private ownership, and landowners bear the responsibility of managing protected areas, including financial commitments. Biodiversity tax incentives were introduced in 2016 to provide financial benefits to landowners declaring protected areas, and were tested in a number of pilot sites. This solution has been nominated for the Pathfinder Award for innovation in nature conservation.

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### BIOPAMA



#### **The Cook Islands consolidates its protected area information**

Collecting and collating all information on the range of protected areas across Rarotonga was the focus of a one-day gathering in early September of over 20 stakeholders in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

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## BIOPAMA's second phase officially launched in Central Africa

The fifth in a series of BIOPAMA regional workshops in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, the inception meeting for the Central Africa was hosted by the Commission for Central African Forests (COMIFAC) in Douala, Cameroon, from 26-28 September. More than 70 stakeholders from the Central Africa were informed about the objectives of BIOPAMA's second phase and participated in identifying their countries' and partners' priorities for data collection and analysis, and capacity development.

[Read more \(in French only\).](#)

## PANORAMA



### 5 years Blue Solutions!

IUCN is proud to have been a part of the Blue Solutions project over the past 5 years! Blue Solutions provided a global platform to collate, share and generate knowledge as well as build capacity for sustainable management and equitable governance of marine and coastal ecosystems. Through the project, IUCN in particular promoted success stories in marine protected area management and governance, including community-led conservation. Blue Solutions also gave rise to the broader [PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet](#) initiative. Partners and collaborators look back through [this video](#) and [social media posts](#).

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## GREEN LIST



### Seven protected areas in the Maghreb region commit to the IUCN Green List

IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation and the World Commission of Protected Areas (WCPA) organised a training course for the Green List Expert Assessment Group for the Maghreb countries (EAGL-Maghreb) from 24-26 September in Zaghouan, Tunisia. This training course is an important step to the accreditation of the Maghreb-EAGL members, and represents the starting point of the Green List in the region. So far, seven protected areas from three countries in the region are proposed as candidate sites to the Green List.

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

## WORLD HERITAGE



### Henry Cleere, a pillar of the World Heritage Convention

The IUCN World Heritage Programme pays tribute to a major figure in the history of the World Heritage Convention: Prof Henry Cleere. Described as a founding figure in the field of archaeological heritage, he worked alongside IUCN for the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). His work greatly contributed to the World Heritage cause.

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## #NATURE FOR ALL



### Habitat Stepping Stones

Macquarie University's Habitat Stepping Stones programme is designed to create connections between Australia's threatened species and people within the urban fringe by creating wildlife-friendly stopovers in their urban backyards along existing wildlife corridors.

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Read the [September issue](#) of the **#NatureforAll Newsletter**

## HOT OFF THE PRESS



### Mountain Protected Areas Update

Read the September issue of WCPA Mountains Update and learn more about Mozambique's time capsule, the largest guinean sanctuary for the chimpanzees, the Australian Alps walking track and much more

[Read September Issue](#) - [Read all Issues](#)



### IUCN WCPA Best Practice Guidelines No. 28: Tools for measuring, modelling, and valuing ecosystem services

Increasing interest in measuring, modelling and valuing ecosystem services has resulted in the development of an array of assessment tools and selecting one can be challenging. This document provides guidance for practitioners, with an explicit focus on assessing ecosystem services for important sites for biodiversity and nature conservation.

[Download the publication](#)

### News on African Protected Areas

The [123rd edition of the NAPA](#) introduces the second edition of **IUCN World Heritage Outlook**. It also talks about the first winning sponsors of our **online trainings** (MOOCs).

*La 123ième édition de NAPA parle de l'Horizon du Patrimoine mondial de l'UICN 2. Elle rappelle aussi les formations du Papaco et donne les résultats de la première édition des parrainages.*

## EVENTS & GET INVOLVED

### Protected area management effectiveness webinar for the Caribbean

Two regional conservation programmes in the Caribbean, CMBP (Caribbean Marine Biodiversity Programme) and BIOPAMA, are working to strengthen and reinforce the management and governance of protected areas through protected area management effectiveness (PAME). To this end, they are hosting a webinar which aims to provide an introduction to the use and application of one of the many tools used to measure PAME and widely applied within the Caribbean, the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT). Join the webinar on **Tuesday 9 October at 5 p.m. AST/4 p.m. EST/3 p.m. CST** to learn more about the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT).

[Read more](#)



## 5-9 November - XII Latin American Conference on Privately Protected Areas

hosted by [The Peruvian Society of Environmental Law](#) and [Conservamos por Naturaleza](#), that will take place in the Peruvian Amazonia. This international conference has over 2 decades getting leaders in conservation together with the purpose of articulating actions and alternatives for sustainable development on private land. For more information, please visit the [website](#)

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