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Chair and Deputy Chair
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

CHAIR, WCPA
KATHY MACKINNON

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Another busy and successful year for WCPA with an exciting and well-attended Steering Committee meeting in Cartagena Colombia, generously hosted by Parquesnacionales Colombia.
- Good progress in delivering the Joint Work Programme developed with GPAP. The JWP builds on the Promise of Sydney and there continues to be good delivery of many of the commitments made at the World Parks Congress. In particular there has been a spectacular increase in number and hectares of marine protected areas, with designation of some very large MPAs especially in the Pacific and the Ross Sea. WCPA played a key role in organizing IMPAC4 in Chile where many of these marine gains were celebrated.
- There has been excellent progress working with GPAP on development and governance structures for the Green List Programme. WCPA is well represented on the various GL committees and co-chairs the Standards Committee. The GL Standard was approved unanimously by the IUCN Council in November and GPAP and WCPA are now working together to roll out an ambitious global programme.
- Several of the other initiatives launched at the WPC are making significant progress, led by key specialist groups. There has been important progress in exploring the links between PAs and Health and Wellbeing and the NatureforAll initiative launched by WCPA and CEC at the WCC in Hawai’i now has more than 200 partners globally.
- The Protected Areas Leadership Forum was held in New Zealand, hosted by Dept of Environment and Conservation, with PA leaders from Africa, North America and Colombia and strong representation from State PA agencies in Australia. We took advantage of the trip to the southern hemisphere to hold WCPA members meetings in Wellington, Sydney and Melbourne.
- We have benefited from strong partnerships with GPAP, other Commissions and key donors to be able to promote the PA agenda and expand understanding of the relevance of PAs as critical underpinnings for human welfare and livelihoods. It is especially encouraging that several IUCN Members, including Parks and Environment agencies are assigning staff to lead on key themes. Parks Victoria is leading on Health and Wellbeing and was able to showcase the values of PAs at a World Public Health Congress in Melbourne. Parks Canada has assigned staff to work on NFA and Environment Canada has allocated a staff person to work with WCPA on PAs and Climate Change.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

VALUING AND CONSERVING NATURE

Goal 1: Working with SC and specialist groups and TFs to enhance geographical representation and WCPA delivery of BPGs and capacity on the ground, including where possible promoting regional meetings and workshops on key themes.

VCs, SGs, and TFs have worked to expand geographical representation through global and regional meetings, especially through work for IMPAC4 and development and delivery of BPGs, Green List and other standards. Restructuring of the SC to link individual thematic VCs to specific SGs and TFs should provide greater opportunities to strengthen regional linkages further. Several WCPA VCs were
involved in organizing the very successful IMPAC4 meeting in Chile in September and WCPA also contributed to the Centenary celebrations for the Russia PA system; both events provide opportunities for WCPA follow up. The launch of BIOPAMA 2 in late 2017 provides new opportunities for greater regional collaboration with GPAP in building regional capacity in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific. Several regions including Africa, Asia and South America are also looking at possibilities to host regional PA meetings in 2019.

**Goal 2 Enhancing quality of protected areas through expanded efforts to promote management effectiveness, including through Green List and new Management Effectiveness SG**

Worked with GPAP to set up Green List Governance structures and promote the GL Standard, which was approved by IUCN Council in November, 2017. WCPA is well represented on the various GL committees (Standards, Management and overall GL Committee for Protected and Conserved Areas, which I chair). IUCN is now ready to roll out a very ambitious Green List programme in various regions with an ambition to enlist 50 to100 GL nominations in 2018. WCPA now has a Green List SG and has also reinstated the Management Effectiveness SG under new leadership to promote basic management effectiveness monitoring in all Protected Areas.

The GL and management effectiveness work is complemented by work to promote better conservation of areas of high biodiversity (through the KBA Committee) and collaboration with CBD Secretariat on guidance on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures and Connectivity.

**Goal 3. Promoting Marine Conservation, including through IMPAC4**

Members of the WCPA SC played a significant role in organizing IMPAC4 and delivering events there. The last three years since the WPC have seen a significant increase in global MPAs with many countries scrambling to meet Aichi area targets for marine PAs. However, this has raised some serious questions about the quality of some areas being declared and reported as MPAs with policy makers favouring multiple use areas rather than stricter protection which generate greater ecological benefits and biodiversity outcomes. A key challenge moving forward on recognition of MPAs (and OECMs) is to ensure quality rather than quantity.

Considerable time spent on review and editorial input to delivery of BPG on Large-scale Marine Protected Areas in partnership with Big Ocean at IMPAC4.

**GOVERNING NATURE’S USE AND SHARING ITS BENEFITS EQUITABLY**

**Goal 1: Delivering Guidance on OECMs to CBD Secretariat**

Continue to Co-Chair OECM Task Force. Strong network established and good progress made in developing guidance on OECMs and collating case studies. CBD Executive Secretary has been requested by Parties to further develop guidance, including input from IUCN. CPAWS generously supported an OECM workshop in Vancouver, February 2017 which was an opportunity for greater focus on marine and indigenous issues. The guidelines have now benefited from several workshops and wide consultations; the latest version of the updated guidelines was circulated to CBD Parties by the CBD Secretariat in December and was generally well received. After further revisions these guidelines will be used as an input to OECM workshops organized by the CBD Secretariat in February 2018 and to SBSTTA 22 in July. A key challenge is to ensure that nations report as OECMs only those areas which deliver a long-term conservation benefit and that Parties improve reporting of other measures e.g. sustainable forestry and fisheries against more appropriate Aichi targets rather than against Target 11.

**Goal 2: Strengthening Governance work in WCPA, including support for Indigenous Peoples and role of traditional knowledge in PA management and monitoring (with CEESP)**
There is still a need to strengthen WCPA work on Governance and to appoint a well-qualified Governance VC to lead on our governance work. WCPA and CEESP have committed to working together with indigenous groups in Central America and there are opportunities for further collaboration with CEESP.

**DEPLOYING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES**

**Goal 1** Promoting role of PAs as nature-based solutions and relevance to SDGs, with special focus on PA role in Human Health and Well-being and linkages to NFA and urban communities. Helped to organize the 3rd Parks and the Planet Forum *The Child in the City* in March 2017 with Salzburg Global Forum with a focus on the role of Nature in Child health, education and cognitive development. Liaised with CEO Parks Victoria to provide PV staff to lead. Supported PV in organizing WCPA-led events at World Public Health conference in Melbourne April 2017.

Worked with VC Natural Solutions on text on PAs and Land Management as part of a major report to UNCCD. Helped to prepare papers on relevance of PAs to SDGs. Signed MOU with Environment Canada for secondment of one senior staff to WCPA PACC Specialist Group.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- Within Commission we have continued to expand SGs and TFs in line with new priorities and emerging themes, but still need to strengthen our work on governance issues. All SG and TFs are now assigned to individual thematic VCs to improve coordination and communications.
- Speed dating model introduced at SC 2016 worked well for better understanding regional thematic needs and priorities and will be used again at SC meeting in April.
- After years of good support from GPAP WCPA will now get support from a global Commission Support Unit shared with the other five commissions. This is part of IUCN reorganisation to set up one overall Commission Support Unit for all six commissions with the expressed desire to increase efficiency and support. We will be monitoring the situation closely to ensure that support is timely and efficient.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- Numbers of WCPA members dropped initially after WCC but membership renewals are now completed and the Commission has approximately 2000 members. Membership process is still not fully automated and is still a work in progress. GPAP developing an electronic invitation card to facilitate applications from new members.
- SC now comprises 23 members including all regional and thematic VCs, with good gender balance. Caribbean region now incorporated with C America under one VC. Executive Committee meets monthly by teleconference.
- Approx. 10% of overall membership are YPs, with all YP activities integrated into SGs and TFs.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

- Multiple Reviews of draft WCPA BPG publications, Large-scale Marine PAs and Sustainable Tourism BPGs
- Inputs to Protected Planet Report
- Editorial in PARKS 23.2
- Protected Areas contributing to the SDGs
- Paper in *Aquatic Conservation* on marine areas as OECMs.
- Several drafts of OECM guidance document available on OECM TF website

**Presentations:**

- Commission Chair report to Council, Steering Committee, PALF etc
- Presentation to Centenary Celebration of Russia National PA system, Sochi
- Participated and presented in WCPA workshops on OECMs, Podt-2020
- Protected Planet Forum 3 at Salzburg presentations at workshops e.g. on Health, Natural Solutions, Transboundary, Urban issues.
Working Funding proposals in the pipeline
100+
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In-kind value
hotel
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(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017).

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

- Representing IUCN at SBSTTA 21 (Montreal)
- IUCN Council member, representing Commission at Council meetings
- Joint Programme Management Committee IUCN/UNEP-WCMC
- Protected Area Leadership Forum (PALF) New Zealand. May 2017
- Salzburg Global Forum 3. March 2017, helped organize, fundraise and cochair The Child in the City in March 2017 linking child health and wellbeing to nature.
- Member Steering Committee for Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Programme (ITHCP)
- Member of IUCN Council Task Force on Climate Change
- Member CAT Executive Committee on management effectiveness in Tiger Reserves

Funds raised (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)
Approx Euros 10,000 through Bfn to support participants for Post-2020 workshop held in Vilm July 2017.
Approx $50,000 through CPAWS for OECM workshop in Vancouver, February 2017.
Parks Canada assigned two 2 senior staff and junior staff for 2 years to coordinate #NFA (worth approx. CAD450,00/year) + cash contribution (CAD 125,000 to travel and NFA products).
Environment Canada assigned a senior staff member to work fulltime with the PA Climate Change SG (worth approx. CAD200,000/year)
Worked with Salzburg Global Forum to deliver joint symposium on The Child in the City in March 2017 as part of Parks for the Planet initiative; Salzburg raised funds (worth approx. Euros 100,000)
Personal/friends contributions through provision of accommodations for WCPA meetings saving hotel costs.

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017).
200+ WCPA Chair activities
10 days promoting NatureForAll and engaging partners

Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)
Working with SGs and TFs to fundraise for workshops.
Requesting further support from PA agencies to support WCPA SGs – Parks Canada for NFA and Parks Victoria from Health and Wellbeing.
### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2017 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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<td>(iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated</td>
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<td>(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced</td>
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<td>(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people</td>
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#### WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3

| (i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced |
| (ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied |

#### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

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<td>(i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed</td>
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<td>(i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted</td>
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#### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

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<td>(i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated</td>
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<td>(i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors</td>
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<td>(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled</td>
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#### GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1:**
- Strengthening understanding of the relevance of Protected Areas to delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Goal 2:**
- Continuing to enhance the quality of protected areas through expanded efforts to promote the Green List and revitalization of the Management Effectiveness SG to promote basic monitoring.
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<td>• Promoting Protected Areas as key tools for delivery of the post-2020 agenda, including enhanced planning and management of terrestrial, coastal, wetland and marine habitats through large landscape conservation.</td>
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**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

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**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

As WCPA Deputy Chair, during 2017 I focused on the materialization of the WCPA 2017-2020 objectives through the participation at different events and initiatives as well as through the institutionalization of these objectives with key allies, such as the National Parks Service of Central and South America countries and the National Natural Parks Service of Colombia.

Both during the different achieved actions and the different 2017 events I assisted, I was able to transmit and promote IUCN decisions, objectives and initiatives. Amongst other, the actions and events were permeated by the Promise of Sydney, the IUCN Green List, the Aichi Targets (particularly Target #11), as well as the call to acknowledge Protected Areas as natural solutions to challenges and increase the awareness of the connection between Protected Areas with human well-being, health and livelihoods.

For instance, National Natural Parks Service of Colombia hosted the 2017 IUCN Steering Committee in March 26-31 in Cartagena, Colombia, where special focus was placed to the enlargement and declaration of protected areas, Green List, Healthy Parks Healthy People, and the link between conservation and peacebuilding and important conclusions in regards WCPA functioning and objectives progress.

Additionally, the IMPAC 4, built upon the 2016 Hawai’i Commitments, was a very important scenario to foster the importance of Marine Protected Areas and the related Aichi Target 11. In this meeting I called on not only to reach the MPAs world coverage goal but also to seek further advances in the strengthening the solutions to face the challenge of a marine effective management-

Likewise, I participated in the 92 IUCN Council Meeting in Gland, Switzerland. At the end of this meeting, on the third anniversary of the IUCN World Parks Congress 2017 and the Promise of Sydney commitments, the IUCN Council approved the IUCN Green List Standards. To the date, in Colombia, the GLPCA governance project is in its execution phase, implemented by the World Wildlife Fund in association and coordination with National Parks Service, where Green List monitoring and follow up is made, as well as the transition to adopt the recently approved Green

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

1. VALUING AND CONSERVING NATURE
Goal 1: Expand and effectively manage systems of protected areas to achieve the Aichi Targets and SDGs

- Through the Aichi Target 11 the Parties compromized to protect for 2020 at least 17% of the terrestrial and inland water areas and 10% of the coastal and marine areas. To strengthen the path towards this objective, the IUCN made the 050 Resolution of 2016 to call on the need to increase marine protected area coverage for effective marine biodiversity conservation, as well as the 035 Resolution of 2012 to call for the establishment of protected areas as a basis for
achieving Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

- With the idea of aligning the institutional path in Colombia with the IUCN 050 Resolution of 2016 and Aichi Target#11, in September 2017 National Parks Service expanded the Malpelo Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and World Heritage Site. After the expansion, Colombia achieved to have 13.54% of the coastal and marine zone under protected areas, exceeding the voluntary compromise acquired in the United Nations Ocean Conference to protect at least 13% of the coastal and marine zones.

- In regard to the terrestrial Protected Area Coverage, National Parks Service of Colombia is going to make progress towards the target during 2018 with the declaration of 9 new areas: Serranía de Perijá, Serranía de San Lucas, Arauca Savannas and Wetlands, Cinaruco, Tochecito, Mangroves Cape, Cumaribo and Patía Dry Forests. In addition, we have been working to expand the area of the National Natural Parks of Gorgona, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and Chiribiquete, as well as the Fauna Sanctuary of Arcandí. With this, the country is close to reach the terrestrial target and fulfill the 035 Resolution of 2012, reaching 14.15% to the date. Because some of these areas are coastal and marine, these achievements will help to increase its protection.

**Goal 2: Work with national partners in the design and completion of systems of ecologically representative and well connected protected and other conserved areas**

- As Director General of National Natural Parks Service of Colombia, I have accompanied the creation and consolidation of alliances with the private sector and NGO to strengthen the Protected Areas. Amongst others, National Parks has the “Alliance for New Areas” with World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Mario Santo Domingo Foundation, and Argos Group to fund the enlargement and declaration processes of Protected Areas. With this initiative, we intend to connect the Protected Areas with national partners, expanding the conservation allies with some of the most important international NGO and national companies. The imitative counts with studies of the biodiversity to assure the completion of ecologically representative systems and obey to strategies to foster the connectivity amongst the different categories of protected areas in Colombia.

**Goal 3: WCPA will develop and deliver tools, best practice guidelines and standards to build capacity and professionalize protected area management, including recognition of good management through the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas**

As Director General of National Natural Parks Service of Colombia, I have made the public policy decision to encourage the public entity all the Green List issues. I am convinced about its benefits and its ability to help achieve the effective conservation of the Protected Areas and booster the commitment of the public officials to materialize the conservation purposes. As well because of this position, it is possible for me to foster the public regional institutions and private actors that manage the other conservation categories of the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP) to join the Green List and participate actively so its benefits are distributed to all the SINAP’s protected areas. Here under, please find a summary of the main actions:

- I represented WCPA on the Green List Management Committee after the July 2017 call from the IUCN Director General to establish the IUCN Green List Committee with its Standards Committee and Management Committee
- I participated as WCPA Deputy Chair in the 93 Council Meeting in Gland, Switzerland, where the Council approved formally the Green List Standards and mandated its further implementation by IUCN and members
- In different events that I participated, I have showed the benefits of the Green List based on the living experience of the three Green List protected areas in Colombia (Gorgona National Park, Galeras Sanctuary of Flora and Fauna, and National Park Tatamá). In this regard, I have transmitted the message to other countries to engage with Green List in accordance with the progress made in the Colombian protected areas after subscribing with the Green List. In addition, I have explained thoroughly its mission, objective and structure in events such as IMPAC 4 Green List Workshop.
  - IUCN Steering Committee in March 26-31 in Cartagena, Colombia
- World Protected Areas Leaders Forum May 2.6 2017, Queenstown, New Zealand
- International Congress of Marine Protected Area – IMPAC 4, September 4-8 2017. La Serena. Chile- Speaker in the WORKSHOP “Improving the Performance of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas through the IUCN GREEN LIST”
- X Congress of Protected Areas July 3-7 in Havana Cuba

As the IUCN Has highlighted, it is important to strengthen international instruments and standards to assess progress on the protected area coverage and effective management. I have contributed to make the case of the Green List as an “international standard for the minimum level of achievement that all protected areas should attain in order to meet their objectives.”

With the idea to connect National Park Service and the GLPCA, from the public entity we created the criteria to select the candidate areas from the National System of Protected Areas to the Green List. The criteria indicate the elements and considerations that the protected area managers need to nominate an area to the GLPCA. On the other hand, National Parks Service has built with World Wildlife Fund the Support Team to coordinate through the IUCN the GLPCA process in Colombia. The Group is in charge of the experts group (EAGL) to maintain communication with all the IUCN, and offer all the logistics to implement the GLPCA. To the date, in Colombia the GLPCA governance project is in its execution phase, implemented by the World Wildlife Fund in association and coordination with National Parks Service, where Green List monitoring and follow-up is made, as well as the transition to adopt the recently approved Green List Standard.

Additionally with the idea of contributing to this WCPA goal of strengthening international standards and monitoring systems, National Natural Parks Service of Colombia we contributed to the Protected Planet Platform sending the 2017 update to the Global Data base on Protected Area Management Effectiveness (GD-PAME). This instrument, fully incorporated with the World Database on Protected Areas, is managed together by the IUCN and UNEP-WCMC to report progress on protected area coverage and effective management.

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**Goal 4: WCPA will advocate the value and benefits of well managed systems of protected areas to build awareness of their multiple biological, social and economic, health and spiritual values to make the case for increased levels of investment in protected area establishment, expansion and effective management**

- To achieve this goal, I have worked in strengthening of the Healthy Parks and Healthy People Program inside of National Parks Service. In summary, we have intended not only to build awareness of the benefits that protected areas give to the human health but also to allow people to engage in activities inside the National Parks. The program has a special focus in kids, young people, and adults, and counts with an alliance with the Decennial Public Health Plan (2012-2021) of the Health Ministry.
- In order to strengthen the Healthy Parks Healthy People Program, National Parks Service, in alliance with partners such as Health Colombian Chamber of the National Association of Colombian Entrepreneurs, has launched the communication program to prescript people with “Vitamin N” (Vitamin Nature). The program aims to generate consciousness amongst people about the mental, physical, and emotional health benefits that nature can bring when we preserve it with Protected Areas, a natural solution to both health and conservation challenges.
- On the other hand, National Natural Parks Service of Colombia has taken another IUCN institutional path. Through the Sub-Directorate of Management, the entity participates in the Health and Well-Being Specialist Group with an assigned focal point, and the participation of the Deputy Director of Sustainability and Environmental Businesses.

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**II. Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources**

**Goal 2: WCPA will provide leadership and expertise to improve and promote good governance in protected area management, including piloting of governance assessments and capacity building**

- Regarding the leadership and experience to improve and foster the good governance in the protected area management, I have focused in deepening active participation of indigenous,
afrocolombian, and peasant communities in the creation, enlargement, management, and conservation of Protected Areas. We have assumed in National Natural Parks Service of Colombia that these communities are important allies that possess extremely valuable knowledge about their territories and the nature that surrounds them that we include in the Special Management Regimes (REM) of the protected areas that have shared management with these communities. In many cases, the communities’ culture is indivisible from the natural reality, meaning that the conservation of nature enables the conservation of their culture. To date, we count with agreements or REM with these communities in approximately 25 of the 58 protected areas of the National Parks System (SPNN). These experiences have been shared with different countries of the region.

• In relation with the capacity building, I have backed the translation to Spanish of the “Protected Area Governance and Management” book of the IUCN. Surely this translation will come in handy to all the Spanish speaking people that work directly with protected areas. For instance, the book is going to be one of the main texts of a Master’s program of the University El Bosque in Colombia.

Programme Area 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

Goal 1: WCPA will underpin its work across all three programs with a strong program of capacity development and communication and outreach

• With the idea of building up a strategy for the “Connecting People with Nature Globally” program, related with the 085 Resolution of 2016, National Parks Service has developed several initiatives. For instance, the Communitarian communication collectives (Eco Parches, name of the initiative in Spanish) seeks to recognize and strengthen social relationships building and developing communicational and educational processes with the local rural communities that connect allies for the conservation of biodiversity and culture through diverse participation mechanisms and complementarily, promote the consolidation and appropriation of the territory. The program has a special focus of connecting peasants, indigenous, and afrocolombian communities to the conservation of nature and sense of belonging to their territories

• By the end of the year 2017, 32 Protected Areas of the System of National Natural Parks of Colombia developed communitarian communication processes with the idea of building with and transmitting the conservation message to the communities. Specifically in 2017, nineteen protected areas received 40 activities of direct support with the participation of 300 people as environmental content producers. Additionally, the communities participated in activities such as workshops of formation in radio and video broadcast, painting, investigation and socialization. As a result, the communities elaborated 134 communication material pieces meant to divulge the ecosystemic services of the Protected Areas.

• As a result of different processes, Colombia has involved a group of young people in the Commission. This has been possible thanks to the different initiatives to work with urban and rural youths through educational institutions such as schools and universities, the covenant with the National Network of Environment Youth (who counts with 5000 youths), the citizen science program, the documentation center workshops, and social network campaigns...

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

• Host with National Natural Parks Service of Colombia the IUCN Steering Committee in March 26-31, in Cartagena, Colombia.
• Represent WCPA on the Green List Management Committee
• Inscription to the WCEL Commission to foster the linkages between commissions.

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications:

• During 2017, I published at least 10 articles and interviews where I promoted the National...
Natural Pars and other protected areas as natural solutions for global and local challenges.

**Presentations:**
- IUCN Steering Committee in March 26-31 in Cartagena, Colombia
- World Protected Area Leaders Forum May 3-6 2017, Queenstown, New Zealand
- X Congress of Protected Areas July 3-7 2017 in Havana, Cuba
  - Presentation with Allan Valverde, WCPA Vice Chair of Central America about the Promise of Sydney, WCPA mission and objectives, Green List among others
- Twenty-eight International Congress for Conservation Biology, 23-27 in Cartagena Colombia
- International Congress of Marine Protected Areas – IMPAC 4, September 4-8 2017, La Serena, Chile
  - Opening Ceremony Speaker
  - Speaker in “Improving the performance of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas through the IUCN Green List” Workshop
  - Speech for the delivery of the Kenton Miller Award to Keobel Sakuma
  - Speech for the launching of “Guidelines for the design and management of large scale MPAs”.
  - Speaker in “Power of working at regional scale and connecting people” Workshop of MEDPAN
  - Ceremony of “Global Ocean Refuge System” Awards of the Marine Conservation Institute, where Malpelo Sanctuary of Fauna and Flora received the award
  - Speaker in REDPARQUES Pavillion “Evolution of REDPARQUES and its Coastal Marine Group”.
  - Speech for the closing ceremony of REDPARQUES Pavillion
  - Participation in the High Level Meeting of IMPAC 4
- 93 IUCN Council Meeting 19-21 November 2917 in Gland, Switzerland

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

**Assignments on Behalf of IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

**Funds Utilised in 2017** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

In sum the expenses were of 13,515 82 (COP 38,856,634, 9) The financial report attached contains further details of each expense.

**Funds raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

In summary, I helped gathering the necessary funding for two important items, achieving an amount of approximately CHF 15,400.00 (COP 47.000.000) the IUCN Steering Committee in March 26-31, Cartagena, Colombia and IUCN “Protected Area Governance Management” Book

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017).*

Approximately 200 days

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

CHF 10,000
**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2017**

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2017 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:**

- (i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11  
  - X
- (ii) Protected area quality enhanced through Green List of Protected Areas  
  - X
- (iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated  
  - X
- (iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced  
  - X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

- (i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity  
  - X
- (ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed  
  - X
- (iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced  
  - X
- (iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people  
  - X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

- (i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced  
  - X
- (ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied  
  - X

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

- (i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed  
- (ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted  
  - X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:**

- (i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced  
  - X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

- (i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted  

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1**

- (i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated  
  - X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2**

- (i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors  
  - X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

- (i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled  

### GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

*Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair*

**Goal 1:**

- Green List: Promote the recently approved Standards, make the case for other countries and for other protected area categories of the National System of Protected Areas to join the Green List, strengthen the actual Green List Parks in Colombia and present new areas of the System of
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<td>• Aichi Targets: Achieve the declaration and enlargement of Protected Areas so Colombia reaches the terrestrial coverage goal and keeps deepening in the marine and coastal coverage. Further on, emphasize on the effective conservation beyond the coverage goals.</td>
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<td>• New and old conservation alliances: Strengthen the ties with key actors to achieve effective conservation, fundamentally with local actors such as indigenous, afrocolombian and peasant communities to preserve both nature and culture, as well as fostering the conservation culture, and create new alliances with the private sector. In compliment, make the case for the inclusion and protection of these communities because with them humanity can find many answers to deal effectively and sustainably with actual challenges.</td>
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## REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

• A big challenge of the WCPA is achieving articulation inside the Commission and with other Commissions so the Vice Chairs and Regional Chairs can optimize their work, avoiding duplication of efforts. It is necessary to improve the communications channels not only for the publication of results and to improve the internal coordination
• Even though there are several countries that have made progress towards the Aichi Targets and SDGs. It is necessary to support the countries that are behind the achievement of the international commitments. In this case, it is necessary that countries that have made progress make the case with clear examples of experiences that can inspire and foster the other countries.
• On the other hand, as a suggestion, in the WCPA we need to work together to improve
  o Fundraising strategy
  o Involvement of private sector
  o Involvement of young people and kids, using a universal and less academic language that can enable the message to travel across different cultures
  o Data to valuate Protected Areas contribution to human health and economy
• As concluded, after the Regional Vice Chairs presentations in the Steering Committee, it is necessary to create a Work Group that addresses the contributions to conservation of the indigenous, black communities, and peasants because it has become increasingly important.
• Water Management through Protected Areas is becoming a priority. Even though it has increased the visibility of the contributions of Protected Areas to human health and development, there is much work to be done not only in expanding that consciousness but translating that awareness into real policy and budget realities.
• As reported by the IUCN, Climate Change is setting big challenges to Protected Areas because it is generating real time changes that have to be managed with limited budget.
• Rapidly increasing tourism numbers worldwide (Colombia, up to 30% in the last year), is creating challenges to balance the promotion of healthy practices inside Protected Areas and the
• Last but not least, the joint work of National Natural Parks Service of Colombia with local indigenous, afrocolombian, and peasant communities allows to conclude not only that the preservation of protected areas boosts the preservation of culture, but also that the preservation and strengthening of these communities is crucial for the preservation of nature. There are sustainable lifestyles and economic activities within them, as well as conceptions about wildlife and natural cycles that assure a path towards conservation. Because culture is inherited, there is a chance, a risk that we face as humans, that traditional knowledge about conservation might lose its ground from one generation to another. One of our most important challenges for the WCPA, thus, is maintaining the transmission of the conservation culture and practices through generations.
Regions
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS  
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE  
REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: EAST ASIA  
YOSHITAKA KUMAGAI  
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- The main accomplishment of 2017 was to reinforce various activities of Asia Protected Area Partnership (APAP). The partnership has been initiated by Ministry of Environment, Japan and IUCN/ARO since 1st Asia Parks Congress, 2013. I have been serving as co-chair of APAP. APAP has enabled us to strengthen a regional network among government officials who have been involved in protected areas in Asia. We have organized 3rd Technical WS in Bhutan, the first WS outside of Japan. The theme of WS was Human-Wildlife conflict.
- I have visited Taiwan, and met with the minister of Interior, which is the umbrella organization of Department of National Park, to encourage them to take an action toward Green List. As a result, they allocated a sufficient amount of budget to implement Green List in 2018.
- Third attempt was to introduce and encourage Malaysian, Thailand, and Sri Lanka to make a commitment on Green List

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)

Goal 1: Promote Eco-DRR
- Kept working with MoE-J and IUCN Japan Liaison Office
- Expanded network and enhanced collaboration among relevant researchers to accumulate more date and evidences on ecosystem services and disaster risk reduction

Goal 2: Enhance regional collaboration
- Used APAP as a tool to strengthen PA government network in Asia

Goal 3: Promoting Green List in Asia
- Deployed full resources and personal connections to reach out all countries in Asia to introduce Green List

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- Not really

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- Steadily increased, quit few new membership registrations from East Asia especially from China

DELIVERY OF IUCN 2013 – 2016 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME (Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)

- N/A

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications:
- “Geopark and National Park: Challenges and Opportunities”
- “Protected Areas in Asia”

Presentations:
- “Geopark and National Park: Challenges and Opportunities”
- “Protected Areas in Asia”
- “National Parks as a tool to conserve nature, and revitalize rural communities”
- “IUCN and WCPA a significant player in conservation in Asia”
**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
Continuously closely worked with MoE-Japan and Dept. National Park in Taiwan

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- N/A

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*
- N/A

**Funds Utilised in 2015** *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*
- N/A

**Commission Operating Funds Used** *(Indicate total used in 2015 and use financial report for details)*
- N/A

**Funds Raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

MoE-J provided me to conduct a research about governance of protected areas in Asia for three years.

MoE-J provided a Green List committee financial support to discuss a feasibility study of Green List in Japan.

Met and talked with the Minster of Interior in Taiwan to asked to provide a financial support for introducing Green List in Taiwan. The minister allocated a sufficient budget to do so this year.

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration)*

40 days

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

MoE-J provides me to conduct a research about governance of protected areas in Asia for three years.

Toyota foundation provides me a fund to implement a collaborative management in a Karen tribe community within Keang Krachan Forest Complex in boarder between Myanmar and Thailand. I have provided a financial resources IUCN Thailand country office to work on this project.

**Goals and Activities for 2018** *(Indicate draft goals for 2017 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

IUCN WCPA has 3 strategic directions in accordance with the IUCN Quadrennial Programme 2013-2016. Please identify your group’s goals within this framework to demonstrate alignment with specific parts of the IUCN Programme agreed in Jeju. In addition, based on the outcomes of the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia in November 2014, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR REGION OR GROUP’S GOALS HERE.

1. VALUING AND CONSERVING NATURE

**Goal 1: Promote Eco-DRR**
- Promoting Eco-DRR in collaboration with MoE-J and IUCN Asia office
- Expanding network and enhancing collaboration among relevant researchers to accumulate more date and evidences on ecosystem services and disaster risk reduction

2. GOVERNING NATURE’S USE AND SHARING ITS BENEFITS EQUITABLY

**Goal 1: Enhancing collaboration with national government and local NGO/NPO’s**
- Working closely with IUCN Thailand country office to enhance co-management in a Karen tribe community within Keang Krachan Forest Complex in boarder between Thailand and Myanmar

**Goal 2: Enhance regional collaboration**
- Using APAP as a tool to strengthen PA government network in Asia
- Reaching International Alliance on Protected Areas in China somehow!

3. DEPLOYING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES

**Goal 1:**
- Enhance capacity of PA communities in Asia through a series of workshops which have been funded by Keidanren Fund

**Reflections, Suggestions and Recommendations for 2018**
- China’s involvement for WCPA EA is a key for success in East Asia

**Feedback by Commission Chair on Report** *(comments will be sent via email)*
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS

ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR:  IUCN-WCPA (SOUTH-ASIA)

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REPORTING PERIOD:  1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- A range of activities were undertaken to achieve progress against the 3 goals which were identified at the beginning of the year to work upon. Notable among them was the engagement of IUCN-India membership on ‘Implementation of India’s National Biodiversity Targets (NBT)’. Indian National Committee members deliberated to prepare a road map for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, there are four legal categories of Protected Areas (PAs) in India viz. National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves. Currently, there are 769 Protected Areas (103 National Parks, 544 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 76 Conservation Reserves and 46 Community Reserves) covering 1,62,072 km² or 4.93% of the country's geographical area. Aichi Target 11 includes not only formally designated PAs in the above 4 categories but also “Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures” (OECD). In addition to India’s PA network coverage, the Reserved and Managed forests under the State and UT Forest Departments are also contributing towards biodiversity conservation. India’s forest cover as per the latest report of the Forest Survey of India (2017) is 21.54% of the total geographic area of the country.
- Thus India has over 21% of the total geographical area under effective biodiversity conservation, thereby exceeding the 17% figure envisaged in Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 for terrestrial ecosystems.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS  (State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)

Goal 1: Identify key biodiversity areas within and outside protected areas in South Asia and implement targeted conservation actions for better management.

- Many countries in South Asia have initiated the process of identifying key biodiversity areas for targeting conservation action for better management. As Regional Vice Chair, I contributed in the deliberations of IUCN Joint WCPA-SSC Task Force on Key Biodiversity Areas. India has initiated a process of delineating pristine or ‘no go’ areas for development, and the outcomes of the Joint WCPA-SSC Task Force have significantly contributed in shaping the Indian process. Efforts are being made in other countries in South Asia to initiate a similar process.
- Technical support was provided to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India in the preparation of the National Wildlife Action Plan (NWAP) 2017-2030 which provides a connect between NWAP and SDGs. This document was released during the Wildlife Week Celebrations, October 2017.
- Technical support was provided to Assam and Meghalaya State Biodiversity Boards, Governments of Assam and Meghalaya for preparation of State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans. The documents build upon the convergence of various sectoral and thematic strategies of the State’s biodiversity and proposes actions for achieving them.
**Goal 2:** Assess extent and role of biodiversity and natural resources in the lives of local communities living in and around PAs in South Asia and ensure equitable benefit sharing

- In order to assess the role and to quantify the benefits to local communities from ecosystem services, a number of studies have been initiated in India. This is a significant development in the context of institutionalizing the benefit sharing process.

**Goal 3:** Design, develop and implement nature-based solutions to deal with climate change impacts on world natural heritage sites in South Asia

- A workshop for Pilot Testing of MEE Framework for Marine PAs and Coastal and Marine World Heritage Sites was organized in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, India (November, 2017). Objective was to standardize the protocol for the assessment of MEE of MPAs & C&M WHS. 17 participants /PA managers from coastal & marine sites in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh & Maldives attended this workshop.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- Efforts were made to enhance the membership of WCPA in the region. During the reporting period 41 applications were received for WCPA membership, which were carefully reviewed and 28 members from Bangladesh (1), Bhutan (1), Nepal (3) and India(23) were recommended for WCPA membership.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- It is felt that further efforts are needed to expand the WCPA membership in the region taking into account the youth and gender balance. As proposed during the last year, a young faculty in WII, who is familiar with the working of IUCN and WCPA assisted the Regional VC in upscaling the efforts to enhance the membership of WCPA in South Asia. He also represented the Regional VC at the WCPA SC Meeting held at Cartegena, Colombia during March 2017.

**DELIVERY OF IUCN 2013 – 2016 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME** *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- Professional assistance has been provided to the IUCN-India office in the planning and conduct of various activities especially on Sustainable Mining and Green Agriculture.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**


**Presentations:**

The following presentations were made during the 19th ICOMOS General Assembly in New Delhi in 2017:

- A wilderness approach towards enhancing Cultural heritage – A case study of the Apatani cultural landscape in India
- A Cultural landscape governance approach for Kailash Sacred Landscape and heritage routes in the Indian subcontinent

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- A meeting with IUCN-India National Committee membership were organized to review the progress of work in achieving India’s National Biodiversity Targets.
- Culture-Nature Journey at ICOMOS General Assembly, New Delhi (December, 2017). Collaboration with ICOMOS-IUCN was established to take forward the culture-nature journey by co-hosting a thematic session. A plenary session on culture-nature journey with members from UNESCO WHC, IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM, ASI, former Indian Permanent Representative to
UNESCO was also organized.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- Briefings to the local print and visual media in both vernacular and English languages were provided on various aspects of natural resource conservation.
- WCPA South Asia Newsletter (Mountain PAs) that was released during the WCPA RC Meeting at Bangkok, August 2017 was circulated to all South Asia members by email and the next issue (Coastal and Marine Conservation) will be circulated by March 2018

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**
- Technical support for preparation of State of Conservation (SoC) report for Keoladeo National Park Natural World Heritage Site in India.
- Technical assistance was provided to IUCN Evaluation Mission on Queries pertaining to Bhitarkanika Conservation Area’s nomination on World Heritage List.
- Advisory services to State Party of India for 41st Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee meeting, Krakow, Poland (July, 2017)
- Consultative role with IUCN for revision of World Heritage Outlook released in 2017

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017 (Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**

**Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)**
COF were used for participation in the WCPA Steering Committee Meeting held at Cartagena, Colombia, March, 2017.

**Funds Raised (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)**
Efforts were made but these were not successful.

**In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration)**
I have worked more than 20 days in the reporting period on WCPA issues without remuneration.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)**

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**
(Indicate draft goals for 2014 pending approval by Commission Chair)

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4. **VALUING AND CONSERVING NATURE**

**Goal 1:** Identify key biodiversity areas within and outside protected areas in South Asia and implement targeted conservation actions for better management.
- Efforts will be made to identify key corridors and connectivity areas for landscape dependent wild animal species.

5. **GOVERNING NATURE’S USE AND SHARING ITS BENEFITS EQUITABLY**

**Goal 1:** Assess extent and role of biodiversity and natural resources in the lives of local communities living in and around PAs in South Asia and ensure equitable benefit sharing
- Efforts to implement ‘incentive-based’ participatory management of natural resources will be made.

**Goal 2:** Design, develop and implement nature-based solutions to deal with climate change impacts on world natural heritage sites in South Asia
- Projects to identify, assess and value a range of ecosystem services and implement nature-based solutions will be taken up in select world heritage sites.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- A large number of decisions have emerged including stocktaking of the progress of ‘The promise of Sydney’. Efforts will have to be made to implement these recommendations with active
support of IUCN membership. Special efforts will be made to expand the WCPA membership in South Asia and India would host the next WCPA Asia Regional Meeting during 7-9 May 2018 at Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

Revitalizing WCPA in SE Asia has been the main challenge. Many past members did not renew their membership or did not respond. Informal discussions with a few members in Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines were held to try understand what could be done. Thematic areas were identified during the SC Meeting of WCPA Asia. These were: management effectiveness (Green List), Aichi Target 11, and capacity building. However, support to the IUCN Programme was limited to the Green List process in 2 PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)*

- The EAGL Team in Malaysia has been established. Process to establish EAGL Team in Vietnam is still ongoing. As for Green List process in Indonesia, discussions with key stakeholders have been initiated, including potential funding support.
- A focal point for marine issues has been appointed.
- No progress has been made in terms of supporting the update of information on Protected Planet regarding protected areas in the countries.

ORGANIZATION *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- Potential national focal points for Malaysia and the Philippines have been identified, but yet decided as discussion will still needed with the candidates.

MEMBERSHIP *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- Total 72; 7 new members; 2 in application process; 30% are females; 8 young professional.

COMMUNICATION *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

- None in 2017

**Presentations:**

- Participate in the Session 574 Salzburg Global Seminar “The Child in the City: Health, Parks, and Play”, 18-22 March 2017. The Child in the City is the third session of the Parks for the Planet Forum, a platform for transformative leadership and action launched by Salzburg Global Seminar with IUCN to implement the Promise of Sydney and the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Attending meeting of the IUCN President with members of IUCN in Indonesia, Jakarta, 12 May 2017; promote #NatureForAll.
- Represent WCPA (as support group) in the CA|TS Orientation Program, Bogor, 14 - 15 October 2017.
- Attending meeting of International Peatland Restoration Research Alliance, Jakarta, 2 November 2017; discuss potential collaboration for Green List process.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- None in 2017

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- None in 2017
**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

CHF 2,181.98 equivalent

**Funds raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

None

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

About 23 days for meetings and a few days for communication, skype meetings, etc.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

None in 2017

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

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(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

(ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed

(iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced

(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

(i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced

(ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

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OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

This is my first report as the Regional Vice Chair in the Region.

My first task was to introduce myself to the members, and outline WCPA objectives and priorities for the 2017-2020 period. This I did on February 10, 2017. I also updated the regional webpage and started to engage members in various ways in order to increase their participation in WCPA issues and create a more vibrant network. I also spent the first three months re-establishing my networks in the region and creating new ones.

Membership has increased from 101 to 133 in 10 months and we hope to continue to attract new members, particularly in countries where we have no representation. Communication with members was maintained throughout the year, with at least one email update every two months. A newsletter has been established which will be sent out every 4 months. It is the first ever Newsletter in the region.

The effort to establish WCPA Country Focal Points is on-going, and we now have two Regional Deputy RVCS for East Africa and Southern Africa, respectively.

Members have been involved in various activities including participating in regional and country-specific initiatives, and provided with opportunities to participate in consultancies, reviewing documents (e.g. on World Heritage Outlook), and the Green List Programme.

As the RVC, I have consistently reminded members of the need to actively champion the course of WCPA in their respective countries and spheres of influence and there are good signs that this is happening.

A key goal is to establish a strong, committed, motivated and engaged membership in every country.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Increasing membership
- Membership grew from 101 in February 2017 to 133 by December, a 24% increase within 10 months.
- Two Deputy Vice Chairs appointed (one for East and the other for Southern Africa) to assist in promoting WCPA objectives in the region.
- Four Country Focal Points appointed to assist in boosting membership in each country, and help the Commission through the Vice Chair to better understand and respond to protected area issues in each country.

Challenge. Six countries out of 24 have no WCPA representation and twelve have 1-4 members. Half of the entire membership is from two countries: Kenya and South Africa. We will continue to recruit more members with diverse specialization, skills, and competences to help address the increasingly
complex issues and challenges facing protected areas in the region.

**Improving management and governance of protected areas:**

This was done by sending constant reminders to members to use their programmes, positions, networks and influence to promote activities that enhance the relevance of protected areas, improve management effectiveness, achieve the Aichi Targets (particularly Target 11), improve protected area governance, strengthen human capacity, enhance broad collaborations and inspired partnerships, improving funding and strengthen and broaden communication. A few examples of such activities were highlighted in the WCPA Regional Newsletter of December 2017.

**Development of partnerships and networks**

Members were encouraged to promote partnerships and networks as an on-going strategy for promoting the values of protected areas, encouraging professionalism in management of protected areas, sharing best practices and tools, strengthening resource stewardship, encouraging public policies that enhance the sustainability of protected areas and disseminating information to partners.

**Communicating the values and benefits of protected areas**

Members were encouraged to seek opportunities to showcase innovative protected area solutions using local, national, regional and international forums - meetings, workshops, conferences, print and social media outlets, newsletters and professional publications.

Opportunities where members could participate were communicated by the RVC and through various networks.

**Implementing key global commitments**

Efforts were made to encourage, involve and engage members in activities related to the Green List, Aichi Target 11, World Heritage Commission. Several meetings and workshops were held.

**Develop appropriate guidelines to support PAs, with particular emphasis on PPAs and OECMs**

This regional priority is being achieved through the work of the Working Group on Privately Protected Areas that is in the process of developing guidelines on privately protected areas. The RVC participated in the development of these guidelines, and the draft will be available for input by WCPA members in the next few months.

**Establish a Regional Newsletter**

The first ever WCPA Regional Newsletter was released in December, 2017. Comments from members have been very positive. The next issue will be in April, 2018.

**Organize the First African Parks Congress**

Exploratory efforts were made to establish the possibility of holding the first African Parks Congress in the region. All responses have been positive, the only caution being that it would take a lot of effort to make it happen.

**ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)**

The region has been without a RVC for several years and members had developed significant apathy due to lack of leadership. We are currently making efforts to increase membership both numerically and functionally. Having Regional Deputy VCs and Country Focal Points will help reach, recruit and effectively engage more people.

**MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)**

Total Membership – 133; New Members – 32; Renewed 101: Gender - 36 Female; 97 Male; Preferred Language: 122 English; 11 French: Only 11 members self-identify as Young Professionals. Currently, there are no PA non-management staff who are WCPA members

**Areas of expertise**

Biodiversity and PAs -67; Health and Well-being -07; Mountains -14; Science & Management – 15;
Capacity Development - 41; High Seas -01; Natural Solutions -12; Grasslands – 04; Climate Change and PAs – 50; Indigenous, TK and Culture – 31; Nature for All- 10; Tourism and PAs – 59; Connectivity Conservation – 43; Invasive Species -14; OECMs – 28; Transboundary Conservation -

53; Cultural & Spiritual Values – 13; Legislation – 26; Governance – 59; Urban Conservation – 11; Fresh Water – 15; Management Effectiveness – 56; Privately Protected Areas – 41; Wilderness – 23; Geoheritage – 03; Marine – 14; Finance – 29; World Heritage - 31; Green List – 17; Marine Mammals – 07; Protected Land / Seascapes – 33; Others – 18 (these include Access and benefit sharing, Community conservation, Reconciling Conservation and Development, PA Data Informatics, Management of Human Wildlife Conflict, and sustainable use)

COMMUNICATION *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**


- Three papers submitted to PARKS by WCPA Members

**Presentations:**

- Review of OECM Guidelines, Vancouver, Canada (February 2017)
- WCPA Steering Committee Meeting – Cartagena, Colombia (March 2017)
- OECMs in Kenya (Kenya Wildlife Service, June, 2017)
- Privately Protected Area Guidelines Development Workshop - Vilm, Germany (June, 2017)
- Green List Programme – WIOMSA Conference, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania (October, 2017)
- World Heritage Panel – Gland (December 2017)

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

Held consultative sessions with
- leaders of Privately Protected Areas in Kenya
- leaders of community conserved areas
- government, academia and ENGO communities
- protected area practitioners
- conservation colleagues

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Co-editor of PARKS
- Compiled the first regional newsletter
- Updated the WCPA ESA Regional Webpage
- In the process of creating a regional Facebook Page

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**

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None. I will start in earnest this year

**In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)**

I work full time on WCPA issues. I only took time off in August 2017. My responsibilities include;

i) RVC
   ii) Member of the Green List Management Committee
   iii) Member of Kenyan Green List EAGL
   iv) Co-editor of the PARKS Journal
   v) World Heritage

I have also been involved in the activities related to

(i) OECMs
   (ii) Capacity Building Group
   (iii) Beyond the Aichi Target Task Force
   (iv) Privately Protected Areas and Nature Stewardship

**Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)**

None. I would like to carry out an assessment to establish the percentage of PAs in Kenya that fully satisfy the qualitative aspects of Aichi Target 11.

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**Goal 1: Preparations for hosting the first African Parks Congress**

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**Goal 2: Increase membership by at least 25%, with representation in at least 90% of the countries**

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**Goal 3: Promote the implementation of Aichi Target 11 and Green List Standards in both terrestrial and marine PAs**

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**Goal 4: Promote the implementation of OECM guidelines as a way of creating space for nature particularly in community conserved areas and privately protected areas**

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**Goal 5: Promote effective management and quality governance in PAs**

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**Goal 6: Promote PAs as nature-based solutions to address societal challenges**

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- **Membership:** Some members have the wrong perception of volunteerism, WCPA and IUCN. Below is a response I got from a member whom I had requested to consider being the WCPA Focal Point for his country. My request was based on the fact that he had indicated in his membership application form that he would be interested in performing that specific role.

  “Many thanks. Unfortunately I cannot take on this task. This is primarily because of many other senior responsibilities but also because there is no support of any kind for such a post either from IUCN/WCPA or in the country. I don’t see the value-added for my work and how it would help me or my organisation. Regrettably, I can’t suggest a replacement as I don’t know who are the active WCPA members in Seychelles. There isn’t an IUCN national committee so even IUCN members don’t get together”.

  He copied his response to other members. Surprisingly, no member showed any concern, and only 3 of those I had identified responded.

- **Regional IUCN Office:**
  i) Can the RO play a role in connecting members of IUCN commissions in the region as part of the ONE Programme Approach? We never get to meet or even know each other even when opportunities present themselves.
  ii) As a matter of courtesy, WCPA Thematic or Specialist Group members carrying out an activity in a region should inform the Regional Office. We had a situation where somebody from outside Africa was working with NGOs here without the knowledge of the RO. Again, there is the need to emphasize the One Programme Approach.

- **Green List**
  The uptake of this flagship programme in the region is low, and enthusiasm below average. A strategy for effective implementation required.

  Volunteerism in a culture entrenched in (donor) dependence may need to be fanned. Perceptions that IUCN has tons of money should be addressed.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

(Please delete those not applicable below)

REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: NORTH AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST AND WEST ASIA

IMEN MELIANE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (Insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- In 2017, WCPA work in the region focused on getting closer to membership and PA Agency, I visited and met with Pa agency leads in 4 countries: Oman, UAE, Jordan and Morocco, in addition to Tunisia. Also I have encouraged PA agencies staff to join WCPA. With regard to communicating with members, I started a new google group with WCPA members in the region, and we also formed a new facebook page for members to exchange news, activities, etc.
- We made progress on advancing The Green List in the region. Following a workshop in Jordan in 2016, we are finalizing call of interest to establish an EAGL for the West Asia region. Together with Med Centre we organized a workshop on GL in North Africa and connected with experiences from the French Nat Committee and IUCN West Africa Programme. The workshop outlines a strategy for advancing the GL that will be implemented in 2018. Also discussing with the French Nat Committee, establishing a francophone GL network.
- Capacity building is a key priority in the region, reached out to SG on capacity development and in collaboration w the IUCN Med office, we are undertaking a capacity needs assessment in PA for the 5 countries in North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia)
- We secured support from the Abu Dhabi env Agency to produce a publication on PA in the Arab region to be launched at the upcoming CBD COP. Work has started on preparing the publication

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- Visited and discussed with 4 countries PA agencies
- Started process of establishing EAGL in West Asia
- Hosted a workshop to outline GL strategy for North Africa
- Started preparation of a new publication on PA in the Arab region to be launched at the CBD COP
- Commissioned new communication products on value of PA in North Africa
- Recruited youth leads in the region

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- NA

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- Recruited more PA agency staff and leads.
- Recruited 2 youth leads that will be focusing on engaging young professional and youth in the region

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications:
New publication in prep on the successes of PA in the Arab region

**Presentations:**
- presentation on MPAs- Barcelona Convention
- presentation on GL of PAs (north Africa workshop)

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- new comm products commissioned on valuing PA in North Africa

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

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**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*
- 60 days work by VC
- secured in kind contribution from the Abu Dhabi Agency to support publication

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

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GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
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Goal 1:
- Finalise capacity needs assessment and develop capacity building strategy for PAs in North Africa

Goal 2:
- New publication on PA in the Arab Region launched at the CBD COP

Goal 3:
- EAGL established for North Africa and West Asia

Goal 4:
- Recruiting quality members and empowering Your leads

Goal 5:
- Improving communication on the contribution of PAs to SDGs in the region

Goal 6:
- Strong presence and contribution form the region in the next CBD

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

- FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Highlights of this year were innovations in four main aspects: the facilitation structure, the national organization, the communication of the network and the engagement of young professionals.

a) Two deputy vice-chairs were nominated and have actively worked with the RVC to help relaunch the dynamics within the group. This has clearly improved networking within and among the central and the West African subregion.

b) Another highlight was the organization of national WCPA members meetings, starting with those that have the largest members groups. Four countries have already held their meetings (Benin, Cameroon, Nigeria and Congo DR). Other meetings are being prepared in Senegal, Mauritania, Côte d’Ivoire. Those meetings allowed the members to define their priorities for 2018 and also led to the nomination of new national focal points.

c) Third highlight was the huge improvement in terms of communications on the commission and on PAs, with two communication tools: a regional newsletter, in French and English, that will be published quarterly and an information brochure on WCPA in West and Central Africa, also in both languages.

d) Engaging the young professionals effectively has been identified as one of our priorities. Junior national focal points (along with a senior FP) have been nominated in the countries during the national meetings and the regional newsletter will have a young professional section to allow YP publicize their activities and contibute to the different topics.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

✓ Promoting and supporting the Green List of Protected Areas. This included, in close collaboration with PAPACO and the regional PACO secretariat, supporting the identification and validation of members of the national experts assessment groups in Côte d’Ivoire, where two protected areas have been officially designated as candidates. The group also includes WCPA members from the region. Discussions are ongoing with three other countries – Gabon, Burkina Faso & Nigeria.

✓ WCPA members have contributed to different activities aiming at improving and extending Pas network in different countries, including:
- advocacy and support to the establishment of MPAs, management effectiveness assessment,
- defining management measures for sites meeting EBSAs criteria in West and Central Africa,
- elaboration of training tools guidelines on marine EBSAs...

✓ WCPA members were actively involved and have contributed to capacity-building and training sessions for PAs managers (field staffs and institutional level) and researchers on
CBD e-learning modules ([www.conservationtraining.org](http://www.conservationtraining.org)) in several countries, including in Sierra Leone and Mauritania;

- WCPA members contributed to the state of WH sites and to the WH outlook.
- Kenton Miller

**ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)**

- Two deputies were appointed to help reinforce networking in the region: Florence Palla from Cameroon and Mallé Diagana from Mauritania. Their appointment and the establishment of this regional facilitation team has been very useful: their engagement was key in the new dynamics that is developing among the members in the region and that is leading to better profiling WCPA in the region and the countries.

- We have started a process of organizing national meetings and strengthening national WCPA groups in several countries, starting with those that have the larger members groups (Benin, Cameroon, Nigeria, DR Congo). Those meetings allowed the members to define their priorities for 2018 and also led to the establishment of national commission and the nomination of new national focal points, including junior focal points. Other meetings are being prepared in Senegal, Mauritania, Côte d’Ivoire.

- The nominated regional focal point for WCPA young professionals has been actively collaborating with the RVC and the regional facilitation team.

**MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)**

- New members were recruited from different sectors, although the renewal process took very long. The number of WCPA members as of January 2017 was 95. In January 2018 we registered 137 members, including 32 new applications. Some countries are missing: the very difficult political situation in Mali and Tchad does not facilitate communication. Active efforts are needed to get members from Liberia and Sierra Leone. A new country is now represented: Cabo Verde

**COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)**

**Publications:**

WCPA members were involved in or contributed to several publications:

- A study on MPAs management effectiveness assessment practices and their impacts in some West African countries (« Etude sur les pratiques d’évaluation de l’efficacité de gestion des aires marines protégées et leurs portées/impacts sur les sites concernés dans les pays couverts par le PRCM »)
- A guide for capacity building on EBSA processes (« Guide de renforcement des capacités sur le processus EBSAs », in collaboration with the Abidjan convention)
- The preparation of the next edition of the Statuts of protected areas in Central Africa (“Etat des Aires Protégées (EdAP) d’Afrique centrale”)

**Presentations:**

Mallé Diagana “EBSAs Process in West Africa”. **CBD Expert Workshop to Develop Options for Modifying the Description of EBSAs. Berlin, December 2017**

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- An attractive and informative brochure on WCPA in West and Central Africa was developed in French and English, to allow the members have a good communication tool that will allow them advocate for the commission in their countries and beyond and also that can be used for mobilizing new members

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- The regional WCPA newsletter was developed, to improve communication not only on the members activities but also on protected areas and biodiversity work in the countries and
beyond. The newsletter will be published quarterly, in French and English and will have a young professional section.

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- Last assignment as World Heritage panel member

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**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

- Around 20 days

The two members of the regional facilitation team have in my view worked at least half of that each.

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Goal 2: Increased communication on the value of PAs and OECMs

- Contribute with case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors
- Increased communication on PAs value and advocacy for increased public and private investment
- WCPA members will organize or contribute to national, regional and international activities, including the dissemination of factsheets on PAs values, advocacy for the inclusion of the PAs and OECMs in relevant sectorial policies, organization of information and training sessions on fundraising and proposal development, debates in local national languages on protected areas values.

Goal 3: Promoting and supporting the Green List of Protected Areas

WCPA members will actively engage in promoting the Green List at national and regional level, including:

- The establishment of an experts regional working group on the Green List, with a roadmap to 2020
- Support to Côte d’Ivoire for the finalization of the application process, proceed with the process in Gabon and Burkina Faso and launch process in Nigeria.
- There is also interest in launching a similar process at the networks level and to start discussions within the WA MPA network.

Goal 4: Promote World Heritage Convention and support enhancement of WH sites protection and performance

- Greater efforts to engage WCPA members in World Heritage activities, including desk...
reviews field missions

**Goal 5: Further strengthen WCPA members networking at national and regional level and contribute to exchanges with other other commissions and regions**

- Ensure WCPA regional newsletter is published regularly and with active contribution of members, including young professionals
- Continue support to the organization of national WCPA members meeting and identification of national priorities in line with WCPA mandate
- Actively promote engagement of WCPA members from the region in the relevant SG and TF
- Promote networking opportunities among members and national focal points, eg by taking advantage of regional and international meetings
- Support participation and active contribution of WCPA members to SBSTTA and COP meetings in 2018.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- We need to encourage and facilitate contribution of WCPA members in the TF and SG that are working on issues relevant to the countries/region. Also collaboration among WCPA and IUCN other commissions at the country level cold be beneficial.
- It is important to showcase even more the link and the synergies between WCPA mandate to other environmental conventions and global goals. So, the work on nature-based solutions involving PAs is very relevant and should make sure we get as many contributions from the different countries as possible.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)**
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: NORTH AMERICA REGION

TASK FORCE: #NATUREFORALL
MICHAEL WONG

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

The WCPA-North America Region has identified the following priorities for 2017;

- amplifying the conservation, social and economic, and cultural benefits of protected areas, including the importance of reaching the CBD Aichi targets, specifically the qualitative and quantitative aspects of target 11;
- connecting people to nature through protected areas;
- endorsing protected areas as natural solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Efforts to develop and implement strategies and plans and to address the above priorities have been ongoing, and best practices and lessons learned are being shared through new and existing networks in North America and beyond.

Some of the WCPA related activities that I partook in during 2017 include;

- Participated in Canadian Parks Conference in Banff, with participants from federal, provincial, territorial and regional/municipal governments and interested stakeholders, to contribute to a new national vision of parks for all, by reinforcing the contemporary significance of national/provincial/territorial parks, protected areas, open spaces and public places for future generations. [https://www.cpra.ca/parks-for-all/](https://www.cpra.ca/parks-for-all/)
- Engaged, as a Steering Committee member and participant in the IMPAC4 Congress in La Serena, Chile as well as the High Level Ministerial meeting in Vinas del Mar, Chile.
- Provided advice to the continuing development of the #NatureForAll movement in Canada, USA, and in various conferences in 2017
- Updating WCPA – NA members list and recruitment of new active members, particularly young and mid-career professionals.
- Communicating information to the WCPA- NA network and making connection of WCPA business to traditional (National Committee of the IUCN; George Wright Society) as well as non-traditional partners (including indigenous partners; health sector; youth groups)

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- The greater political and public focus on the CBD Aichi targets has opened opportunities to broaden the discussion with governments on the development of national strategies for attaining them.
- Expressly greater emphasis has been placed on the challenges of reaching the 10% for Marine Protected Areas, with new or expanded MPAs being announced by the USA at the WCC and by Mexico at the CBD COP in 2016. Canada was the focus in 2017.
  - While progress has been made on moving towards the quantitative part of Aichi target 11, much more attention needs to be paid toward the ‘effectively and equitably managed’ part of the target. The October 2017 announcement by the Mexican government to create a new marine reserve in the Pacific Ocean, the largest protected area of its kind in North America, is a positive step in this direction.

- The launch of the #NatureForAll campaign at the 2016 WCC has further expanded efforts to engage new partnerships to connect people to nature, with emphasis on parks and protected areas, health and well-being, urban populations, indigenous and local communities, as well as children and youth. The collaboration of partners under the #NatureForAll Canada umbrella is a positive step forward for the #NFA movement. [http://natureforall.global/natureforall-canada/](http://natureforall.global/natureforall-canada/)


**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- To more effectively address the WCPA-NA region’s priorities, there is a continuing need for raising public awareness of governments’ commitments, nationally or internationally, to protected areas, climate change and nature conservation, and to rally the IUCN membership to be more vocal in government actions (or inactions) in the next two years (leading up to 2020). The National Committees of the IUCN in Canada and Mexico are well coordinated to move forward on this effort. The newly established US National Committee will need to be engaged.


- I think the WCPA needs to be more vocal in communicating with governments on their progress or regression in protected area establishment and management, both positively as well as critically where appropriate.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- The renewal of the WCPA membership for the next quadrennial will be an opportunity to delist some of the non-active members, and grow a larger segment of young and mid-career professionals - creating a more active and productive network.

- By requesting new members to identify specific areas where they can contribute to the Commission’s priorities will allow the Vice and Thematic Chairs to better align the membership’s interests and to harness new energies.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

- Members have also been asked to submit reports to PARKS, Protected Planet and Panorama, and other IUCN newsletters. This has resulted in a slight increase in the number of published stories. Examples of best practices from key partners were also submitted to the #NatureForAll web page.
Presentations:

- Promise of Sydney presentations at the Canadian Parks Conference, the Canadian Committee of the IUCN, and other similar fora.

Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- A newsletter for WCPA- North America region was produced in December 2017 to better inform and engage the membership, especially new members.
- An article on Indigenous Protected Area was jointly written with ICCA and submitted for publication in Protecting the Planet.
- Several letter were written to the Ministers of Environment and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada to encourage their progress towards the Aichi target 11 and alignment with IUCN policies and resolutions.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Use of new media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Youtube were increasingly used to share information and best practices on protected areas.
- Participated in the IMPAC4 video as well as a World Heritage Site video.

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

- Vice Chair, WCPA – North America Region
- Steering Committee of IMPAC4

Funds Utilised in 2016 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2016 for WCPA activities)

All the allocated COF funds were used for WCPA activities, with additional travel and accommodation support from personal sources. Financial Report was submitted separately.

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2016)

60

Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)

Proposals from new and existing #NFA partners are being developed for 2017-2018.

Goals and Activities for 2018

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2017 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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**GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**
*(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**Goal 1:**
- Collaborate with state members from Canada, USA, and Mexico to ensure that “Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11”

**Goal 2:**
- As follow up to IMPAC4, participate in MPA activities, such as Global Standards for MPAs, and work with North America WCPA members to ensure “Marine protection towards achieving all aspects of Aichi Target 11 is accelerated”

**Goal 3:**
- Work with Canada and Mexico, and unofficially as a non-Party to the CBD, the USA, “to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity”

**Goal 4:**
- Review the progress on the development of “Criteria for the identification of OECMs” and the “Post 2020 Targets” and collaborate with interested Indigenous partners to implement emerging Indigenous Protected and Conserve Areas frameworks into these initiatives.

**Goal 5:**
- Working with new and existing partners of #NatureForAll to ensure “the value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people”

**Goal 6:**
- Lead the development of a WCPA Communications Strategy with the ad hoc committee as part of the IUCN 70th anniversary and WCPA 60th anniversary.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- The changing political climate in North America will no doubt have a significant impact on nature conservation in general, and protected areas, more specifically, in 2018 and beyond. As a Commission, and even at senior levels of the IUCN, we will need to play a more vocal advocacy role to support IUCN members and organizations and their mandates this year.

- Canada’s Pathway to Target 1 will allow the WCPA to play a more noteworthy leadership role in moving this initiative forward by working with governments, indigenous partners and NGOs. The Commission is well situated to provide knowledge and expertise, policy advice, best practices,
and communications material, to help the country achieve its international commitment, and should take advantage of this prospect.

- In 2018, there will be potential opportunities to pilot test the emerging models for indigenous protected and conservation areas being developed in Canada and Mexico for alignment with Aichi target 11’s PA and OECM guidance.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

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REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN

ALLAN VALVERDE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- During the last 9 months the Central American Vicechair was focus on establish dialogue with the regional membership trying to capture their feelings about de WCPA and how can give work as a team. I already take contact with individually with 20% of Central American and the Caribbean members and I send 5 communications to all the members.
- As part of the Capacity Development Group and representing the region, we worked in the consolidation of a technical group for strengthen capacities for RedParques Countries. This group includes a RedParques member, a representative of the ZicoSur Region, a member of IUCN South and a specialist on capacity development.
- As a local vice chair I supported initiatives that are trying to evaluate the conditions that ranger has for improve the management, also sharing information about who are key actors in different topics, and how the technology is using in protected areas, etc.
- At last, with Norte America vicechair we start the creation of short course focus on WCPA and IUCN work, as a medium of integrate more members to our region.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Global result 1: I proposed to Organize a joint symposium with CEM Mesoamerica focused on the Red List of Ecosystem and the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas to highlight its importance for the region. There was no possible for me to development this topic with CEM Mesoamerica basically because the representative for CEM quit to his position. I’m taking new contacts with CEM.

Global result 1: My compromise was to Design a free course based on IUCN programme, Sustainable Development Goals, the agreement of Paris, and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Strategic Plan 2011–2020, to communicate their importance for conserving nature, and to promote the integration of new WCPA members in the region. This topic has been development with Andrew Rhodes (part of the North American membership), the bases of the courses was discussed and agreed. The construction of the course will be finish on the first semester of the 2018 and launch at the end of the year.

Global result 1: I assumed the task of Develop three virtual communication to promote “#Natureforall” in the region, in order to connect people and nature and share our success stories with the World. In this case I have repost or share almost 20 natureforall communications especially linked with wetlands and the ones develop by Colombia National Parks.

Global results 3: I planned to start a process of documentation on the state of the art of nature-based solutions in Central America. For doing this I made a visit to La Amistad International Park (Panamá and Costa Rica Biosphere Reserve) in the site I had meetings with rangers, local people and different experts. We talk about the governance of the area and the need to integrate nature...
solutions in management issues. The next steps will be create a link with protected areas national authorities of Central America though ORMA or SICA (Central America Integration System).

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

The only change on organizational aspects are that the Caribbean region was merge with the Central American region.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

The number of members of the region is still too low, that’s why I start to work in the course based on IUCN and WCPA interested topics. The was just 2 new members for the region during 2017. The group is forming by 32 men and 17 women. There also 3 young professionals in our membership.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**


**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- **Assignments to media, website, newsletter**

- **ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

  - **N/A**

**Funds Utilised in 2017** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

3.369.89 CHF

**Funds raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

N/A

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

32 days

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

none

**Goals and Activities for 2018**

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

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| (ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied | |

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources**

| (i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed | X |
| (ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted | |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:**

| (i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced | |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

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**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges**

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

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**GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

*Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair*

**Goal 1:**

Finish and launch free course based on the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme and others WCPA topic of interest.

**Goal 2:**

Establish contact with all protected areas national authorities of Central America for get information about the application of nature base solutions in the region.

**Goal 3:**

Promote an exchange of experiences between representatives of areas designated as green list and representatives of protected areas of the region interested on this issue. (Almost one activity)

**Goal 4:**

Develop a capacity building proposal for RedParques countries aligned with WCPA’s Strategic Framework for Capacity Development plan to be present on 3rd Latin American Protected Areas, in Lima, 2019.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

The role of this vicechair during the first 9 months includes the coordination with other SG and TF specially related with Capacity Development, Natural Heritage, and WDPA. Our region is interested in topics related with private protected areas, so I hope to make things for support that and also work with other colleagues specially with YP and #NatureforAll responsibilities. I think is important to establish a space on the reports format to share another activities no related with the goals itself but are administrative things were you spent time and efforts representing WCPA.

For example participations on events as the “XI Convención Internacional sobre Desarrollo y Medio
Ambiente in Cuba” or meeting with key actors as the Private Protected Areas Network of the region. Thank you

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

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PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

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WCPA in Europe is not organized on thematic or regional approach, but rather based on direct communication and engagement of WCPA membership through country focal points, national WCPA Forums and direct communication with RVC. WCPA country FP are very active in approx. 20 European countries. There is regular communication between WCPA RVC and those FP: in dissemination of information, focused collection of feedback information to various WCPA and other conservation initiatives where national expertise is sought and specific country PA issues.

WCPA had contacts and cooperated with governmental and NGO organisations, individual members, international institutions and IUCN bodies. Examples (2017) include:

- continuation of work on protected area legislation and standards for sites and systems in the Slovak Republic, Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, Montenegro, ...

- support in organization of the EUROPARC/IUCN meeting in Slovenia, Center for PA management/Colorado on tourism course, WILD initiative, promotion of the work of WCPA TF and WGs, cooperation with IUCN Brussels and GPAP for the World PA Leadership Forum, IUCN WH Programme, ...

- RVC has been appointed as PA solution reviewer for the PANORAMA platform. RVC, together with IUCN GPAP Director, is a member the Advisory Board of the International Nature Conservation Academy, BfN, Isle of Vilm, Germany. RVC is also member of the WCPA ExCo and a member of the ad-hoc group on World Heritage Outlook 2.

The national informal platform of WCPA members has been established in Austria and met twice (with presence of the RVC): discussion on key PA issues in the country, promotion of the IUCN and
**WCPA initiatives, such as the Green List...** This approach proved to be very successful, both in delivering the conservation goals and also in raising profile of the IUCN WCPA.

**Advisory services is one of the generic functions of the WCPA and it is proved to be very successful.**

- Supporting conservation initiatives to ensure balanced geographical and ecological coverage and representation of biomes and ecosystems in PA systems (including Key Biodiversity Areas, geo-heritage and marine areas)

Promotion of the KBA approach was established through provision of information to the members, the work on geo-heritage was supported by promoting the work of the IUCN WCPA Caves / Karst group, RVC attended the Med PAN meeting on marine PAs in Izola...).

This activity could be noted as moderate success. Opportunities for improvement include definition of more concrete actions and activities where WCPA members could directly be involved.

Contacts/provision of support to individual members and experts and NGO's, seeking support for the PA initiatives (examples: PA finances project in Greece, Vjoša River/River Watch, PA system planning in Georgia, Putting the Nature on Map project in Denmark, Bialowieza forest in Poland, Biosphere reserves project in Germany, WCPA Europe expert support for ecotourism in PAs in Russia, PA management planning in Slovakia, EBRD and HP development in FYRoM, advice on PA standards in Turkey, moderation of the process between the Slovak authorities and WH Centre about management of the WH properties in beech forests in Slovakia...).

Identification of experts for specific tasks and participation in ongoing and new initiatives is also one of the core actions and activities of WCPA and it is considered as successful.

- Emphasizing connectivity opportunities through transboundary and wilderness areas and green corridors (including restoration efforts)

In 2017, WCPA Europe was engaged in two initiatives on wilderness; workshop on wilderness definition and its protection in Central and Eastern Europe and its protection (Prague) and meeting on wilderness and forests, organized by Wild Europe (EC, Brussels).

**Goal 2: Contributing to the development of capacities for effective management of protected areas and systems**

- Improving PA management performance by promotion the implementation of the IUCN Green List assessments and support efforts to expand the IUCN PA Green List for use in evaluation of the management effectiveness of Natura 2000 sites

Members of the WCPA, including the RVC, are taking part as experts in the IUCN lead LIFE project on adaptation of the Green List criteria for Natura 2000 sites. Several promotional activities for GLPCA have been undertaken, including presentations in different countries and occasions and seeking potential partners and experts to join the initiative. RVC gave presentations on GLPCA in Austria and Montenegro. Leading role for this process is entrusted to IUCN offices, while WCPA provides supportive and promotinal activities.

- Supporting development of centres of excellence in PA training and education

Establishment of the WCPA supported European Parks Academy (EPA) in Klagenfurt Austria and
design and implementation of the two-week training modules (on governance and on finances), with WCPA members and experts as teh key lecturers was one of the main activities of WCPA (and RVC) in 2017. EPA has been a major success, attended by some 15 dedicated PA professionals from Europe and other continents. RVC is one of the two directors of the training programme. More: https://e-c-o.at/epa-en.html

EPA will be continued in 2018, perhaps also outside Europe (preparation for the EPA South America are already underway).

*Participating in the process of developing the competencies and measuring tools for assessing performance of the PA professionals, based on WCPA standards

WCPA Europe was actively engaged in implementation of the WCPA TF lead project on Global PA Staff / Job Title by contribution to the development of the initiative, its promotion and collection of the data on the national level through WCPA FPs and country members.

*Ensuring effective flow of information to the WCPA members using various communication tools and participation at international and other meetings

This activity could be subdivided into process of recruitment of new WCPA members and communication with existing members and provision of information.

By the end of the year 2017, there were 576 WCPA members in Europe. Extensive campaigning resulted in getting members in the countries where the representation was lower before (the Balkans, Cyprus, Turkey...). Cooperation with the membership unit in Gland is excellent and after the delay due to the process of membership renewal, the current activities on membership applications are running smoothly. The role of country WCPA Europe FPs has to be highlighted in seeking new members.

WCPA Europe e-newsletter has been produced regularly and distributed to the members. This newsletter is a complementary information tool to the IUCN GPAP newsletter and contains mainly just information of particular relevance for European members.

**Goal 3: Enabling support to the international PA instruments and promote synergies between protected and conserved areas & international designations**

*Generating support to the work of the IUCN WH Programme in monitoring, assessment and evaluation of WH Sites

Cooperation between WCAP Europe and IUCN World Heritage and World Heritage Center is very extensive. It includes identification of potential experts for the WH evaluation and missions, participation in the process of the preparation of the WH Outlook, cooperation with some state parties to the WH Convention, supporting the process of the next (last) extension of the Beech Forests nomination to the last remaining potential sites in Europe (Switzerland, Poland, Sweden, the Balkan countries...).

The majority of the WH related WCPA work in Europe in 2017 was focused on the process of submission and approval of the biggest serial natural WH site: 12 countries are present in the serial WH property of the Ancient Beech Forests; the nomination was approved at the UNESCO WHC yearly meeting in Krakow, Poland. This is now one of the biggest PA initiatives in Europe, comprising 77 strictly protected forest areas in Europe, which committed themselves to adopt common IUCN standards for management of wilderness and strict nature reserve areas. IUCN WCPA was all the
time involved in the process through provision of the expertise of its membership. The process is now shifting into the coordination of appropriate management and setting binding commitments of the governments to achieve WH and IUCN PA standards.

RVC is a member of the WH Policy Compendium Expert Group which is working on compilation of the WH related policies and their inclusion into a WH Policy Compendium.

● Assessing contribution of internationally designated sites to the EU biodiversity policy by improving communication and harmonization in reporting

It was envisaged that this activity will be a part of the training seminar in Klagenfurt (EPA) in 2017. However, due to the urgency of other training issues, such as governance models, IUCN GLPCA and PA finances, the topic was shifted to be part of the EPA programme in 2018.

2. GOVERNING NATURE’S USE AND SHARING ITS BENEFITS EQUITABLY

Goal 1: Management of protected areas support biodiversity conservation and respect human communities

● Promoting public-private partnerships and co-management models for protected areas and Natura 2000 sites

WCPA experts were invited to take part in the project lead by the Scottish University in which the role of the local communities was explored. The project resulted in the article on developing learning landscapes partnerships for protected areas which will soon be published in PARKS Journal. RVC also participated in the project.

Goal 2: Conservation goals in protected areas allows for the economic and social development of the local communities, social, youth and gender groups and stakeholders

● Leading the IUCN WCPA initiative “Humanity on the Move” on inclusion of refugees and marginal social groups in the life cycle of protected areas

Together with the training initiative EPA and work with the World Heritage, the initiative »Humanity on the Move« was the most important component of the WCPA Europe work in 2017, thanks to the generous support of the Austrian Ministry. Several WCPA members were engaged already in the process of the preparation of the background information and compilation of the »state-of-the-art« report. Relevant players, including several national protected area and social departments from more than 10 countries, and representatives of the international NGOs and institutions were invited to the workshop in March 2017 in Illmitz, Austria to discuss the need for further development of this initiative. More on the outcomes (and presentations), click here: https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/0BzECDMSTOGJJWmZuTXRvazFnSHc

The workshop was attended by approx. 25 participants and organised by RVC and Neusiedler See National Park.

Public opinion and consequently also political interest for the topic in Austria has changed recently and less support is detected to the issue of human migration. WCPA is currently seeking for potential additional financial sources and a coordinator who will be able to finalise the project proposal for submission to the major donors. Preliminary contacts are established in Finland and Germany.
3. DEPLOYING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES

**Goal 1: Promote understanding of the importance of protected areas for safeguarding the planet**

- Promoting the #NatureForAll concepts in European protected areas and ensuring “Nature-based Solutions” are part of all key protected area policies and PA plans

  The intention of the activities within the conceptual frameworks #NatureForAll and “Nature-based Solutions” in the WCPA European programme is their promotion and inclusion into the protected area life. The reflection gained as a feedback from presentation at various forums is that WCAP members, and especially PA agencies and organizations are asking for a concrete guidelines on the implementation of the above two concepts through definition of projects or activities. Rather comprehensive information is available on the concept’s foundations and messages, less guidance is available on how parks and agencies could directly get involved.

### ORGANIZATION *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- The concept of national WCPA Focal points has been established and proved to be effective. More FP to be appointed this year.

### MEMBERSHIP *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- The total number of members has already reached the numbers as before the WCC. More experts from countries that were previously not well represented are included. More effective cooperation is needed with YPs.

### COMMUNICATION *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**


- McKee, A., Sovinc, A., others: ‘Developing Learning Landscape Partnerships: Why and how to work with protected area managers’. Submitted to PARKS

**Presentations:**

- European Parks Academy, Klagenfurt, July 2017: presentations on IUCN WCPA mission and programme, IUCN GLPCA, IUCN PA standards
- Ministry of Environment, Podgorica, Montenegro, May 2017: presentation on the IUCN WCPA programme and GLPCA
- Hainburg, Austria: presentation of the IUCN PA standards for European Beech Forests WH serial site country representatives, October 2017

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- WCPA European e-newsletter, regular issues, bi-monthly

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter


### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- World Heritage Policy Compendium Working Group – member of the group
- Slovakia – support in the preparation of the management plan for the WH sites

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017 *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

- 7,058,90 CHF

**Funds raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

- 49,500 CHF (Austrian Ministry)
**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

37 days of travel (meetings, presentations, preparations and reporting) plus equivalent of 22 working days. Total: 59 work-days. (Project Humanity on the Move not included here as it was paid work).

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

Development of the Humanity on the Move funding proposal for a tender with up to 400.000 EUR, but not yet secured.

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

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### GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
*(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

#### Goal 1: Strengthening systematic conservation planning
- Advisory service to GO and NGOs on PA standards for sites, networks and PA systems
- Appointment of the WCPA national Focal Points in 30 European countries
- Contribution to various events / initiatives on PA and Natura 2000 issues
- Continuation of the process of adoption of IUCN GLPCA standards for Natura sites
- Supporting various conservation initiatives
- Continuation of the information flow and exchange between the IUCN and WCPA membership and work with media to promote understanding of different PA initiatives and concepts, including #NatureForAll and "Nature-based Solutions"
- Working with partners to provide information for the Protected Planet and World Database on Protected Areas

#### Goal 2: Supporting design and implementation of PA networks in Europe
- Emphasizing connectivity opportunities, especially through development of the concepts for transboundary cooperation and wilderness protection

#### Goal 3: Contributing to capacity development for effective management of PAs and systems
- Promotion of the IUCN GLPCA concept and support in establishing the national IUCN GLPCA national bodies in at least 5 countries
- European Parks Academy – centre of excellence on PA management / co-organisation and implementation of the 2 weeks module WCPA supported training course for at least 15 participants
- Supporting expansion of the European Parks Academy concept into other WCPA regions
- Seeking support to the WCPA lead initiative on PA competences and jobs
- Support to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity / Aichi target 11 by provision of professional capacities and expertise and explanation of the IUCN PA standards

#### Goal 4: Contributing to effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention
- Provision of support to the World Heritage Centre and IUCN WH programme in the process of evaluation and monitoring of the WH sites
- Involvement in the work of the IUCN World Heritage Outlook working group
- Supporting the process of management and reporting for the biggest WH network of sites (12 countries) in the serial nomination of the “beech Forests of Europe”

#### Goal 5: Supporting the variety of the governance assessment approaches for PA systems
- Promotion of different PA governance models and expert support in assessments

#### Goal 6: Promoting understanding of the protected areas for the vitality of the Planet
- Further development and seeking of funders for the “Humanity on the Move” project on migrants and protected areas in Europe

### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018
- Urgent need to raise standards of conservation in different categories of PAs, especially in national parks across Europe to prevent numerous false decisions, especially in tourism and infrastructure development.
- Prepare for post-2020 CBD period, including with the EU Biodiversity Strategy post-2020
- UNDP-WCMC to provide guidelines on how to engage membership in provision of adequate and comprehensive information for Protected Planned / WDPA, including both national protected areas and Natura sites and all the categories of data requested.
- Consider the possibilities how involve members in concrete activities where WCPA would have a coordination role (example: Global PA staff and Job Titles project, other projects where members could contribute (reviews, comments...))
- Bridge the gap between theory and new initiatives on paper and their implementation in practice.
- Need to organize another WCPA membership conference (like “Little Sydney”) to address certain
issues, especially in the light of new international and EU commitments after 2020 and PA standards?

| FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email) |
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- One of the highlights of the year was participation in the International Forum “Protected Areas: Hundred Years of Nature Conservation” in Sochi, Russia. During the forum meeting of the members of WCPA in Russia was organized, due to the lack of time a 4 year plan was not established, but after the meeting with Boris Erg, main focus areas were determined.
- Also in 2017 contracts with the newly established Analytical Center for support of Protected Areas were established and hopefully in 2018 this cooperation will develop.
- As the representative of WCPA I was invited to take part in the panel discussion about tourism development in the Arctic with in Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland. On the side of the conference lots of interesting discussions and meetings took place. Some useful contacts with the representatives of different institutions were established.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- Number of WCPA members in the region is 45. Members represent Governments, Ngo’s, Academia, National Parks, Nature Reserves. The membership database is being updated. New members from Armenia and Kazakhstan were recruited.
- International Youth Forum “Friends of Protected Areas” was held in Kazan, Russian in November 2017
- International Forum “Protected Areas. Hundred Years of Nature Conservation” in Sochi, Russia took place in October 2017
- “Zapovedniy lesson” was organized by Environmental Education Center ”Zapvedniki” in schools all around Russia

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- Focal points for the countries of the region were not chosen, but some candidates were found in Armenia

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- New members were recruited in Armenia and Kazakhstan. But the number of members is lower than it was previous year. To all those who didn’t renew their membership letters were send.

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications:
- No data

Presentations:
- No presentations were done

Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- -

Contributions to media, website, newsletter
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ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN  *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- World Heritage commission meeting about evaluation of the conditions of Nature heritage sights in Russia

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2**

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**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- Many ex-members didn’t renew their membership, for most of them invitation letter has been sent. Hopefully there will be more members and I will try to involve them in a more active cooperation inside WCPA North- Eurasia

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

WCPA Oceania is a vibrant component of IUCN WCPA and partner with the Australian Committee for IUCN and the Regional Oceania Office. We are the major distributor of information related to protected areas and OECMs across Oceania. In 2017 there were six newsletters. Australians in particular are prominent in many WCPA Specialists and Task Forces and there are regular messages urging all members to get more involved and highlighting opportunities. Our renewal rate was good and many new members have joined in the order of 40 (I have asked for figures).

In governance the VC frequently consults a core group of advisors. Some focal points have been sought and several appointed but more needs to be done to get effective candidates. In 2017 Oceania contributed two Vice Chairs of the International Steering Committee, myself, and Prof Marc Hockings.

This year has been a substantial one for members meetings with meetings organised in May in Wellington, New Zealand and Sydney, Australia with both the Chair and Vice Chair and a meeting in Perth, Western Australia in September. The VC also assisted in organising the Post Aichi Roundtable. The VC has also addressed the Park Services of both Queensland and Western Australia. She has frequent interaction with many key figures from government and non-government IUCN members. She serves on the IUCN Oceania Valuing and Conserving Nature Technical Advisory Group.

WCPA is a well recognised expert body consulted by governments in Australia and to some degree in New Zealand. However participation of members from New Zealand and the Pacific still needs improvement and we are hopeful that BIOPAMA II with which we are engaging will provide opportunities.

The VC together with a team of WCPA members were the drafters and editors of a significant publication generated by the 2016 partnership of WCPA Oceania and ACIUCN (Zischka K, Figgis P, Dovers S. and Debus B. (Eds) (2017). Maintaining Australia’s Natural Wealth: Priorities for Terrestrial Conservation. Australian Committee for IUCN, Sydney.) Our consistent championship of the National Reserve System has contributed to a major forum by the Commonwealth on its future with follow up meetings planned in 2018.

Contributor to ExCo.
The VC has been an active member of the Executive of WCPA. In 2017 the VC has played a central role in:

• Reviewing governance and drafting new Membership Guidelines
• Updating related documents
• Working with others on a much improved renewal processes
• With Mike Wong supporting the Young Professional VC
• Participating in all but one meeting of EXCO
• Sought Eol and selected the Australian Green List EAGL

Representation
The major events where the VC has represented WCPA are: National Meeting on the High Seas, Steering Committee in Colombia, New Zealand, Sydney and Western Australian Membership Meetings, IUCN Oceania Valuing and Conserving Nature Technical Advisory Group, Meetings with Parks Victoria, Mountains SG Leaders, KBA organisational Meeting, National Threatened Species Conference, Commonwealth NRS Forum, Sustainable Development Goals Forum, WA Governor on Parks Foundation, National Private Land Conference, ACIUCN AGM (presentation), Beyond Aichi Work Shop

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1: Strengthen WCPA presence in New Zealand and the Pacific
• Appoint new and motivated Deputies for NZ, the Pacific and PNG
• Despite a successful Members Meeting in May my aspiration to improve our energy in New Zealand has not adequately succeeded, partly due to the lack of an available energetic person. I have recently made a new invitation and hope that it will be more successful in 2018. I have called for expressions of interest several times and made some focal point appointments in several Pacific nations however the response has been patchy. I will renew this effort and hope the involvement in BIOPAMA will be a useful catalyst.
• Hold a members meeting in May in NZ
• The meeting was held around the visit or the Chair and Vice Chair and was well received by members.
• Particularly try to recruit Indigenous members
• The region has a good representation of Indigenous Pacific Islanders and several New Zealand Maori members. Our Australian Indigenous representation is only 5-6 (we do not ask people to identify as Indigenous so sometimes it is difficult to know). The Vice Chair has made a particular effort at conferences to explain WCPA and invite Indigenous membership. While individuals express interest it usually requires quite a few follow ups before application occurs. I am continuing the process. I shall approach more organisations working with Indigenous people this year.

Goal 2: Strongly encourage greater activation of Oceania members via TGs and SGs
• I have made a strong effort in the presentations to 3 membership meetings and at the Threatened Species Conference to emphasise the value of contribution to the SGs and TF and also the other means of contribution through Parks, newsletters, Panorama etc. to promote the benefits of greater involvement. I have also used the newsletters to highlight their work, post specific requests and generally encourage members to get involved.

Goal 3: Work with BIOPAMA and others to enhance exchange across Oceania
• I have continued to be in touch with the BIOPAMA leaders through ORO, but as happened with BIOPAMA I there seems to be a considerable lead in time before very much happens so 2017 has not seen any specific actions. I have made it very clear to ORO that WCPA expects to be involved in 2018.

Goal 4: Continue to seek a national commitment to a comprehensive implementation of all elements of the Aichi Target 11
• WCPA has been a prominent force urging the achievement of all components of the Aichi target principally in Australia. We have been continuous supporters of the Commonwealth Marine protected areas and pressed for better outcomes in a difficult political atmosphere. WCPA Members including the VC have been a primary participants and influencers in all discussions on the National Reserve System and I believe successful in shaping some of the more progressive
ideas emerging. We were co organizers of a major forum in 2016 and in 2017 brought out the primary policy input to the protected area discussion.

- **Goal 5:** Support the work of Parks Victoria and others to widen the commitments of governments and other partners to the recognition of Protected areas as health and wellbeing assets.
- **The VC has been supporting the work of the PA and Health work but urging other governments to follow suit. I met with government officials in NSW, Victoria, WA, Tasmania and Queensland to encourage embracing of all Promise of Sydney directions but I put particular emphasis on the public engagement (Nature for all) and health agendas as I believe there is a positive momentum which can be mobilized.

- **Goal 6:** Continue to promote diversification of governance and management, especially supporting the strong roles of Oceania Indigenous peoples and communities.

- **WCPA remains highly supportive of innovative partnerships and governance models and in particular champion Indigenous Protected Areas and other conservation management. We constantly show case such models in our newsletters and presentations. Many WCPA members in Oceania are involved with this field. We have supported the idea of the Australian CSIRO to develop Guidelines on Knowledge Broking for Indigenous Land Management.**

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**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- The VC is the principal writer and editor of the Oceania Newsletter which covers information related to protected areas and OECMs across Oceania as well as international news. It reaches a large number of the protected area professionals in Australia and New Zealand – its penetration and participation in the Pacific is weaker. In 2017 there were 6 newsletters and a number of other significant posts to our list server. Our most significant submission was to the Commonwealth Management plans for Australia’s Marine Parks (July 2017)

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- My newsletter is sent to Geneva and often stories are picked up. I frequently encourage people to send a good story to GPAP.

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- Reviewing the Best Practice Guidelines on Tourism
- Mobilised a large number of site experts for inputs to the World Heritage Outlook Reports
- Mobilised a number of governments to respond to global capacity research Of WCPA Capacity SG.
- Conducted the process for choosing the Australian Green List EAGL

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#### WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:

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### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

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(ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted

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(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled

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### GOALS FOR 2018 FOR your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1:** Strengthen WCPA presence in New Zealand and the Pacific
- Appoint a new focal point for New Zealand to actively recruit new members
- Appoint further focal points using the BIOPAMA process to establish new links
- Endeavour to travel to the Pacific at least once to strengthen relationships with IUCN ORO and new leadership
- Endeavour to increase membership IN PNG given its immense importance for biodiversity.
- Continue efforts to recruit new Indigenous members
- Work with YP focal point to recruit and mobilise YP members in Oceania

**Goal 2: Further the Nature for All and Parks and Health components of the Promise of Sydney through partnering in a major forum.**

- Partner with Parks Victoria, Queensland Parks and ACIUCN to hold a major forum on health, wellbeing and nature in August September
- Seek the involvement of the Governor of WA who has an interest in championing the concepts. Contribute to any published policy output

**Goal 3: Continue to champion the connectivity conservation agenda**

- Assist in organizing the March consultative forum on the Areas of Connectivity Conservation concept with Gary Tabor and members of the WCPA CCSG.
- In the lead up to the 2019 Australian federal election promote as policy support for connectivity conservation as a vital (and largely missing) component of Australia’s compliance with Aichi Target 11

**Goal 4: Continue to champion innovation in new governance and financing models**

This is a long standing interest of the VC and exciting developments are happening especially as the private land sector partners with Indigenous and other land managers. The VC with work closely with the Australian Land Conservation Alliance (ALCA) which is emerging as an important force in Australian conservation.

- The VC will participate in their conference where I have been a speaker for the last three years
- We shall continue to highlight and promote all innovative work in the newsletter and encourage members to contribute their work to Parks and Panorama.
- Continue to be a strong champion of Indigenous land and sea management and its political and financial support

**Goal 5: Encourage more subgroups of members to enhance our capacity to put in submissions to important documents**

- There are quite a number of opportunities which come up where WCPA could usefully make a submission but the VC often has inadequate capacity to respond and I need to delegate some tasks to others as I have in the past while remaining the person responsible for content consistent with IUCN and WCPA positions.

**Goal 6: Work with others to try to reinvigorate the strong efforts we have made in the past to champion the role of ecosystems and biodiversity in climate change responses**

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- I raised the issues below last year and I still feel they are areas which could be improved. Whenever we are actually together we identify synergies and mutually supportive work but then most of us who are not frequently at multiple meetings per year retreat to our own realm. Better communication of the SC between meetings could increase collegiate exchange and global collaboration.
- I also suggested that after a major meeting/event/negotiation when representing WCPA it is important that delegates report back to the wider SC who in turn should share relevant findings with their constituencies. This has happened a few times but I think it would enhance the sense of a global network is such reports however succinct were regularly distributed to members.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)**
Themes
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS  
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE  
THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: CAPACITY  
MIKE APPLETON  
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

**OVERVIEW OF 2017** (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- The programmes of the group have become better established in 2017, with good progress on Evaluation and Professionalization and the formation of working groups on Organisational Capacity and on Indigenous People and Local Communities. Both these groups have developed ToR, established steering groups and started working towards the relevant goals of the Strategic Framework for Capacity Development. We have also started a new theme on rangers.
- We have established a steering group (and working groups) for the Capacity Theme focusing on active practitioners and working towards a representative diversity of gender, age, regions and specialisms. This group is planned to meet for the first time in January 2018.
- The Vice Chair has started a full-time job in 2017, which has reduced the time he can dedicate to the group which has limited some planned activities. However, as the various working groups become more established it is hoped that work can be spread among them, helping to ensure that demands are not too excessive on individual.

**PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS** (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

**PROFESSIONALISATION**

**STANDARDS AND COMPETENCES GROUP (Mike Appleton)**

- Continued promotion and support of the Competence Register and support for translation to French and Romanian.
- Collaboration with IUCN PAPACO and with GIZ on use of the Excel competence assessment tool in Africa.
- Finalisation of ToR and securing of funding for an e version of the competence register.
- Ongoing promotion and encouragement for efforts to establish a Europe wide framework for professionalization (with BfN, IUCN Regional VC for Europe and ProPark)

In Latin America (via Allan Valverde)

- Establishment a technical group focusing on strengthening competences of Latin American protected areas systems (IUCN, AONP, Redparques and members of different protected area systems of LATAM, and other specialists).
- The Patagonian Sea Forum (Chile, Argentina y Brasil) launched its first course to MPA managers from people from Southern cone. Its development includes references to the SFCD and the global register of competencies.
- Establishment of the basis of a course focus on WCPA and IUCN “one programme” to be launched in 2018.

**ORGANISATIONAL GROUP (Marianne Carter, Glenn Ricci)**

An organizational capacity workshop held on Vilm in January 2017 (supported by BfN) started to explore issues related to organizational capacity (especially in Government Organizations) and drafted a theory of change.

Following the workshop, a working group on organizational capacity was established comprising Marianne Carter, Alina Ionita, Kay Farmer and Glenn Ricci.

Based on the results of the workshop an online survey was drafted to be disseminated in January to...
solicit feedback on the theory of change and to guide the next steps for the group.

**RANGERS AND PA STAFF (Rohit Singh)**

A new focus on rangers was established for this year, under the leadership of Rohit Singh (WWF). Major activities include:

- A Global Survey on PA staff numbers and job titles in progress (with GWC, WWF, IRF, AFR).
- A global survey of ranger perceptions and employment conditions (with WWF, Ranger Federation of Asia (RFA), International Labour Organization and University of Central Florida)
- Initial results of the survey will be launched at the London conference in 2018 and the final global report will be launched in 2019 at the World Ranger Congress in Nepal.

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES WORKING GROUP**

*Alejandra Pero, Eleanor Sterling, Lucy Mullenkei, Meretui Ratunabuabua*

- Working Group established with ToR and with four co-leads and 8 members.
- Outreach to interested practitioners undertaken.
- A one-page fact sheet was prepared, aimed at raising awareness of the group for wider distribution at international conferences (e.g. side events at Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues).
- Preparatory meeting held for the Conference on Biocultural Diversity Global Dialogue Discussion; 30 April 2017; American Museum of Natural History, New York.
- Webinar series held focusing on strengthening IP capacity in legal frameworks, accessing justice, communication, and negotiation strategies on the NBSAP Forum site.

**EVALUATION WORKING GROUP**

*Eleanor Sterling and Ryan Finchum*

- Preliminary literature review, on evaluation primarily undertaken by AMNH and CSU staff.
- Development of template for directory of evaluation methods preparation of preliminary sample entries, divided into three main types:
  - Key Tools: We are developing a summary of key tools and methods used to evaluate the impact of capacity development, including links to the related case studies in the directory detailing examples of how each has been used in practice.
  - Case Studies: We have designed a structured database as the backbone for the directory that includes case studies across a range of sectors and geographies which highlight different indicators and evaluation methods. From the initial 100+ most relevant papers identified, we have thus far added 18 key references to the database. By systematically coding relevant information from each paper, the database should facilitate search and browse features for a future online version of the directory.
  - Annotated Bibliography: We have started compiling an annotated bibliography of meta-analysis and conceptual papers that provide important background and conceptual information for practitioners interested in capacity development impact evaluation.

**WCPA Young Professionals**

Sabelo Lindani is our designated YP member for capacity and is also the regional focal point for E and Southern Africa.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

All our main working groups now have their own ToR (supplied separately)

After discussions with Kathy MacKinnon, we have decided not to establish the proposed Advanced Technology Working Group.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- According to the WCPA portal, 189 WCPA members expressed an interest in capacity and/or organizational development in their online applications. We now have a mailing list of these.
- We have had enquiries from some people who want to join WCPA who cannot find a referee in the country where they work. Any advice on this would be appreciated.
- We have been encouraging new members to join through our Facebook group.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

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68 IUCN WCPA Technical Report 2017 and Goal Setting 2018
### Publications:

  

Also:

- Translation of competence register into French and Romanian (to be published in 2018)
- Excel based competence assessment tool upgraded for GIZ and used in Benin and Gabon
- Detailed ToR prepared and funding approved for an electronic/online version of the competence register and tool.
- Guidance on certification for capacity development (compiled by Glenn Ricci) ready for submission to the publications committee
- Draft Capacity Development Evaluation Infographic prepared

### Presentations:

- Presentations and participation in the Asia Conservation Capacity Development Conference in Pune, India . March 2017 (Eleanor Sterling).
- Conservation Optimism Summit. London. April 2017 (Mike Appleton).
- BIOPAMA Inception Workshop, Gland, September 2017 (Mike Appleton).

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- Engagement in an initiative supported by Spanish technical Cooperation to promote the SFC and professionalization in Latin America. Eleanor Sterling, Pedro Rosabal, Allan Valverde and Glenn Ricci have participated in two events, but the conclusions have not been clear.
- Ongoing collaboration with BfN including support for a workshop on organizational capacity and for development of European standards for PA personnel
- The capacity group has been invited to contribute to the capacity work of the IUCN BIOPAMA 2 project and prepared initial proposals for projects.
- Engagement in planning a global conference on conservation capacity development to be held in the UK in 2019.

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Our Facebook Page ‘PA and Conservation Learning News’ now has 1200+ members from 101 countries. This is proving very popular and is our best communication medium. However, it is not useful for storing/cataloguing information and some people do not use Facebook.
- To complement the FB page therefore, our website is almost complete and final additions are being made. Most of this work has been led by Eleanor Sterling and completed by her team at AMNH. We are recruiting a volunteer to curate the site.
- MA made a short video on capacity with Valerie Batselaire for the IUCN Website.

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

- MA attended the BIOPAMA inception workshop (September 2017)

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CHF 6,246.62
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**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

20 days. MA  30 Days (Eleanor Sterling)

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

Proposals for capacity under BIOPAMA 2 under development

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GOALS FOR 2018 for your THEME, *(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**PROGRAMME 1: PROFESSIONALISATION.** Overall SFCD Goal Protected area management is widely recognized as a distinct profession, with its own standards, systems and tools.

**SFCD Objective 1: A set of global tools, guidance, and support materials is made available through IUCN WCPA to support development of competence-based approaches.**

1. Finalise French and Romanian translations of the competence register.
2. Initiate Spanish translation of the competence register (use volunteer system if no sponsor can be found)
3. Complete the electronic version of the competence register (supported through BIOPAMA)
4. Use the translations and e-version to ‘relaunch’ the competence register and tools.
5. Collate information about current extent and use of the competence materials and solicit case studies from those who have used the material.
7. Hold a webinar on the competence e-tool showing how it works and how it can be used.

**SFCD Objective 2: Protected area occupations (*specialist/technician* and *ranger*) and associated standards are officially registered in at least ten countries.**

1. Conduct an assessment of progress on professionalization around the world
2. Engage more in initiatives for professionalization in Latin America (via WCPA and RedParques and other groups).
3. Explore possibilities of exchanges/links between groups and countries working on professionalisation (e.g. E Europe and Latin America)
4. Continue to provide guidance material/events on professionalization.
5. Support a programme developing professional standards for PA staff in the EU(with ProPark)
6. Continue to support initiatives to gather information on and promote the professionalization and improvement of working conditions of rangers and PA staff. (Global surveys on ranger working conditions, attitudes and numbers). All to be completed in 2018. Participate in publication and dissemination of results.

**SFCD Objective 3 Enable protected area employers and training/education providers to adopt competence-based approaches to building the capacity of protected area staff (pre-entry and in-service).**

1. Submit certification guidelines (compiled by Glenn Ricci) for publication by IUCN.
2. Engage directly with organisations and providers to document good practice and promote these through PANORAMA (e.g n S Africa (Sabelo) and Kenya Wildlife Service (Glenn Ricci/ Arthur Tuda/John Waithaka, Mexico (Ryan Finchum), Romania and Croatia (Erika Stanciu))
3. Explore links to build capacity for the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas and in particular achieving the capacity requirements required for GLPCA acceptance. If possible contribute to a support package on capacity for the green list.
4. Follow up on potential synergies with the World Heritage Programme.

**SFCD Objective 4: Protected area managing organisations are supported and enabled to improve and update working practices.**

1. Establish a globally representative organisational capacity working group with diversity of skills providing a voice for capacity development (1.2.(ii))
   - Establish a core group of experts associated with organizational capacity development to serve as a nucleus for generating innovative activities and networking globally.
   - Produce a one pager on the what is meant by Organisational Development, the impact of poor performance of PA organisations and the easy next steps to improve.
   - Identify key long term strategic actions based on survey feedback & group insight.
2. Inspire people to take small actions to improve organisations (1.2.(ii))
- Highlight experience from the field of innovative and proven models for organizational capacity development through short and engaging Twitter and Facebook posts, YouTube videos etc. Gather ideas from WCPA members, projects and new research across sectors to post
- Produce a 2 pager on practical steps to being a better supervisor.
- Adapt the existing Capacity for Conservation organisational assessment platform and support materials to function for government organisations.
- Explore options for creating a short video on small actions to improve organisations

3. Mentor organisational leaders to catalyze change (1.2.(ii))
- Match protected areas that seek assistance with relevant organisational development experts.
- Request Green List Reference Groups to recommend the services of the Organisational Capacity Development group to PAs that have gaps in their relevant Green List Standards.

4. Training centers advocate for organisational links (1.2.(iii))
- Work with top 5 PA training centers to develop an organisational expectation mandate to for employers to support trainees and competencies.

### PROGRAMME 2: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**Overall SFCD Goal**: Capacity development initiatives include and address the specific needs of indigenous, traditional, and community stewards.

**SFCD Objective 1: Innovative learning routes and diverse pathways of engagement are developed, supported and/or implemented to enable capacity development by and among indigenous and local community stewards.**

1. Action Group on Indicators of Wellbeing: establish a dialogue focusing on efforts made on designing indicators that encompass both biological and cultural wellbeing. (April 2018, New York)
2. Create a Webinar series focusing on the experiences of communities developing culturally grounded indicators and how they have been included in national reporting or not. Examples shared from the Pacific and other communities. (July 2018 tbc)
3. Publish a resource guide including infographic providing guidance on innovative reporting on Aichi targets and Sustainable Development Goals. (January-April 2018)
5. Promote funding opportunities that 1) support peer-to-peer mentoring and exchange visits, and 2) foster the development of regional and national peer-to-peer networks that meet capacity development needs, and ensure capacity development activities are owned and driven by local communities. (on-going)
6. Reach out to ICCA Consortium and others to establish synergies and opportunities for partnership. (on-going)

**SFCD Objective 2: Legal literacy is improved among indigenous peoples and local communities**

1. Relevant information (presentations from previous webinars on topic), case studies and knowledge products, including legal experts and contacts are shared publicly on WCPA website. (on-going)

**SFCD Objective 3: Learning platforms are developed and supported in community-based recording, monitoring, and reporting of managed areas.**

1. Action Group on Indicators of Wellbeing (April 2018, New York) convened in affiliation with the Dialogues for Collaborative Action on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity. (see Objective 1)
2. Webinar series: strengthening capacity on culturally grounded indicators (see Objective 1).

### PROGRAMME 3: ENABLING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT.

**Overall Goal**: Resources, support and learning opportunities are available to implement the strategic framework for capacity development.

We have decided to mainstream this programme into the other programmes, rather than run it
### PROGRAMME 4: EVALUATION WORKING GROUP

**Overall SFCD Goal** Effectiveness and impact of capacity development is being measured and assessed.

### 2018 Objectives

1. By end of 2018, a systematic review is available of capacity development evaluation, including evidence of impact of capacity development strategies on protected area and conservation targets and objectives.
2. Develop 50 entries for each elements of annotated directory: evaluation tools, case studies, and annotated bibliography
3. Begin to create a comprehensive list of possible indicators for assessing the efficacy of capacity development, a set of guiding criteria for establishing indicators, guidance on establishing locally, self-determined indicators, and potentially standard indicators for CD for donors/multi-laterals, including indicators for the performance of CD providers.
4. Use of both the directory and the tools have been tested and adapted to make way for future adoption and the results documented. The tool will be distributed to protected area agencies, conservation NGOs and training centers involved with capacity development to gather their feedback and suggestions for improving the directory and tools.

### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

Ensuring follow up and participation in activities has been a challenge at times. All members of our group are active practitioners and sometimes find it hard to do what we had hoped we could do. Attempts to get a wider circle of WCPA members involved have not always been successful; people promising to make relatively modest contributions of time have not always done so and this has delayed work on the Evaluation programme in particular. In 2018 we need to work more to find new ways not just to engage people but to ensure that they follow up on commitments.

A common issue for us is marketing the work we do. In 2018 we all need to do more to ensure that the results of our work are better disseminated and explained. Our new website should help in this, but we also need to make better use of networks and existing channels and engage in more dissemination activities such as webinars. We also need to engage more in Panorama for sharing success stories.

We need to establish better links for some programmes across other WCPA groups and Commissions with common interests. Better links with other sectors would benefit the organizational capacity group.

A lot of good capacity work is going on in Latin America. We need to strengthen our links there; this should be possible through the continued engagement of Allan Valverde in the group.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

2017 was a good year of solid performance for WCPA – Marine, with many good achievements. This report contains reports from the main groups within WCPA – Marine. The contributors are acknowledged by each section. Alongside our individual WCPA members and IUCN member organisations, we also continue to work extremely closely with other Commissions and Secretariat Programs, especially GMPP, whose engagement and support are gratefully acknowledged.

Significant declarations by countries of MPAs were achieved during the year, once again further raising the amount of ocean under protection:

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Access to ‘on demand’ up to date figures on MPA progress was revolutionized during the year by the launch of https://www.protectedplanet.net/marine which enables users to generate a snap-shot of current progress any time they want.

A major achievement during the year after three years of preparatory work was the 4th International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC4) held in September in La Serena, Chile. It was attended by some 1100 people from 59 countries. Highlights from the week included:

- Three new Chilean MPAs: on the opening night of IMPAC4, the Chilean government announced the official designation of three MPAs – Rapa Nui, also known as Easter Island (740,000km²); Juan Fernández Archipelago (480,000km²); and Cabo de Hornos (147,000km²).
- The GLORES program managed by the Marine Conservation Institute announced the first three platinum-level sites: Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Malpelo Fauna and Flora Sanctuary, and Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park.
- A Call to Action for the Oceans was release: IMPAC4 culminated in a one-day high-level meeting attended by Chilean President Michelle Bachelet and other international and national leaders. The leaders endorsed a "Call to Action for the Oceans", which calls on nations to unite in favor of ocean protection and sustainable marine use.
- Transatlantic MPA Network: An initiative to link existing networks of MPA managers in the Atlantic region was highlighted at IMPAC4. In development since late 2016, the network aims to transfer knowledge between sites that face shared challenges and wildlife. The project is funded by the European Commission.
- The launch of the Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas: Guidelines for design and
management took place.

- The launch of a special issue of the journal Aquatic Conservation It highlights key MPA-themed lessons from the 2016 World Parks Congress in Honolulu, Hawai‘i, including on MPA management, financing, blue carbon, and more.
- The launch of a new video by young professionals: The Young Professionals network of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas released a video titled “Making Waves” with lessons and inspiration gathered from IMPAC4.
- The launch of a new video on high seas conservation: IUCN released a new video, “The Last Frontier”, on high seas conservation, including a call for increased science and better governance for international waters.
- The award to Keobel Sakuma of the Kenton Miller prize: IUCN awarded Keobel Sakuma of Palau with the Kenton Miller Award for innovation in protected areas. Keobel and his team have been responsible for planning and managing the MPA that now covers Palau’s entire marine area. For more information.

Finally, an international competition was run by the Marine Vice Chair with the IMPAC International Steering Committee with countries to determine the host of IMPAC5. At IMPAC4 it was announced that the next IMPAC - IMPAC5 - will be in Vancouver, Canada, in 2021, hosted by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

During the year as Marine Vice Chair I also:

- Worked with XLCatlin to develop the concept of Ocean Risk which has resulted in funding of PhDs and the holding of the world’s first Ocean Risk Summit in Bermuda in 2018.
- Put considerable effort into OEMC work, both on the draft guidance but also the workshop in Vancouver in February 2017.
- Supported the path to a High Seas agreement including by co-facilitating and reporting on a small influential workshop held at IUCN in March, and continuing to help our High Seas groups.
- Attended the Steering Committee meeting in Colombia in April and further strengthened links on joint work with terrestrial Vice Chairs.
- Undertook a visit to Bermuda in April to investigate practical examples of OEMC’s in the marine environment.
- Planned for part of an official visit by HSH Prince Albert II to Colombia in 2018, together with hosting experts from throughout the region on developing action plans to tackle ocean acidification.
- Attended the UN Ocean Conference at UN HQ in New York in June and chaired IUCN’s official
side event in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II

- Undertook pioneering work with GMPP and Local experts to help devise an island climate change report card in July.
- Attended and variously hosted events at IMPAC4 in Chile in September and worked with John Baxter to develop the Special Issue from that event and secure funding for it from DFO, Canada.
- Participated in meetings in Helsinki and Monaco in September to develop approaches to tackle Arctic climate change and ocean acidification respectively.
- Led a global process to develop a landmark publication for IUCN on Ocean Deoxygenation for release in 2018 – akin to the Ocean Warming report
- Worked with WCPA – Marine colleagues to provide an MPA chapter for the new publication on World Seas
- Attended a summit with Sylvia Earle in November to lever greater public engagement in ocean issues, and continued discussions through the year with the Super Yacht industry on how they as a whole can provide sectoral leadership and make a deeper engagement in ocean health.
- Planned an ‘expected MPA standards’ workshop for January 2018.

It is a notable achievement that our ocean warming report is officially the most downloaded of any report world-wide involving IUCN in 2017, and that the Special Issues of Aquatic Conservation we developed with Wiley have now garnered 16,000 full paper downloads.

Technical work continued during the year. Alongside the fantastic efforts of Task Forces on Marine Mammal MPAs and Very Large MPAs, which respectively saw delivery continue on Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) and the publication of Guidelines on the Design and Management of Large-Scale MPAs, work also continued to progress on management effectiveness via our Green List and Management Effectiveness Task Force. We succeeded in removing the log-jam on reporting of MPAs with the launch of the new WCMC online system. Alongside such endeavors WCPA – Marine continued to make significant contributions to the WCPA Task Force charged with developing new guidance for the CBD on other effective area-base conservation measures (OECMs) under Aichi Target 11. High Seas work achieved notable success and hopefully the turning point which will now result in the creation of a conservation framework for the High Seas. Public interest in ocean work continued to soared during the year culminating with events such as the BBC’s Blue Planet II series

The expanded structure of WCPA Marine continues to flourish with a diversity of efforts and outcomes recorded around MPAs. Detailed reports are provided below (and for some in the attached completed templates) by WCPA Marine members of marine activities, and in particular:

- Marine Mammal Marine Protected Area Task Force Achievements
- Young professional’s achievements on marine issues
- High Seas Marine Protected Areas Task Force Achievements
- WCPA-Marine Green List and Management Effectiveness Task Force Achievements
- Large-Scale MPA Task Force Achievements
- Marine Subgroup (MSG) of the IUCN Protected Areas Climate Change Specialist Group Achievements
- Special Issues of Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems
- Social media and film

I continue to be grateful to all WCPA members and especially the champions featured in this report who helped and continue to help deliver such a large marine undertaking for WCPA and IUCN, which is having real sustained impact at global and regional scales.

Marine Mammal Marine Protected Area Task Force Achievements – full report attached - Erich Hoyt & Giuseppe Notarbartolo Di Sciara
The effort to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas marks progress for the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force in the Mediterranean and the Pacific Islands.

- In 2017, the independent panel examining the results of the first expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the Mediterranean region (held in Oct. 2016 and funded by the MAVA Foundation) approved 26 IMMAs, while 5 remain as candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs), pending more research, and 39 were identified as areas of interest (AoI). In July 2017, these areas were put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).
- Late in 2016 the IUCN Marine Mammal Protected Areas (MMPA) Task Force began preparations for the 5-year GOBI-IKI project (2017-2021) to produce a series of IMMA identification workshops across the southern hemisphere. In March 2017, the second IMMA workshop, held in Samoa, brought together 23 experts and participants from 14 countries in the Pacific Islands who selected 29 cIMMAs from which the peer-review process approved 18 IMMAs, 5 cIMMAs and 19 AoI.
- In April 2017 at the Year of the Whale celebrations in the South Pacific, held in Tonga and attended by most countries in the region, the MMPA Task Force made presentations and engaged in workshops which put IMMAs on the agenda of the region with the next 5-year plan from SPREP.
- In October 2017, the MMPA Task Force, represented by the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) COP-appointed Councilor for aquatic mammals (Task Force co-chair Notarbartolo di Sciaia) presented the IMMA resolution which had been prepared earlier in the year at the 12th CMS COP, and was adopted as CMS Resolution 12.13. The resolution states that governments will cooperate in the implementation process of IMMAs, and asks the CBD, IMO and IUCN to consider IMMAs as useful contributions for the determination of ecologically or biologically significant areas (CBD EBSAs), particularly sensitive sea areas (IMO PSSAs) and key biodiversity areas (IUCN KBAs), and it encourages the ongoing liaison with the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to mitigate threats such as ship strikes and noise.
- In October-November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs and three experts travelled to Palau to prepare an IMMA and AoI implementation plan with a local stakeholder group. This plan was finalized and distributed in December 2017.
- In November-December 2017, the MMPA Task Force made preparations and sent out 30+ invitations to experts for the March 2018 workshop to be held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, covering the North East Indian Ocean and South East Asia.

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- For more information on these and other developments of the MMPA Task Force, please see the other news items and downloads on marinemammalhabitat.org.

Young professionals achievements on marine – Mariasole Bianco and Kathy Zischka

The WCPA YP network has played a significant role in supporting the organisation of IMPAC4 and in making sure that YP Involvement and intergenerational collaboration were part of its legacy.

In particular the WCPA YP network:

- Organised and presented the session Happy Hour with the WCPA Young Professionals
  The session was introduced by Dan Laffoley and presented by Mariasole Bianco, Kathy Zischka, James Niketine and Marie Fishborne highlighting the work of the WCPA YP network and in particular the work of the WCPA Marine YP Task Force
• The WCPA YP Vice chair presented in the closing panel MPAs a shared vision for the future about the responsibilities and obligations that the conservation community has in empowering the next generation of conservation leaders

• Organised the Intergenerational Learning Workshop as a capacity building and leadership training side events at the Centro Costero Facultad De Ciencias Del Mar Universidad Católica Del Norten Coquimbo. The workshop aimed at exposing students to ideas, models of practice (e.g. mentoring, engaging in solution labs) related to reciprocal intergenerational learning, professional network development and knowledge sharing. With this exposure to the value of shared informal and formal learning beyond the academic setting, the hope is the participants will have the interest and willingness to take the initiative, with the support of IUCN’s regional Latin America office, to develop their own learning network. Aim is to facilitate students to organise themselves and seek intergenerational learning opportunities.

Presentations Included:
• Building intergenerational exchange - connecting students with Indigenous leaders, working professionals and university students – Representatives from Students on Ice Foundation, Canada
• Message from the Galapagos Islands - Patricia Marti Puig, Senior Marine Ecologist, Galapagos Marine Reserve, Charles Darwin Foundation.
• Opportunities for YPs at NOAA - Gabrielle Johnson, NOAA
• The IUCN WCPA perspective - Mariasole Bianco & Kathy Zischka, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
• Insights from a senior marine leader - Jon Day, ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reefs, Australia.

The presentations were followed by the following sessions:
• personal reflections by participants – the need for shared learning,
• design their own professional development learning network & taking responsibility for building their career,
• organising a network for Chile
• support and follow-up from iucn and other institutions

High Seas Marine Protected Areas Task Force Achievements – Kristina Gjerde, Daniel Dunn and Pat Halpern

• 2017 was indeed the Year of the Ocean and a very special year for the 2/3rds of the ocean that are beyond national boundaries—the high seas. The importance of the high seas was profiled at the UN Ocean Conference in June, IMPAC4 in September and the EU-hosted Our Ocean Conference in October. These events all served to build political momentum for the UN to adopt, on 24 December, a resolution to launch negotiations for a new international legally binding agreement for high seas biodiversity conservation, with a view to finalizing the agreement as soon as possible. The resolution was adopted without a vote on December 24, 2017, having received an almost unheard-of co-sponsorship of 143 Member States.

• Key conservation issues at stake for the new agreement include the development of a global process to designate and manage a system of MPAs, to integrate biodiversity conservation into sector-based management practices, and to conduct and review environmental impact assessments. IUCN WCPA, together with the Global Marine and Polar Programme and other partners, have been feeding vital legal, scientific and management expertise into these UN-
based discussions over the past 10+ years. WCPA’s contributions began in 2003 at the first IUCN, WCPA and WWF workshop on high seas MPAs in Malaga, Spain, which laid the groundwork for the launch of the WCPA High Seas MPA Task Force and Action Plan at the Durban World Parks Congress in 2003.

- Since 2003, IUCN WCPA and partners have been contributing input through steady pursuit of its four goals: 1) advancing awareness of the importance and vulnerability of the ocean beyond national boundaries and its connection to the ocean within national jurisdiction; 2) advancing the emerging global agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ through the development of options for area-based management tools including MPAs; 3) advancing existing initiatives, tools and approaches to protect key ABNJ ecosystems and species; and 4) fostering dedicated scientific research, observation and exploration. Details on 2017 progress against goals are provided below.

**WCPA-Marine Green List and Management Effectiveness Task Force Achievements – Sue Wells**

The main focus of the group this year was providing support for a workshop and Knowledge Café on the IUCN Green List that were held at the 4th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC4) in Chile in September. At the workshop, staff from the IUCN Green List Programme introduced the Green List, case studies from Colombia, France and Australia on coastal and marine listed sites were presented, and there was an animated discussion with participants. The Knowledge Café provided an opportunity to gather information on on-going MPA activities that could contribute to building capacity and support for the Green List and to identify the key needs.

Many participants were interested in finding out how to involve MPAs in the Green List initiative. The sessions were particularly useful in clarifying that the Green List is designed for all types of protected area, as this has been a long-standing concern among some MPA practitioners. Other incentive initiatives are valuable in promoting effective management but having the Green List programme staff present facilitated the demonstration of the unique role that it plays. There is a clear need however to further explain and clarify the role of the Green List in relation to programmes such as World Heritage Sites, GLORES and the Blue Flag initiative, and in the long term to look at how high seas MPAs might participate. The importance of developing good management effectiveness assessment mechanisms also became clear.

The IUCN Green List booth in the ocean pavilion received visits from managers, policy makers and scientists throughout the Congress and raised awareness of how the Green List could be used to enhance protection of the marine environment.

The next steps identified at IMPAC4 included:

- More training, recognising that national requirements may vary
- Guidance materials to be made available in different languages
- Encourage and exchange programmes to share experiences in assessing management effectiveness by using the Green List
- Government supported MPAs (these tend to have more experience of assessments) to share lessons learned with Locally Managed Marine Areas

The paper that was co-authored by the group: “Using the IUCN Green List of Protected Areas to
promote conservation impact through marine protected areas” and published in the journal Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems in September 2016 has continued to be disseminated.

Building on the discussions and conclusions of the sessions at IMPAC4, in 2018, the Task Force will undertake the following activities:

- Continue to raise awareness of and promote the use of the GLPCA, assessments of management effectiveness, and other key tools that will ensure equitable and effective management of MPAs
- Help to disseminate information and guidance on the GLPCA and effective management of MPAs
- As appropriate, contribute to training and capacity building workshops that build MPA managers understanding and skills in effective management
- Help to collate information on the methodologies and approaches available for assessing management effectiveness and develop guidance for adapting and using these in MPAs, in order to encourage managers to develop best practices and use global standards.
- Collaborate with and develop activities with the IUCN WCPA Management Effectiveness Specialist Group and the IUCN WCPA Green List Specialist Group.

The Large-Scale MPA Task Force Achievements - ‘Aulani Wilhelm, Jon Day, Nai’a Lewis

The Large-Scale MPA Task Force (TF) continued to focused on the same three priorities from 2016: (1) to engage its members more effectively in support of the TF, (2) to increase its visibility within the wider IUCN & with other international entities and initiatives (e.g. World Heritage, ICMMPA, IMPAC4), and (3) to focus its support for Big Ocean in a more consultative capacity and finish the Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas: Guidelines for design and management (BPG26). In support of our first goal, the TF supported its members to participate in multiple presentations at IMPAC4, including one for the Guidelines, as well as key outcomes from Big Ocean’s 2nd Think Tank on the human dimensions of LSMPAs with the partners who have continued to further this research in their individual capacities. In support of the first and second goal, the TF invited the MMPATF to the network’s 9th Business Meeting, along with a wider network of marine agencies from South America and other proposed LSMPAs globally that had reached out to Big Ocean. In support of goal three, members participated in, and remain on, the design committee for the Think Tank on Human Dimensions of LSMPAs and supported the publication on the development of a Code of Conduct specific to the marine environment. Members also continue to engage with teams writing articles/papers in support of enhanced LSMPA management similar to the Code of Conduct. Finally, the BPG26 was finally published with a launch celebration at IMPAC4, and hard copies are currently being produced.

Marine Subgroup (MSG) of the IUCN Protected Areas Climate Change Specialist Group (PACCSG) Achievements - Lauren Wenzel

Based on interest from several IUCN members at the International MPA Congress in Chile in September 2017, WCPA-Marine formed a Marine Subgroup (MSG) of the IUCN Protected Areas Climate Change Specialist Group (PACCSG) in November 2017. The Marine Subgroup will provide support and input to the PACCSG on marine and coastal issues across all issues in the PACCSG Terms of Reference. For 2017-2019, the MSG will:

- Develop and share common messages about how climate is affecting MPAs, and their role in managing and mitigating climate impacts.
- Develop and share materials to support MPA managers ability to conduct vulnerability assessments, adaptive management planning and related activities.

- Support the role of IUCN, MPA networks, NGOs, and other partners in delivering capacity building activities related to climate change.
- Promote the integration of climate readiness into existing capacity building efforts.
- Draw linkages between the UNFCCC process, COP21 and policy processes promoting MPA targets and effectiveness (e.g. CBD Aichi Target 11, Sustainable Development Goal 14, Our Oceans, etc) in order to broaden awareness and policy options that support MPAs and natural solutions to climate change impacts.
- Consistently deliver messages at key international venues about the benefits of MPAs in a changing climate.

The MSG met twice during Fall 2017 and contributed to a peer reviewed paper on “Co-Attainment of Commitments to Several Multi-Lateral Agreements,” by lead author Risa Smith for the World Symposium on Climate Change and Biodiversity to be held in England in April 2018.

**PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS** *(Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)*

| Goal 1: Ensure marine input is made into the development of a Global Partnership for Protected Areas Capacity Development and support the development and expansion of the IUCN/CBD Best Practice Guidelines by leveraging greater input from WCPA – Marine specialists in partnership with GMPP | ACHIEVED |
| Goal 2: Support the design and implementation of coherent representative MPA networks supporting ecosystem resilience | ACHIEVED |
| Goal 3: Support the development of the Green List of Well-Managed sites by fostering strong links to key MPAs and MPA communities such as Marine World Heritage | ACHIEVED |
| Goal 4: Work with WCPA specialists, IUCN programmes and members and external partners to support the development and implementation of ocean governance arrangements that are integrated, ecosystem-based and precautionary in manner | ACHIEVED |
| Goal 5: The impacts of climate change and ocean acidification and multiple on MPAs and ecosystems is recognized and addressed | ACHIEVED |
| Goal 6: Create media outreach, communication and membership services | ACHIEVED |

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- No changes but a more comprehensive and transparent approach being developed for members – see click-to-connect below

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- We used to have a good system where we knew where we were on our membership, but the transparency has now been lost and we no longer see who wishes to join as new marine members. Secretariat need to remember that we are volunteers and need support in this area to understand and utilize new systems. As Vice Chair I can’t be expected to automatically know and track everything so more real support here would be welcome.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**
Special Issues of Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems – John Baxter

The programme of publication of Special Issues of Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems has continued with the generous support of the publishers – Wiley Blackwell making all the papers free to view. There has now been three Special Issues comprising 42 papers totalling 668 pages of peer reviewed material on all aspects of MPA design, management and survey. The latest issue ‘From Science to Solutions: The MPA Legacy from the 2016 Hawai‘i World Conservation Congress’ published in September 2017 and launched at IMPAC4 in Chile has already resulted in ~6400 full paper downloads and ~1000 abstract downloads. Overall the three Special Issues have resulted in over 16000 full paper downloads making the experiences and lessons learned by scientists and MPA managers available to the widest possible audience. None of this could have happened without the participation of all the authors and reviewers and the generous support of a range of sponsors, including Parks Canada, UNEP, Metsähallitus, NOAA/NMS, Agence des aires marines protégees, and Partenariat France-UICN Nature et Développement.

The fourth Special Issue in the series is in production and will provide insights from the recent IMPAC4 meeting. At present it is expected to comprise 28 papers, which will make it the largest collection of MPA peer reviewed material thus far published. The planning for future Special Issues is also underway, of which more later.

Other selected other publications (see also attached reports)

Boot, Kelvin; Baxter, John; Laffoley, Dan: (2017). Understanding and acting on ocean acidification. IUCN. Download Report


Laffoley D, Freestone D. A world of difference – opportunities for applying the 1972 world heritage
**convention to the high seas.** Aquatic Conserv: Mar Freshw Ecosyst. 2017;27(S1):78–88. [Online Publication](https://doi.org/10.1002/aqc.2725)


**Presentations:**
Numerous presentations throughout the year – list can be created on request

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

**Click to Connect –** [www.wcpaconnect.org](http://www.wcpaconnect.org)

Work continued on click-to-connect with full functionality being developed to enable member to connect directly with thematic work undertaken by WCPA – Marine. Work also started on building out the regional dimensions supported by discussions and meetings with the main regional MPA networks. The system is live.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

**Film - Making Waves at IMPAC4 - James Nikitine**
In September 2017, during the 4th International Marine Protected Area Congress in Chile, the IUCN WCPA-Marine Young Professionals Task Force were given the exciting challenge to make a film in the duration of the event, and then have it screened on the last day. With the help of Chilean filmmaker Mateo Barrenengoa and under the supervision of Dan Laffoley, James Nikitine directed a piece, *Making Waves*, remotely edited in Switzerland by associate filmmaker Fabiano D’Amato. This work resulted in a strongly inspirational piece, successfully shown during the closing ceremony in front of the 1,000 or so IMPAC4 delegates.

The main message of this short film is that Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are most efficient when partnerships are put in place and stakeholders are involved very early in the process. Another key point from the film is that too often, our urbanised societies feel disconnected from the sometimes-distant ocean and we should make an effort to understand its importance. Inherently, in these times of environmental crisis, with pollution, overfishing and the various impacts of climate change, there is a need to implement more MPAs and increase global protection of the ocean. Replenishing fish stocks and safeguarding marine ecosystems ultimately becomes a matter of protecting essential planetary functions and of ensuring future generations have a healthy planet to live on. The film was well received and was shared extensively across social networks. It can be viewed here: [https://youtu.be/GHg891m1AQY](https://youtu.be/GHg891m1AQY)

**Social media – Mariasole Bianco and Kathy Zischka**

An online social media presence was maintained through the IUCN WCPA Marine Facebook page
and the Protected Planet MPA blog (http://blog.protectplanetoocean.org/). The Task Force also published in the Protected Planet newsletter. The Young Professionals continue to manage the WCPA Marine facebook page with WCPA Marine Vice-Chair, Dan Laffoley. Our Facebook outreach was impressive this year: We increased our followers by 48% in one year (from 3,149 to 4,649).

The age groups show an increase in the percentage of people that follow us with the highest age group being from 25 to 34 years old.

Also interesting to know where our majority of followers come from:
Website

We continue to have new innovative projects via the Blue Solutions website platform

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

None

Funds Utilised in 2016 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2016 for WCPA activities)

Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2016 and use financial report for details)

A total of CHF 18,298.33 was allocated during the year, which translated into a UK balance of £13,997.7. At year end a carry-forward deficit of -£96.95 was made.

Funds raised (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)

Over CHF 0.5 million in direct resources for IUCN as Marine Vice Chair is one of the key providers of IP on ideas that supports Sweden’s contribution to the organization. A further CHF 1 million or more through indirect money raised such as via IMPAC4. Additional funds also raised via Task Forces etc and some details are provided in appended reports.

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2016)

A conservative estimate suggests plus £1 million in-kind contributions when IMPAC4 taken into account and unpaid time from all those involved in WCPA – Marine and reported here, which was considerable and is itemized in some of the attached reports.

Funding proposals in the pipeline (For funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)

Several and significant for IUCN for 2018 – Via GMPP

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2017 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

NB contributions below are for WCPA - Marine as a whole. Details in attached Task Force reports
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GOALS FOR 2017 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP – see also attached plans!
*(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**Goal 1:** Ensure marine input is made into the development of a Global Partnership for Protected Areas Capacity Development and support the development and expansion of the IUCN/CBD Best Practice Guidelines by leveraging greater input from WCPA – Marine specialists in partnership with GMPP

- Further development of tools such as Important Marine Mammal Areas through regional workshops
- Contribute to workshops and other initiatives on ‘beyond 2020’
**Goal 2: Continue work to support the design and implementation of coherent representative MPA networks supporting ecosystem resilience**

- Further publication of peer reviewed science in the World Conservation Congress Special Issue of Aquatic Conservation
- Work with partners to expand network designations
- Work with the CBD, SBSTTA and partners on guidance on OECMs and roll-out
- Planning and implementation of IMPAC 5

**Goal 3: Support the development of the Green List of Well-Managed sites by fostering strong links to key MPAs and MPA communities such as Marine World Heritage**

- Expand the influence of Green List Marine Group
- Contribute to IUCN and UNESCO activities on marine World Heritage

**Goal 4: Work with WCPA specialists, IUCN programmes and members and external partners to support the development and implementation of ocean governance arrangements that are integrated, ecosystem-based and precautionary in manner**

- Work through the High Seas Task Force and the High Seas Alliance to develop an Implement Agreement under UNCLOS
- Work with partners on the Blue Economy concept, and interactions between issues such as aquaculture and MPAs

**Goal 5: The impacts of climate change and ocean acidification and multiple on MPAs and ecosystems is recognized and addressed**

- Produce a landmark publication of IUCN on ocean deoxygenation
- Develop a greater understanding of increased marine climate change risk to society, the need for greater ocean protection and improved management, and instigate plans to increased regional capacity to respond to such threats

**Goal 6: Work to create media outreach, communication and membership services**

- Work with other Vice Chair to expand marine experience and successes to the rest of WCPA
- Continue work with Young Professions on the Facebook site other leading social media tools
- Service membership system

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017**

- We need support on marine membership to understand processes and know what is going on
- The new publications process is terrible – the people involved won’t engage with publication processes, disrespect experts and their expertise, have damaged important WCPA partnerships by lack of transparency and responsiveness and any clarity on timescales, and have ensured that some worthy publications don’t get ISBNs because they ‘don’t look scientific enough’.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2016 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- A major focus was on the identification, refinement and application of tools to measure ecosystem services in protected areas. This included running the Protected Area Benefits Assessment Tool (PA-BAT) in Colombia, which involved several innovations, then arranging a workshop with the Vilm Academy in Germany to produce a fully revised PA-BAT methodology, drawing on experience in Colombia, the Dinaric Arc and elsewhere. The workshop also saw major progress on a review of assessment methods for ecosystem services, for KBAs, Pas and World Heritage sites. Both documents are in near final form.
- 2017 also saw considerable efforts to integrate the natural solutions work into the wider IUCN community, with a joint workshop with the climate specialist group in Alaska in August and a workshop to integrate natural solutions into MPAs in the IMPAC 4 conference in Chile, and progressed further at an MPA meeting at the Pew Foundation in Washington DC in January 2018.
- Social media presence is increasing with good collaboration with the climate change SG and CONANP in Mexico.
- As usual, additional time has been spent by the chair on other WCPA business, including 1 week at a workshop on PPAs in Vilm, 1 week in Moscow working on protected area categories in Russia, presentations for IUCN in Yangon, Myanmar and a lot of time working on the OECM guidelines and the PPA best practice guidelines.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

**PROGRESS**

- Integration of ecosystem services from protected areas into the UNCCD Global Land Outlook, including integration into the main body of the report and a working paper.
- Working with FAO on development of a major report on water, forests and protected areas, including a planning meeting in Rome in January 2017, development of a questionnaire and planning of a report, to be produced in 2018.
- Online course material and webinar for UNDP translated into French and Spanish and launched on the UNDP webinar site.
- Application of the Protected Area Benefits Assessment Tool in Colombia.
- Organisation of a workshop at the Vilm Academy to produce a revised methodology on the PA-BAT and a review of ecosystem assessment methodologies for Pas, KBAs and World Heritage sites.
- Smartphone “elevator conversations” on natural solutions completed in draft and out for review.
- Integration of social media presence with the climate specialist group, involving website, Facebook and Twitter, organized with CONANP and UCS.
- Two workshops run at IMPAC 4, in La Serena, Chile.
- Guide to SDGs and protected areas, plus editorial for PARKS, produced.
- Meetings held with UNEP-WCMC in Cambridge about a joint project to build a portfolio of learning sites related to natural solutions in protected areas.
- Development of a paper on key research priorities for protected areas, for PARKS.
- Completion (finally) of a paper on options for monitoring return of ecosystem services in protected areas for Restoration Ecology

### LACK OF PROGRESS

- We have had many discussions about the expansion of the REDPARQUES declaration on the role of Pas in climate change strategies but without success so far – hopefully in 2018!
- Work with the ISDR is stalled on advice from IUCN headquarters

### ORGANIZATION

(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- No major changes

### MEMBERSHIP

(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- Specialist group membership expanded – real problems in getting people active though

### COMMUNICATION

(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

#### Publications:

- An introduction to ‘other effective area-based conservation measures’ under Aichi Target 11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity: Origin, interpretation and emerging ocean issues, Dan Laffoley et al, *Aquatic Conservation*
- OECM draft guidelines
- Global Land Outlook working paper on protected areas – UNCCD
- *Natural Solutions – SDGs and Protected Areas* – with Kathy MacKinnon and Natasha Ali
- PARKS editorial on SDGs, several authors
- Measuring progress in status of land under forest landscape restoration using abiotic and biotic indicators – *Restoration Ecology*

**Related reports, but not for WCPA directly**

- *Beyond the Stripes* – report on the ecosystem services values of tiger landscapes for WWF
- *Global Land Outlook* – with Sasha Alexander, for UNCCD

#### Presentations:

- IMPACC 4 – workshop on natural solutions and marine protected areas
- PA-BAT – workshop in Colombia
- PPA workshop in Vilm
- Protected area policy and practice – to NGOs in Yangon, Myanmar

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- Newsletter to all NS members, August 2017
- Strategic plan for NS members, April 2017

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- OECMs for ICCA Consortium
- Write-up of restoration workshop for all national park managers in Myanmar for PA Newsletter

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN

(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

- Week spent reviewing Russian protected area categories for WWF in Moscow
- Joint natural solutions-climate change specialist group planning meeting in Seward, Alaska
- METT assessment in Usturt Plateau, Kazakhstan
- Meeting on MPA guidelines at the Pew Foundation, January 2018

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2016

(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)

**Commission Operating Funds used**

(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)

**Funds raised**

(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)

- Vilm Academy supported 9 people to come to the workshop

**In-kind value**

(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)

- I don’t keep exact count of days: approximately 2.5 months. This is probably too much; also (as reported above) around half of this has been spent on other WCPA priorities (OECMs, categories);
**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

## GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2017 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:**

| (i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11 [We are discussing with WCMC including a section on natural solutions] | x |
| (ii) Protected area quality enhanced through Green List of Protected Areas |
| (iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated [several marine-specific natural solutions outputs planned for the year] | x |
| (iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced [Contributing to a manual on assessment of ecosystem services for Pas, WH sites and KBAs] | x |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

| (i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity |
| (ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed |
| (iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced |
| (iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people [Elevator conversations, web-based learning with UNDP, etc] | x |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

| (i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced |
| (ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied | x |

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

| (i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed [completing the principles on equity in use of natural resources from protected areas – published as draft in Policy Matters in 2016] | x |
| (ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:**

| (i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

| (i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted |

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1**

| (i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated | x |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2**

| (i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors | x |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

| (i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled |
### GOALS FOR 2017 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
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### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

- We still have too few active members and this may well be my fault. I am hoping to engage more people in specific activities during 2018
- There are several other projects bubbling, including a revised edition of Running Pure on water and cities with FAO and collaboration with UNDP; until these are concrete I am not listing but hope these goals will expand during the year

### FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Major achievement in 2017 include:

- A commitment from Parks Canada to dedicate the time of two staff members, plus additional resources to advancing #NatureForAll
- Expanding the network of #NatureForAll partners to 200 members, including organizations from 36 countries representing all 11 IUCN regions.
- Establishing an active national network of 30+ partners in Canada
- Creating communications tools to inspire partner engagement and reach new audiences that are non-traditional to the conservation sector, including:
  - The “Imagine #NatureForAll” video in 22 languages, which has won 2 awards https://natureforall.global/what-is-natureforall#what-imagine
  - Anna’s Forest, a visually stunning comic in English, French, and Spanish
  - Various other artistic initiatives, including songs, videos, and a children’s art competition https://natureforall.global/natureforall-videos
  - A revised #NatureForAll brochure
  - A social media toolkit, brand guidelines, key messages, presentations, and other resources for partners to use
- Developing and sharing resources with partners to empower others to scale up the reach and impact of their efforts to connect people from all walks of life with nature, including (download resources here https://natureforall.global/how-to-natureforall/#how-take-action):
  - The #NatureForAll Playbook (English, French, Spanish and Chinese), to provide global guidance
  - 35+ partner success stories, to share insights and lessons learned
  - The IUCN Youth Voices Curriculum Sourcebook (in English, French, and Spanish; with the East West Center and the IUCN Secretariat), to guide educators in developing curriculum (including for learning about protected areas) for ages 5 to 17
- Distributing a quarterly newsletter to a list of 3000+ subscribers
- Maintaining an active social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram aimed strategically at reaching internal and external audiences
- Improving the www.natureforall.global web site to make it more user-friendly
- Conducting a survey of all #NatureForAll partners to gauge their interest, expectations, and expertise
- Producing pins, phone loops, T-shirts, pop-up banners, hoodies, stickers, and posters to create a visual presence at meetings and events

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1. #NatureForAll coalition of partners further expands to include those non-traditional to the
conservation sector (e.g., outdoor recreation, transportation, technology).
- The coalition of partners has continued to grow, with 31 of 200 being “other sectors” outside the traditional conservation community.
- To date, a particular focus has been placed on engaging the childhood development sector through organisations such as the Children and Nature Network and the urban sector through ICLEI, 8-80 cities, and others. Ongoing collaboration with the Health and Wellbeing Specialist Group and individual partner organisations (e.g., Parks Victoria, US National Park Service), as well as the Salzburg Global Seminar, is facilitating engagement with the Health Sector. However, no health-related organizations are currently #NatureForAll partners.

Goal 2: #NatureForAll community of practice becomes increasingly active with partners collaborating with each other on new/expanded initiatives (including seeking new funding) to share knowledge and scale up action to connect new audiences with nature and protected areas under the #NatureForAll umbrella.
- Partners have worked together to jointly fund and develop resources (e.g., the #NatureForAll Playbook and the IUCN Youth Voices Curriculum Sourcebook, and the comic Anna’s Forest), creative projects (e.g., the Wild on Humans video), and translate the “Imagine #NatureForAll video.
- 15+ partners have agreed to work together to develop a synthesis of the evidence that links experiences in nature with the development of pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours and the nurturing of sustainable development. They are contributing both in-kind and financial support to varying degrees.
- The formation of a national #NatureForAll network in Canada has been a useful mechanism for engaging and activating partners and is a model that could be considered for other countries/regions.

Goal 3: IUCN programmes, regions, commissions, and members are increasingly engaged with #NatureForAll and begin integrating its concepts and strategies into their projects and programmes.
- Approximately 50 IUCN members are currently part of the #NatureForAll coalition of partners. Many of them are participating actively in the initiative. Additional effort to recruit members will be made through national and regional committees.
- Approximately 250 members of the IUCN WCPA and 750 members of the IUCN CEC have identified an interest in #NatureForAll. They are receiving updates via the newsletter and are being invited to engage in specific activities as the programme evolves.
- Members of CEESP are engaged in the Task Force and discussions are underway regarding collaboration with CEESP on the May 2018 Communities, Conservation, and Livelihoods conference.
- Engagement with the SSC is modest to date but is a priority for the future.
- The IUCN Secretariat is engaged through the Global Protected Areas Programme as well as through the Corporate Communications team. Engagement of other programmes has been modest to date.
- Integration of #NatureForAll into the projects and programmes of IUCN constituencies is negligible at this point.

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- A Terms of Reference for a #NatureForAll Task Force was approved by the WCPA Executive Committee in mid-2017.
- Given the size of the #NatureForAll coalition of partners and the shared responsibility of the IUCN WCPA and the IUCN CEC to coordinate its work, the organizational structure is being re-evaluated. Smaller organizational components centered around specific themes (e.g., research and measurement) are beginning to emerge and may become Task Forces themselves. Discussions with the Chair of the WCPA and CEC on this subject are ongoing.
- Support from Parks Canada has been invaluable in enabling #NatureForAll to get off the ground. However, this commitment is currently set to end in December 2018. Extending this commitment or finding another source of equivalent support (2 staff plus additional resources)
will be a priority for 2018 as the current level of effort/output cannot be sustained without it.

**MEMBERSHIP**  (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- The #NatureForAll coalition of partners numbers approximately 200 organizations, with 50 of them being IUCN members. Partners are from all IUCN regions, and 36 countries. However, regional engagement is uneven (see figure below).
- They represent a variety of sectors, including government (e.g., parks and protected area agencies), public institutions (e.g., museums), non-government/not for profit (including youth organizations), communication, education, and technology. Indigenous and local community organizations are currently under-represented.
- Members of the Health and Well-being Specialist Group, Urban Conservation Strategies Specialist Group, and Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas Specialist Group are engaged in #NatureForAll through their organizations and as individuals.

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- Anna’s Forest comic book (https://natureforall.global/comic-books)
- Updated #NatureForAll brochure (hard copy only)

**Presentations:**
- Canadian Committee for IUCN (January, Ottawa)
- IUCN Council Meeting (February, Gland)
- US IUCN members meeting (March, Washington)
- Salzburg Global Seminar (March, Salzburg)
- Expo Juniors (April, Geneva)
- Children and Nature Network International Conference (April, Vancouver)
- National Geographic Communicators Meeting (April, Washington)
- Canadian Embassy, World Environment Day Celebration (June, Washington)
- Development and Environment Behavioural Insights Newtork (November, Stockholm)
- National Conservation Summit (November, Kananaskis Alberta)
- Faculty of Education Science Conference (December, Rabat)

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- Focus this year has been on engaging and activating current partners and empowering them to act as champions for #NatureForAll
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

None

Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)
None

Funds utilised in 2017 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)
Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)
5,000 CH

Funds raised (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)
Funds (>$250K USD cash and in kind) have been raised to support these activities but not in the name of IUCN WCPA. They were managed by core partners in the coalition in their own names (e.g., Parks Canada, US National Park Service, New South Wales Office of Environment and Heritage, Parks Victoria, East Bay Regional Park District, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Canadian Parks Council, Canadian Museum of Nature) to support IUCN WCPA and CEC objectives related to #NatureForAll.

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)
220 days. I am paid for most of the work I do for WCPA by Parks Canada.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter
- #NatureForAll web site has been updated and is the main source of information about the programme
- Active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, with several posts daily; actively sharing relevant content from partners
- Quarterly newsletter distributed to 3000+ subscribers
- Monthly contributions to GPAP newsletter

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)
None

IUCN Programme Area 1: Valuing and conserving nature

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**GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**  
*(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**Goal 1:**
- Activate and grow the partnership:  
  Continue to engage current partners and focus new partner engagement (including engaging IUCN members through regional/national committees) on those who are likely to be active contributors to #NatureForAll

**Goal 2:**
- Go Public, Go Big  
  Dedicate more effort to initiatives that directly engage the public/non-traditional audiences – e.g., a mechanism for individuals to make a pledge about how they will contribute; a concert or other event; other coordinated effort(s) identified and supported by partners

**Goal 3:**
- Sustain the programme  
  Make a concerted effort to fundraise (cash and in kind support) with partners for core programming and specific projects in order to ensure long-term sustainability

**Goal 4:**
- Conduct Relevant Research  
  Establish a Research/Evidence working group or task force. Produce, with partners a synthesis of the current evidence linking experiences in/connectedness with nature and pro-environmental values, attitudes and behaviours with support and action for conservation. Develop (led by relevant partners and other experts), on the basis of identified gaps, a research agenda for #NatureForAll to inform the development and implementation of the programme as well as inputs to policy processes of conservation and other sectors

**Goal 5:**
- Establish a Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism  
  Begin to establish a working group or task force that will develop a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to measure the impact of #NatureForAll programming
### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

- #NatureForAll continues to have a bold vision. Increased commitment from #NatureForAll partners as well as all IUCN constituencies will be essential for its long-term development and sustainability.
- We have been doing a good job of engaging the conservation community but need to do more/refine our approach in order to better engage other sectors.
- Core support from Parks Canada or another partner needs to be secured before the end of December 2018.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Focused on assisting development of 2 key areas- the Beyond Aichi Task Force and the Connectivity Specialist Group
- Completed several projects remaining from the WCPA-SSC Joint Task Force on Biodiversity and Protected Areas (see separate report on this Task Force)
- Co-Chaired the Standards Committee to complete the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas
- Acted as a Target 11 Champion for IUCN and led IUCN assistance for Canada moving to achieve Aichi Target 11 including meetings with the Minister of the Environment, senior officials at parks Canada; testifying for WCPA before 2 parliamentary committee (Environment and Fisheries and Oceans); organizing a workshop at the Canadian Parks Summit.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

**Goal 1:** Assist with the establishment of the Beyond Aichi Task Force and the Connectivity Specialist Group  
- Both groups are established, funded and running well  
- Beyond Aichi TF – Attended and helped organize the formation workshop in Vilm; established and conducted an online survey of 350 scientists from 80 countries; met with US based NGO leaders in Washington; Part of the coordination team for the Space for Nature symposium to be held at ZSL, London in February.  
- Connectivity SG – part of core writing team drafting a new IUCN standard for connectivity conservation – standard is drafted (Jan, 2018) and ready for internal review within IUCN.

**Goal 2:** Recruit enhanced science capacity to the WCPA, based on gaps identified by the WCPA steering Committee.  
- Several new members were recruited, including Risa Smith on full time assignment to WCPA from Environment and Climate Change Canada.  
- Did not complete a gap analysis of science needs in conjunction with Marc Hockings

**Goal 3:** Chair the Green List standards committee.  
- I co-chaired this Committee with Sandra Valenzuela, including developing a Terms of Reference, recruiting a committee that was geographically representative and gender balanced; held a committee meeting in Chile; the Green List Standard was reviewed, modified and completed; GL Standard approved by IUCN Council.

**Goal 4:** Complete the laypersons Guide to protected areas outcomes  
- This goal was not achieved because of lack of time. I ended up spending much more time on Canadian issues helping Canada move to achieving Aichi Target 11.

**Goal 5:** Act as WCPA representative to the KBA partnership. Create a KBA specialist group to help in-
country work with KBA identification and conservation

- Attended 2 partnership meeting and fully participated in partnership including; developed of a detailed work plan; established a Standards and Petitions Committee; development of brand and logo; and establishing a National Coordination Body in Canada. KBA partnership now has Secretariat Director and ramping up identification in several areas of the world.
- See WCPA-SSC Joint Task Force Report for more details

Goal 6: Complete 2 refereed publications in protected areas outcomes

- Publications (see publications section) completed including on Marine Protected Areas in Nature (Gill et al) and one analyzing METTs results in Conservation Letters (Geldmann et al)

**ORGANIZATION** (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- none

**COMMUNICATION** (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

**Publications:**


**Presentations:**

**Workshops**

- Organized a day long workshop on Canada Reaching Aichi Target 11 at the Canadian Parks Conference, Banff, Canada, February 6th, 2017
- Training Workshop - to the Liber Ero Fellowship Retreat, Galiano Island, British Columbia – IUCN and the Aichi Targets May 15-17
- Canadian Oceans Act Workshop – Ottawa, June 14-16 – on Protected Areas Effectiveness
- Beyond the Aichi Targets – consultation with senior leaders form US based NGOs in Washington, October 10th-12th
- Organized an International Science Workshop of the Canadian Council on Ecological Areas (CCEA), in collaboration with the Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP) on: Key Biodiversity Areas and Ecosystem Services. Quebec City, November 7-10th.

**Presentations**

- Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development – see report titles “Taking Action Today: Establishing Protected Areas for Canada’s Future” with substantive
input from WCPA forming key elements of the report, March 24, 2017 -
http://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/ENVI/Reports/RP8847135/envirp05/envirp05-e.pdf

- Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans – presentation on amendments to the Oceans Act to Strengthen Marine Protected Areas where WCPA recommendations to change the intent of MPAs to be “maintenance of ecological integrity” were upheld -

- CBD SBSTTA side event on “Other Effective Areas Based Conservation Measures” – November 11 on Canadian experiences with OECMs
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society National Meeting - on “Other Effective Areas Based Conservation Measures”.

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- Meeting and letter to Canadian Minister of the Environment on Aichi Target 11.
- Meeting with Deputy Minister, Department of Fisheries and Oceans on OECMs
- Meetings with Assistant Deputy Minister Parks Canada in Aichi Target 11

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Appeared on Canadian National Television – “Power and Politics”;

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

- Chair of the Green List Standards Committee and representative on the Green List Committee
- WCPA Representative on the Key Biodiversity Partnership
- IUCN Delegation to CBD SBSTTA

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)

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8000.00 CHF – COF accounting provided separately

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Travel support for Stephen Woodley provided by SNAP, SSC, IUCN secretariat for Green List, Connectivity SG and Beyond Aichi TF – total 4500.00 USD. See TF and SG reports for funds raised.

#### In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)

Stephen Woodley - 230 days as Vice-Chair plus 30 days on the WCPA-SSC Joint Task Force

### Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)

Program funding has been done very successfully by Chairs of the Connectivity SG and Beyond Aichi TF. See their reports for ongoing funding

### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

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#### WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

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**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1**

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2**

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled

**GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

*(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**Goal 1:**

- Continual to provide substantial support to the the Beyond Aichi Task Force and the Connectivity Specialist Group

**Goal 2:**

- Publication in Parks Journal of results from the global survey of Beyond the Aichi Targets

**Goal 3:**

- Co-Chair the Green List standards committee and participate in the GL Committee

**Goal 4:**

- Complete and publish the laypersons Guide to protected areas outcomes

**Goal 5:**

- Act as WCPA representative to the KBA partnership, including participation on the KBA standards and Petitions Committee

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- Collectively we to find ways to enhance the in-country work by the WCPA. There is real need for in-country and regional communication and coordination.
- WCPA needs to develop a charitable partner for the WCPA to comply with the IUCN fund raising rules
- WCPA needs to discuss how urgent priorities are managed within IUCN and WCPA when the GPAP secretariat staff are overwhelmed by current workloads

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

1. Science theme was split into two components in 2017 with two Vice-Chairs (Science and Management – Marc Hockings; Science and Biodiversity - Stephen Woodley). The two Vice-Chairs continued to work closely together through the year. The Editorship of PARKS was taken on by the Vice-Chair as an integral part of the Science and Management theme as linking Science and Management of Protected Areas is a core objective of the PARKS journal (see separate report on PARKS).

2. I was invited to join the Commission on Ecosystem Management to help coordinate work on Standards and the SSC Monitoring Specialist Group to help coordinate linkages between species monitoring and work on management effectiveness assessment and the Green List.

3. Work continued with Mexico and Colombia on the development of management effectiveness evaluation systems (and linkages to Green List) with workshops held in Mexico (with CONANP) and Colombia (with WWF and Parques Nacionales).

4. Analysis and preparation of papers on aspects of management effectiveness of protected areas undertaken in conjunction with staff at WCMC and other researchers with a number of papers published, prepared and in development.

5. Identification of key research questions for protected areas. Survey of 50 park managers and researchers to identify there top 100 research questions undertaken in conjunction with Nigel Dudley and Sue Stolton (and the collaborating managers/researchers). Will be published as a paper in PARKS in 2018.

6. Considerable activity in 2016 centered on the development of the IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas in collaboration with IUCN Secretariat staff in the Global Program on Protected Areas. I am serving on both the Standards Committee and the Management Committee for the Green List with the standards revision being finalized at a meeting in Chile in conjunction with IMPAC 4.

7. The Green List Specialist Group was established with over 60 members. Webinars were held for the GL Committee, Regional Vice-Chairs of WCPA and SG members to help them become familiar with the GL standard and processes.

8. As Chair of the GL Specialist Group, I have contributed to the selection process for EAGL members in Malaysia, Vietnam and Australia and participated in training for the Australian EAGL. Arrangement negotiated with WWF Australia to host the EAGL in Australia

9. Participated in the work of the OECM Task Force and to the writing of the draft Guidelines

10. I continued to serve on the WCPA Executive Committee.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1: To foster membership and active participation of the IUCN WCPA Science thematic programme in order to better connect science and management relevant to conservation of biodiversity and management of protected areas by promoting the conduct of management-
relevant science by scientists and evidence-based decision making by managers.

- Scientists working on protected areas who are not members of WCPA who I have come across over the year, especially young scientists, have been invited to join WCPA but there was limited progress in establishing regular communication outside of normal Task Force operations.
- PARKS used as venue for connecting researchers and practitioners and relevant papers sought from researchers working on protected area issues

### Goal 2 Liaise with Regional Vice-Chairs, other thematic Vice-Chairs, the GPAP and Regional IUCN offices as needed to coordinate activities and initiatives of the programme with other activities of WCPA and IUCN

- Coordinated with relevant people in IUCN GPAP and regional offices (esp ORMA and Asia) in relation to work on Green List, management effectiveness, ecological restoration
- National focal points identified for Green List Specialist Group in 16 countries

### Goal 3: a. promote global awareness of the importance of application of science to protected area management through participation in or organization of workshops, conferences, electronic media; targeted printed information and other appropriate methods

- b. To collaborate and (as appropriate) develop partnerships within IUCN and beyond as part of facilitating the application of science to management of protected areas

- Participation of members of Science and Management Theme in many workshops and co-authoring of publications
- Liaison with Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Science, Society for Conservation Biology etc

### Goal 4: Contribute to the IUCN WCPA journal Parks as one of the journal editors

- See separate report – goal fully achieved

### Goal 5: Increase Science Capacity and Advice to the WCPA Program

- See report from Science and Biodiversity Vice-Chair also
- Major input to OECM guidelines development including participation in Vancouver workshop and drafting and revision of Guidelines
- Participation and conduct of sessions at IMPAC4 in Chile

### Goal 6: Contribute to operation of related Specialist Groups and Task Forces in the WCPA

- Terms of Reference approved and activation of Green List Specialist Group – see items on this elsewhere in this report
- Little progress with joint SSC-WCPA Alien Invasive Species Task Force – Have approached SSC lead in relation to activation of this group but without success.
- Management Effectiveness SG has been inactive. Discussions held with SG Chair mid 2017 and with WCPA Chair. Group is in process of being re-activated. As V-C, I have continued to be active in this field in terms of research, publication and assistance provided to countries undertaking work in this area.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- Nil

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- Members recruited at relevant meetings focused primarily on emerging researchers working on protected area issues

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**


Presentations:
- IMPAC4 workshop on Green List
- Webinars on Green List with Regional V-Cs, GL Committee members and Specialist Group members
- Myanmar – presentation on management effectiveness evaluation to park managers

Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- With senior government officials in Mexico, Myanmar, Australia and Indonesia

Contributions to media, website, newsletter
- Stories in relation to PARKS issues in newsletter

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)
- Nil

Funds Utilised in 2017 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)

Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)
7000CHF received, 6,843.16 CHF expended – see attached report Balance of CHF156.84 will be put towards costs of accommodation and meals at Washington MPA meeting at end of January

Funds raised (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)
A$8000 raised through personal consultancy work provided to support Green List operations in Australia (given to WWF to support costs of hosting EAGL)

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)
75 days (not including time reported in PARKS Report)

Funding proposals in the pipeline *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

Nil

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- Establish, in collaboration with Science and Biodiversity theme and Natural Solutions Theme, and in consultation with other Regional and thematic V-Cs, a system for identifying and disseminating to relevant universities and research groups, research needs identified in relation to protected areas
- Establish Facebook Science and Management group as information sharing platform supported by a member of the Science and Management thematic programme
- Actively promote the use of PARKS, Panorama and other WCPA and IUCN communication avenues to connect scientists with managers

**Goal 2:** Liaise with Regional Vice-Chairs, other thematic Vice-Chairs, other Commission groups, the GPAP and Regional IUCN offices as needed to coordinate activities and initiatives of the programme with other activities of WCPA and IUCN

- Participate in Steering Committee meeting
- Contribute to SSC SG on Monitoring in relation to links between the work of this group and WCPA Management Effectiveness and Green List activities and CEM work on Standards
- Contribute to Selva Maya project in Central America in collaboration with IUCN ORMA including participation in inception workshop and work on management effectiveness and Green List

**Goal 3:**

a. promote global awareness of the importance of application of science to protected area management through participation in or organization of workshops, conferences, electronic media; targeted printed information and other appropriate methods

b. To collaborate and (as appropriate) develop partnerships within IUCN and beyond as part of facilitating the application of science to management of protected areas

- Encourage participation of WCPA thematic members in workshops and co-authoring publications as opportunities arise
- Maintain liaison with other key relevant bodies such as Society for Conservation Biology and major Conservation NGOs to encourage involvement of WCPA members in projects and activities were relevant
- Actively promote the use of PARKS, Panorama and other WCPA and IUCN communication avenues to connect scientists with managers
- Publish Discussion paper on Agency Science developed by Agency Science working group in PARKS (subject to satisfactory peer review)

**Goal 4:** Contribute to operation of related Specialist Groups and Task Forces in the WCPA

- Re-constitute Management Effectiveness Specialist Group with new leadership and program for 2018 wit the aim of re-establishing IUCN’s leading advisory role in Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME), working collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, GPAP and regional offices of IUCN to build capacity for PAME in countries and regions and analyse PAME data to inform global and regional PA priorities. Continue collaboration with Mexico to build a national PAME system.
- In collaboration with the GPAP and regional offices of IUCN, develop and deliver the IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas (GLPCA) including capacity development for and coordination of WCPA member support for the GLPCA through the management and operation of the Green List Specialist Group. Contribute to Green List Management Committee and Standards Committee operations.
- Support operation of the Green List in Australia (in absence of IUCN Secretariat staff to play this supporting role)
- Support operation of OECM Task Force including participation in relevant fora.
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**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

### Goal 1: Operationalizing the WCPA World Heritage Network – GOAL MET
Working in conjunction with the WHP Knowledge and Information Officer, a detailed survey was designed and sent out to all WCPA members who had expressed interest in World Heritage in their WCPA membership renewal in 2016. It was made clear that while membership in the WHN was open to all WCPA members, it would be contingent upon filling out the survey. Survey results were then transferred into the IUCN portal, providing for the first time a searchable database of WCPA members with detailed information regarding their expertise on the WH Convention, with particular WH sites, or with themes or issues of relevance to WH sites or the Convention as well as their technical background, region etc. This makes it possible to identify new WCPA contributors more precisely and much more quickly than was possible in the past to help deliver IUCN’s role as Advisory Body to the Convention.

### Goal 2: Advocacy work to uphold the WH Convention’s operational guidelines and building civil society capacity to operate within the Convention. GOAL PARTIALLY MET
I attended the 2-day WH Watch meetings prior to 41COM in Krakow Poland and advised a number of NGOs working on WH, both at this meeting and on an ad hoc basis throughout the year, either in bilateral meetings or in phone calls with the Natural World Heritage Sites Network. Unfortunately, we were not able to complete the User’s Guide to the Convention and so have not been able to organize trainings. However, the User’s Guide is under way, and we hope to have an online version available by 42COM, to expand it over time, and possibly to do a print version in 2019.

### Goal 3: Pew Partnership. GOAL NOT MET... Efforts to develop a partnership between IUCN-WCPA, IUCN-WHP, Pew Charitable Trusts and the WILD Foundation on WH, Wilderness and Large Landscapes fell apart due to a restructuring at Pew and the departure of key staff who were advancing this work.

### Goal 4: Work with IUCN WHP and IUCN RVCs/regional WH focal points to deliver second iteration of WH Outlook GOAL MET

### Goal 5: Working with IUCN WHP and WildTouch to assess possibilities for strengthened communications around the importance of the World Heritage Convention and particular World Heritage sites such as the Okavango Delta. GOAL NOT MET BECAUSE there was a mutual agreement between IUCN and WildTouch not to pursue this work.

### Goal 6: Assessing opportunities for a programme of work on World Heritage and forests. ONGOING
New research coming out in 2018 should help with mapping primary forests and defining a program of work on forests within WHP including potential IUCN guidance on this topic.

### Goal 7: Meeting Participation. GOAL MET: attended
- WCPA Steering Committee – Cartagena, Colombia, March 2017
- World Heritage Committee – July 2016, Bonn, Germany
- World Heritage Panel – December 2017
# ORGANIZATION

- See above re: IUCN WCPA World Heritage Network

# MEMBERSHIP

- See above re: IUCN WCPA World Heritage Network

# COMMUNICATION

*(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

## Publications:

- World Heritage, Wilderness and Large Landscapes guidance document was launched in Krakow, Poland at 41COM.
- Paper in Conservation letters on the same topic published.

## Presentations:

- Several at 41COM.

# Strategic Stakeholder Communication

## Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Blog, press releases on WH and wilderness.

# ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN

- Participation in IUCN delegation to 41COM, IUCN WH Panel, IUCN Primary Forest Task Team.

# FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017

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- **Funds raised**
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## In-kind value

- No proposals in the pipeline

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**Goal 1:** Continuing to operationalize the WCPA World Heritage Specialists Group including:

- Building the WCPA World Heritage network of experts in partnership with the WHP Knowledge and Information Officer.
- Keeping WCPA WHSG members informed of WH developments and opportunities to contribute to IUCN’s work with the Convention.

**Goal 2:** Advocacy work to encourage better compliance by the World Heritage Committee with the World Heritage Convention’s Operational Guidelines and adherence to the technical recommendations of the Advisory Bodies.

- Building capacity of NGO networks so that they understand the core concepts in the Convention and Operational Guidelines as well as the timelines and processes of the Convention.
- Developing an online IUCN World Heritage “User’s Guide” for civil society to help orient them in the workings of the Convention and specifically when and how to engage at various points in the nominations and monitoring processes. This will be a WCPA/IUCNWHP product (though we will keep other Advisory Bodies and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre informed).

**Goal 3:** Identify and action fundraising opportunities for implementing a World Heritage and wilderness approach under the Convention.

- In particular with respect to foundations in the San Francisco Bay Area, Washington, D.C. and New York City.

**Goal 4:** Engaging in preparatory activities necessary to develop a programme of work on World Heritage and forests

- Including participating in the IUCN-WCPA Primary Forest Task Team, to develop an IUCN policy on primary forests.

**Goal 5:** Participation in key meetings

- WCPA Steering Committee - tbd
- World Heritage Committee – June-July 2018, Manama, Bahrain
- Culture-Nature Journey 3 – 13-16 November, San Francisco
- World Heritage Panel – December 2018, Arab States
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS  
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE  
THEMATIC VICE CHAIR:  YOUNG PROFESSIONALS  
MARIASOLE BIANCO  
REPORTING PERIOD:  1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

## OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

2017 was a great year for the WCPA YP network. The year was mostly dedicated at reorganising the network by sorting membership issues and at setting up a functional and effective operational framework to fully achieve our objectives.

Most of the work carried out this year was guided by two members of the WCPA ExCo, Penelope Figgis and Mike Wong, who previously helped negotiating a positive way forward for the YPs within WCPA and whose engagement and support are gratefully acknowledged.

To effectively carry out my work as the YP Vice Chair I establish a working group made of YP regional focal points that will work closely with WCPA Regional Vice Chairs and myself to facilitate collaboration and integration of YP within the Commission. To date we have a YP focal point for all the regions except for East Asia. All the focal points have been introduced to their Regional Vice Chair and are now working together to develop different programs within each region.

In April I attended the Steering Committee meeting in Colombia and further reinforced intergenerational collaboration and knowledge sharing as a priority within WCPA and strengthen the links with Regional, Thematic and SG TF Vice Chairs.

A major commitment and achievement during 2017 was the 4th International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC4) held in September in La Serena, Chile and its preparatory work. As the WCPA YP Vice chair I was member of the steering committee and followed the integration of YP in the conference programme and that intergenerational collaboration and YP involvement were part of the legacy of the congress.

The WCPA YP network has played a significant role in supporting the organisation of IMPAC4 and in making sure that YP involvement and intergenerational collaboration were part of its legacy.

In particular the WCPA YP network:

- Organised and presented the session Happy Hour with the WCPA Young Professionals. The session was introduced by Dan Laffoley and presented by Mariasole Bianco, Kathy Zischka, James Niketine and Marie Fischborn highlighting the work of the WCPA YP network and in particular the work of the WCPA Marine YP Task Force
- The WCPA YP Vice chair presented in the closing panel MPAs a shared vision for the future about the responsibilities and obligations that the conservation community has in empowering the next generation of conservation leaders
- Organised the Intergenerational Learning Workshop as a capacity building and leadership training side events at the Centro Costero Facultad De Ciencias Del Mar Universidad Católica Del Nortein Coquimbo.

The workshop aimed at exposing students to ideas, models of practice (e.g. mentoring, engaging in solution labs) related to reciprocal intergenerational learning, professional network development and knowledge sharing.
With this exposure to the value of shared informal and formal learning beyond the academic setting, the aim is for the participants to have the interest and willingness to take the initiative to develop their own learning network.

Presentations Included:
- Building intergenerational exchange - connecting students with Indigenous leaders, working professionals and university students – Representatives from Students on Ice Foundation, Canada
- Message from the Galapagos Islands - Patricia Marti Puig, Senior Marine Ecologist, Galapagos Marine Reserve, Charles Darwin Foundation.
- Opportunities for YPs at NOAA - Gabrielle Johnson, NOAA
- The IUCN WCPA perspective - Mariasole Bianco & Kathy Zischka, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
- Insights from a senior marine leader - Jon Day, ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reefs, Australia.

The presentations were followed by the following sessions:
- Personal reflections by participants – the need for shared learning,
- Design their own professional development learning network & taking responsibility
- for building their career,
- Organising a network for Chile
- Support and follow-up from IUCN and other institutions

The last but not least highlight of the contribution of YP to IMPAC4 was the launch of a new video by WCPA young professionals titled “Making Waves” with lessons and inspiration gathered from IMPAC4.

During the year as YP Vice Chair I also:
- Actively recruited new WCPA members and helped regional Vice Chair in the selection process of new YP members
- Contributed to the development of a WCPA communication strategy
- Working closely with the secretariat and other members of WCPA to develop a proposal for the MAVA Foundation call to develop and implement a tailor-made intergenerational leadership program.
- Manged WCPA Marine Facebook Page in collaboration with WCPA Marine Vice Chair
- Followed relations with other youth network of conservation organisation such as the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)and helped the International Ranger Federation (IRF) to develop their YP strategy

**PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)**

*Identify capacity building opportunities for YPs in collaboration with the IUCN Secretariat, other Commissions the VCs, of WCPA SGs and TFs, key actors and other partners.*

*Achieved.*

Worked with the secretariat and contributed to the drafting of the MAVA Foundation call for
proposals for the development and implementation of a tailor-made intergenerational leadership program and liaised with other conservation-related YP networks like the GYBN and IRF to explore together Capacity Building opportunities. We are also working with Coalition Wild and the North America regional Vice Chair to develop a mentorship program that we can possibly test within WCPA. We continue to work closely with the Capacity Building Specialist Group and there are also plans for the development of a mentoring programme for young professionals with the initial focus being South Africa in the Western Cape. The proposal will be written shortly and will be reviewed by the Regional Vice Chair, the Capacity Building Vice Chair and members of the secretariat.

**Assist in identifying additional qualified outstanding younger conservationists who fit the WCPA criteria with the goal of ethnic, national and gender diversity**

Achieved.

Actively recruited outstanding young conservationists at IMPAC4 and in other occasions. It must be stated that with the new rules it is very difficult for us to track back who officially became a member and consequently follow up as appropriate to facilitate integration.

**In collaboration with WCPA ExCo, develop and implement a strategy to improve participation, integration and intergenerational exchange between YPs and SGs and TFs of the Commission**

Partially Achieved.

The first introductions were made: a total number of 149 introductions have been made connecting YPs that expressed interest in participating and contributing to specific TF or SG. However this goal will be better developed and achieved next year in collaboration with the YP regional focal points. Regular communication with the VCs and TF leaders to facilitate integration and involvement of YPs will be implemented. A set of indicators to assess active engagement with YPs in SGs and TFs will be identified.

**Be a cooperative and constructive member of the Steering Committee and act as a communication conduit between the SC and younger members to strengthen group communications and outreach.**

Achieved

**Facilitate involvement, active engagement and contribution of YP in major conservation events of 2017**

Achieved

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

To effectively carry out my work as the YP Vice Chair I established a working group made of YP regional focal points who will work closely with WCPA Regional Vice Chairs and myself to facilitate intergenerational collaboration and integration of YP within the commission. Before commencing, this initiative has been discussed and endorsed by members of the WCPA ExCo and the Chair. The YP regional focal point will work in close collaboration with the Regional Vice Chair and the YP Vice Chair and in particular is expected to facilitate and promote intergenerational cooperation and knowledge exchange within WCPA by:

- Facilitating WCPA membership application to outstanding, qualified and highly motivated YP of the region Helping new/existing YP members in their regions to familiarise with WCPA structure and governance
- Helping new/existing YP members in their regions to identify within WCPA Specialist Groups (SG) and Task Forces (TF) potential areas for contribution and involvement based on the YP interest and expertise and on the SG or TF needs
- Working in collaboration with established Commission Chair, Vice-Chairs, leaders and members, to increase and improve involvement of young members coming from the region in the projects and programs of Task Forces, Specialist Groups
• Keeping in touch on a monthly basis with the Regional Vice Chair and the YP Vice Chair
• Representing the WCPA YP at relevant regional events, upon direct request and endorsement of the Regional Vice Chair
• Liaising with other IUCN-related regional constituency such as National committees and Regional Offices, as well as other Commission members
• Raising awareness about WCPA’s work and creating partnerships with youth-oriented environmental/conservation organizations, networks, universities, and initiatives;

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

• Reorganized the google group and integrated new members thanks to the fundamental help of Delwyn Dupuis
• Supported Regional Vice Chairs in selection process of YP

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**
WCPA YP members are actively helping regional Vice Chair with the publication of their newsletter.

**Presentations:**

- Organised and presented the session Happy Hour with the WCPA Young Professionals
- The WCPA YP Vice chair presented in the closing panel MPAs a shared vision for the future about the responsibilities and obligations that the conservation community has in empowering the next generation of conservation leaders
- Organised and presented at the Intergenerational Learning Workshop
- Mentioned WCPA and the YP Network during many presentations throughout the year

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
Together with other members of WCPA we are in the process of developing a communication strategy that will target different strategic stakeholders and provide a functional framework for all communication outputs of WCPA.
At the moment the communication with strategic stakeholders is maintained through our google groups, direct emails and our online presence.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Film - Making Waves at IMPAC4 - James Nikitine In September 2017, during the 4th International Marine Protected Area Congress in Chile, the IUCN WCPA-Marine Young Professionals Task Force were given the exciting challenge to make a film in the duration of the event, and then have it screened on the last day. With the help of Chilean filmmaker Mateo Barrenengoa and under the supervision of Dan Laffoley, James Nikitine directed a piece, ‘Making Waves’, remotely edited in Switzerland by associate filmmaker Fabiano D’Amato. This work resulted in a strongly inspirational piece, successfully shown during the closing ceremony in front of the 1,000 or so IMPAC4 delegates.
- Managed the IUCN WCPA Marine Facebook page achieving impressive results (for more details please see WCPA Marine Technical report):
  - We increased our followers by 48% in one year (from 3,149 to 4,649).
  - The age groups show an increase in the percentage of people that follow us with the highest age group being from 25 to 34 years old.
- An online social media presence of the YP network was maintained through the Young Protected Areas Leaders and Senior Friends Facebook group in which we have over 1200 members.

Below some interesting insights about age and gender groups and the geographical representation of our main followers:
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

none

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017 *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

A total of CHF 5,000 was allocated during the year. At year end a carry-forward deficit of CHF-126.89 was made.

Funds raised *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

none

In-kind value *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

Approximately 200 days

Funding proposals in the pipeline *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

Non at the moment but looking at developing different projects especially concerning capacity building, mentoring and Aichi target 11.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2018 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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GOALS FOR 2018 for your THEME

(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

Goal 1:
Continue to identify leadership training and capacity building opportunities for YPs in collaboration with the IUCN Secretariat, other Commissions the VCs, of WCPA SGs and TFs, key actors and other partners. Explore opportunities to develop workshops and training sessions for YP members or to include YP representation in existing WCPA workshops/training sessions

Goal 2:
Continue to assist in identifying and actively recruit additional qualified outstanding younger conservationists who fit the WCPA criteria with the goal of ethnic, national and gender diversity

Goal 3:
In collaboration with WCPA Chair, ExCo, Regional VCs and Regional YP Focal Points develop and implement a strategy to improve participation, integration and intergenerational exchange between YPs and SGs and TFs of the Commission. Identify a set of indicators to assess active engagement with YPs in SGs and TFs.

Goal 4:
Support work of Regional Focal points for the development of mentoring and intergenerational knowledge sharing and collaboration programs

Goal 5:
Facilitate and improve YP participation within GPAP projects such as Green List, Panorama and Governance

Goal 6:
Facilitate involvement, active engagement and contribution of YPs in major conservation congress
for 2018

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

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**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
Specialist Group
OVERVIEW OF 2016 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Working to increase the awareness of Protected Areas (PA) as solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change was the most important activity performed during the World Conservation Congress (WCC)
- From the 1st-10th September in Hawai’i, the WCC was the platform to strengthen the Protected Areas Climate Change Specialist Group (PACSG). Also, an action plan was done in order to have and impact in all the activities and decisions taken at the WCC, to find and propose new mechanisms for meeting climate change targets, and to influence public policies on the countries and agencies of the different group members
- Strengthening partnerships and alliances to enhance awareness of climate change and to influence on the climate change public policies of different countries
- Launching of the Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2016. Add more lines if needed)

- Through the World Conservation Congress, held in Hawai’i, awareness of protected areas as solutions to climate change was raised. During the congress, there was a total participation of five workshops, four Knowledge cafés, 12 pavilion events, six posters, 10 side-events and three group meetings.
- Specifically, the workshop “Managing Protected Areas and Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the 21st century: Case Studies from the GEF” emphasized the role of protected areas for conserving biodiversity and dealing with the effects of climate change.
- Motions related to protected areas were voted in favor:
  - Recognizing and respecting the territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities (ICCs) overlapped by protected areas
  - Transboundary cooperation and protected areas
  - Supporting privately protected areas
  - Harmonizing the integrated management of overlapping Ramsar Sites, World Heritage sites, Biosphere Reserves and UNESCO Global Geoparks
  - Establishing an IUCN and World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Task Force on Protected Area Friendly System
  - Protected areas as natural solutions to climate change
  - Identifying Kew Biodiversity Areas for safeguarding biodiversity
  - Increasing marine protected area coverage for effective marine biodiversity conservation
  - Awareness of connectivity conservation definition and guidelines
- Participation in the Ordinary Meeting of the Conduction Committee of the World Commission of Protected Areas (WCPA), in the WCC in Hawai’i
- Launch of Adapting to Climate Change: Guidance for protected area managers and
Four new Sister Park Partnerships with the US National Park Service were signed. Now, 11 Mexican Protected Areas have a collaborative management between Mexico, the USA and Canada, in order to protect landscapes and biodiversity Attendance to three formal PACCsG meetings, performed during the WCC in Hawai’i

**ORGANIZATION**

(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

**MEMBERSHIP**

(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

**COMMUNICATION**

(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

**Publications:**


**Presentations:**

- “Signing of four new Sister Park Partnerships with the US National Park Service”, US Pavilion Event, WCC
- “The Promise of Sydney: where do we stand?” Pavilion Event, WCC
- “ Catalyzing sustainable public and private investment for conservation”, Pavilion Event, WCC
- “Coastal Watershed Conservation in the Context of Climate Change, the case of Mexico”, Pavilion Event, WCC
- “Partnerships Preserving the Monarch Butterfly Migratory Phenomenon Across North America”, Pavilion Event, WCC
- “Launch: Climate Change Best Practice Guidelines”, Pavilion Event, WCC
- “Reciprocal restoration: partnerships for ecological and social benefits”, Poster presentation, WCC
- “A landscape approach to temperate grassland conservation in North American great plains”, Poster presentation, WCC
- “Monarch Butterfly Conservation Strategy: a Strategic Habitat Conservation Framework”, Poster presentation, WCC
- “Continental Conservation: Collaboration with North American Countries to Preserve the Monarch Butterfly Migratory Phenomenon”, Poster presentation, WCC
- “Using spatial analysis tools to evaluate urban conservation opportunities for the monarch butterfly: An urban landscape design framework”, Poster presentation, WCC
- “Managing protected areas and mainstreaming biodiversity in the 21st century: Case studies from the GEF”, Workshop, WCC
- “Gnarly’s issues: Climate adaptation where policy is lacking or unclear”. WCC: Participation in the Knowledge Café
- “Making OECMs work- a practical solution”. WCC: Participation in the Knowledge Café
- “Towards a Global Declaration: Mainstreaming Protected Areas as Natural Solutions to Climate Change”. WCC: Participation in the Knowledge Café

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Contribution to overall communication with stakeholder groups and within IUCN.
- During the WCC, meetings were held with:
  - MPA Agency

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Interview to newsletter “El País”
**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*


**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2016** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2016 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2016 and use financial report for details)*

The total budget used in 2016 was CHF 4,283.93 which corresponds to travel expenses to the World Conservation Congress (WCC) in Hawai‘i. This budget includes: i) airplane ticket (CHF 827.68), ii) meals and incidental expenses (CHF 1,155.56); iii) registration expenses for three CONANP STAFF (CHF 2050.00); iv) miscellaneous expenses (CHF 109.50); vi) computer and office consumable expenses (CHF 80.28); vii) surface travel expenses (CHF 60.92). Total: CHF 4,283.93

**Funds raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

No funds were raised, although the Group should pursue it in the future.

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2016)*

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2017**

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- (i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

- (i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:**

- (i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

- (i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance
### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

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### GOALS FOR 2017 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

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### FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Over the past year, the CCSG has rapidly grown to over 450 members from 75 countries representing 6 continents, with members connected through newsletters, a collaborative worksite called Basecamp, a website that keeps the membership informed about new advances in connectivity science, www.conservationcorridor.org/ccsg, and a regular schedule of regional gatherings and convenings. As the CCSG has grown, it has built regional leadership capacity on every continent except Antarctica, including representatives that support marine connectivity efforts in the world’s five oceans. Over 400 institutions are represented in this community including large, medium, and small nonprofits, universities, government and indigenous agencies, the private sector, and community-based organizations. Organizations such as the Center for Large Landscape Conservation in the US and The Nature Conservancy in Canada have allocated its staff to the CCSG to help this community achieve its ambitious agenda.

In the past year, the CCSG has convened workshops at the International Society for Conservation Biology meetings in Colombia, at the Society for Ecological Restoration in Brazil, at the International Conference on Ecology and Transportation in Salt Lake City, at the Cambridge Conservation Forum in Cambridge, UK, and at the Conference on Road Ecology and Climate Change Adaptation in Quebec, Canada. CCSG members have spoken at numerous conferences and workshops and continue to recruit new members and solicit feedback on connectivity guidelines. We have successfully raised convening funding from the International Fund for Animal Welfare and Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation.

The leadership of the CCSG has also taken on the writing of the draft standards and guidelines for the proposed new IUCN conservation designation known as Areas for Connectivity Conservation (ACCs) that will provide a planning framework for assessing and conserving ecological connectivity along with compatible conservation outside of protected areas in order to connect protected areas to one another and enhance the ecological effectiveness of protected areas. Per these standards, the CCSG has been asked by the World Commission on Protected Areas’ Beyond Aichi Task Force to contribute connectivity targets and goals for the next strategic plan 2020 to 2030 of the Global Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). At present the CBD states that 17% of the world lands and
10% of the world oceans need protection. The WCPA believes these targets are too small and need to be significantly enhanced and ecological connectivity is not significantly addressed. As part of a bold vision for nature the WCPA will recommend enhanced targets for protected areas and areas of connectivity conservation.

The **CCSG also established a subgroup called the Transport Working Group (TWG)**, focused specifically on linear infrastructure development such as roads, rail, and canals in high biodiversity landscapes. Co-chaired by CLLC’s Rob Ament, Dr. Rodney can der Ree of Australia, and Ms. Sandy Jacobson from the U.S., this group focuses on the exponential growth of transport infrastructure which will largely be in developing regions of the globe with high biodiversity. This expert community of transportation planners, road engineers, infrastructure finance analysts, and ecologists have already engaged conservation efforts in India, Gabon, Brazil, Costa Rica, and Mexico. Specifically, this group is working with Asian elephant and tiger conservationists to design roads that minimize the impact of vehicle and train traffic on endangered species in India and Myanmar. It is also in the process of developing trainings for wildlife professionals in Latin America to mitigate wildlife vehicular collisions. The group is also advising multilateral development banks on assessing infrastructure investments in high biodiversity regions.

**PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS** *(Comment on progress set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)*

- Recruited over 450 members from 75 countries for the CCSG, and engaged membership through global webinars, newsletters, and a website
- Created draft document for Areas of Connectivity Conservation Standards
- Gave input into the first-ever business “Call to Action for Landscape Connectivity Conservation” through the World Business Council on Sustainable Development.
- Convened CCSG workshops on 3 continents (N. America, S. America, Europe) with more planned for 2018 (Africa, Australia)
- Secured modest meeting funding for the CCSG from the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation for the Vilm Meeting of the Beyond Aichi Targets Task Force (July 2017), and International Fund for Animal Welfare to support international meetings
- Recruited over 60 members and developed a Scope of Work for the Transport Working Group

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

Leader members of the CCSG
Chair Gary M Tabor (Center for Large Landscape Conservation)
- Deputies – Jodi Hilty (Y2Y), Olivier Chassot (Soc. Cons Bio)
- W. US and Canada – Jodi Hilty (Y2Y)
- E. US and Canada – Jessica Levine (TNC)
- Mexico – Rurik List (Wildlands Network)
- Cen. And Latin America – Olivier Chassot (SCB)
- Colombia, Peru, Ecuador – Paulina Arroyo (Moore Fdn.)
- Brazil – Marcelo Lima (Cambridge Univ.)
- E. Australia – Ian Pulsford
- Australia – Clare Taylor (Kimberly to Cape)
- W. Australia –Keith Bradby (Gondwana Link)
- W. Africa - Inaoyom Imong (WCS)
- E. and Central Africa – Andrew Plumptre (WCS)
- Pan-Africa – Kathleen Fitzgerald (African Wildlife Foundation)
- S. Africa – Craig Beech (Peace Parks Foundation)
- Europe – Ancuta Cotovelea (EU Romania Project)
- Central Asia – Tanya Rosen (Panthera)
- S. Asia – Vivek Menon (Indian Wildlife Trust)
- E. Asia and Pacific – Spike Millington (Partnership for the E. Asian – Australian Flyway)
Themes and Leads:
- Transport Working Group: Rob Ament (CLLC), Sandra Jacobsen (Samara Group, LLC), Rodney van der Ree (Ecology and Infrastructure International)
- ACC Standards Leadership: Gary Tabor (CLLC), Melly Reuling (CLLC), Barbara Lausche (WCEL) Dave Theobold (CSP and CSU), Stephen Woodley (IUCN), Jodi Hilty (Y2Y), Jessica Levine (TNC), Graeme Worboys
- Science Leads: Paul Beier (NAU), Stephen Woodley (IUCN), Brendan Mackey (Griffith U.), Nick Haddad (Mich. St. U.)
- Trans-boundary SG liaison lead: Harvey Locke (YSY)
- Climate Change lead: Meade Krosby (Univ. Wash.)
- Landscape Analysis lead: Dave Theobold (CSP and CSU)
- Social Science lead: Mike Mascia (CI)
- Website Manager: Heather Cayton (NCSU)
- Young Professional Lead: Shailyn Drukis (Parks Canada)

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*
- Over 450 Members from 75 countries as of December 2017.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**
- Landscape Connectivity – Call to Action, World Business Council for Sustainable Development 2017

**Presentations:**
- Marcelo Lima, Connectivity Conservation, Cambridge Conservation Forum May 2017
- Gary Tabor, Global Connectivity Conservation Designation and Design, ICCB, July 2017
  - Paul Beier, Using science to produce fuzzy maps of regional connectivity and unfuzzy corridor conservation plans, ICCB,
  - Gary Tabor, The Emerging Practice of Connectivity Conservation – Planetary Conservation for the 21st Century, ICCB
  - Ancuta Cotovelea, Transboundary connectivity initiative in a mosaic of landscapes shaped by humans, ICCB
  - Oliver Chassot, Connectivity Conservation areas governance in Costa Rica, ICCB
  - Jodi Hilty and Aerin Jacob, From Yellowstone to Yukon: Connectivity and large-landscape conservation, ICCB
- Gary Tabor, Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group and Areas of Connectivity Conservation, Cambridge Conservation Forum, August 2017
- Harvey Locke, Exploring a new roll for ecological restoration of rivers, forests, and wildlife movements to achieve effective large landscape conservation, Society for Ecological Restoration Conference, August 2017
- Harvey Locke, Three conditions for considering ecological restoration strategically in a large landscape conservation context, SER, August 2017
- Gary Tabor, Connectivity Conservation – the architecture for large scale ecological restoration, SER, August 2017
- Rob Ament, The Costs and Benefits of Wildlife Vehicle Collision Mitigation, Road Ecology Conference, October 2017
- Rob Ament, An Overview of Interesting Highway Mitigation Projects, Partnerships, and Progress from Western North American and the World, Road Ecology Conference, October 2017
• Gary Tabor, Presentations and discussion: Challenges to U.S. wildlife, wildlife corridors and other solutions to the biodiversity crisis, Half-Earth Day, October 2017
• Gary Tabor, Global Webinars for CCSG members, November 2017
• Gary Tabor, Shaping the Future of Landscape Conservation, National Forum on Landscape Conservation, November 2017
• Marcelo Lima, Landscape Connectivity: A Call for Action Webinar, November 2017

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Workshops convened:
  - International Society for Conservation Biology Meeting, Colombia
  - Society for Ecological Restoration Meeting, Brazil
  - International Conference on Ecology and Transportation, US
  - Cambridge Conservation Forum, UK
  - Conference on Road Ecology and Climate Change Adaptation, Canada
  - National Forum on Landscape Conservation at USFWS National Conservation Training Center, US
- 3 Online global conference calls
- Basecamp Online Collaboration Workspace allows members to post documents and discuss work
- Created educational animation on connectivity conservation for member use -

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Newsletters sent out in June and October
- Updated website (conservationcorridor.org/ccsg) with case studies of member’s work
  (Connectivity in Action)

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- **Funds Utilised in 2017** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

We did not receive any IUCN WCPA funds in 2017.

**Funds Raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

No funds were raised in the name of IUCN or IUCN WCPA. The Center for Large Landscape Conservation used its own funds to advance connectivity conservation to support CCSG meetings, some support of a BATF Vilm meeting, and to support minor travel and registration fees for members.

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

60 days for Gary Tabor and 80 days of staff support from the Center for Large Landscape Conservation

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

n/a

**Goals and Activities for 2018**

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2018 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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(ii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced

(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people | X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

(i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced | X

(ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

(i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed

(ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2**

(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

(i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1**

(i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated | X

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2**

(i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled | X

**GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1:**
- Seek global consultation on ACC Standards document through in-person meetings and online

**Goal 2:**
- Bring final ACC standards to IUCN governance council for approval

**Goal 3:**
- After adoption of ACCs, hold global workshops to guide methods on implementation and convene a Connectivity Summit to advance the adoption of ACCs

**Goal 4:**
- Continue to grow the CCSG and TWG membership, promote active communication and collaboration between members, focused on furthering connectivity conservation globally

**Goal 5:**
- Transport Working Group: Develop guidance document for ecologically-minded infrastructure development using input from members, and compile case studies of both good and bad transportation projects from around the world

**Goal 6:**
- CCSG workshops in 2018 include, but are not limited to, Zoological Society of London, Wildlife Corridor Symposia in Nairobi and Arusha, Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal, COP 22 Convention on Biological Diversity in Egypt, North American Society for Conservation Biology Meetings in Toronto, CCSG Workshop Canberra Australia, Regional Asian Connectivity Workshop, Indian Roads Conference, New Delhi.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- The CCSG has learned that connectivity conservation as a cornerstone conservation practice is growing rapidly around the world. There is no institutional leadership to coordinate efforts and
build consistent practice. The CCSG is helping to fill this void. The CCSG has had minimal funds to convene members around the world and to our amazement, conservation practitioners are willing to pay their own way to attend connectivity workshops, even in some hard pressed economies. We have had enormous interest in our work. On the policy front, Tanzania has just signed a new national policy to protect wildlife corridors and Kenya has a similar national policy on the legislative docket. WCEL reports Brazil has a similar proposal in development as well especially as the country tries to address fragmentation of the Mata Atlantica. Romania is pressing the European Union to look at connectivity policy more systematically. Gary Tabor has been asked by the European Commission to keynote the topic of Connectivity Conservation at its Future for Agriculture Forum in Brussels March 2018 (along with Michele Obama). UNEP will consider elevating Connectivity Conservation as part of its Council of Ministers Meeting in March 2019.

- The CCSG is moving so fast that we find the current reporting structure of WCPA through regional vice chairs ineffective. We strongly believe SG chairs should participate WCPA Steering Committee meetings as a means to address this communications and coordination gap.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- CSVPA has had a good year with a workshop at Vilm sponsored by BfN and attended by members from around the world to work on refining Best Practice Guidelines on the Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature. CSVPA has continued this work and is readying a version of the guidelines for posting online in early 2018.
- The programme on cultural and spiritual significance of nature has continued to develop and now contains a preliminary version of the BPG, training modules, a complementary peer-reviewed book and case studies. See: http://csvpa.org/cultural-spiritual-nature-programme/
- A peer-reviewed book on the cultural and spiritual significance of nature approved by Routledge is nearing completion with chapters by some 50 plus authors. The book includes sections on concepts, policy and case studies and is edited by Bas Verschuuren and Steve Brown (ICOMOS IFLA). It is intended as a complement to the BPG above for academics as well as practitioners.
- Approximately 10 online case studies have now been developed based on the 2016 and 2017 workshops, see: http://csvpa.org/cultural-spiritual-nature-programme/case-studies-examples/ Up to about 100 case studies have been gathered in an xls data base to serve as a resource for the BPG and the training modules.
- 4 film clips have been added to the 10 from 2016 to be integrated into the website and training materials. We hope they will also serve in an online version of the BPG. See: https://vimeo.com/csvpa

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- New SC members installed
- Several sessions, a member meeting and workshops organized at WCC (also in conjunction with IUCN World Heritage Nature Culture Journey)
- 2nd Vilm workshop on the Best Practice Guidelines successfully conducted
- Near final draft of the BPG is being completed for posting online
- Book approved by Routledge to complement the BPG is nearing completion for submission in early 2018.

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- CSVPA is well organized and everything works well.

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- We have an automated process for application and membership applications are compiled by an SC member then reviewed by all SC members and finally approved by the chair.
- Not all of our members are or have to be WCPA members

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)
Publications:

- Near final draft of the IUCN-WCPA CSVPA BPG on cultural and spiritual significance of nature in the governance and management of protected and conserved areas.
Presentations:
- Ed Bernbaum and Jessica Brown: visiting faculty, Capacity Building Workshop on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation in Asia and the Pacific, Tsukuba University, Japan
- Steve Brown: delegate at ICOMOS General Assembly, Delhi, India
- Mechtild Rössler and Thomas Schaaf: keynotes, Second International Symposium on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation in Asia and the Pacific, Tsukuba Global Science Week 2017 (TGSW), Japan
- Jonathan Liljeblad: presentation, “Rule of Law and Conservation: Findings from Myanmar,” Asia-Pacific Center for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore Faculty of Law, Singapore, February 6, 20
- Yolanda Lopez Maldonado: participant, “The Inner Dimensions of Climate Change. A Contemplative Retreat for Young Ecologists in Europe,” COP23 UNFCCC Climate Change Summit, Bonn, Germany
- Yolanda Lopez Maldonado: presentation, “II Open Conference of the Programme on Ecosystem Change and Society”, Oaxaca, Mexico
- Josep-Maria Mallarach: presentation, Symposium on Values in Heritage management: Emerging approaches and research directions, at the The Getty Foundation, California.
- Josep-Maria Mallarach: presentation, XIII Foro Internacional de Conservación de la Naturaleza. El Espíritu de Hawai: la UICN en movimiento, retos para la membresa, organised by the IUCN Spanish Committee in Barcelona.
- Bas Verschuuren and Ed Bernbaum: working with ICOMOS and IUCN on Nature-Culture Journey
- Bas Verschuuren organizing a symposium on the conservation realities of sacred places in protected areas at Wageningen University, Netherlands.

Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- Ongoing discussions with IUCN World Heritage, ICCROM and ICOMOS
- BfN Vilm, for the 2nd workshop in June 11-16 2017
- Through Dave Pritchard “Continuing collaborations with CSVPA and the coordination the Ramsar Culture Network (http://www.ramsar.org/activity/ramsar-culture-network) with an invitation for Bas Verschuuren to participate in a RAMSAR workshop in Vilm in early 2018
- Discussions with Keidanren Foundation on developing training modules

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Further renewed the website: www.csvpa.org had numerous hits over 2017 and got several new pages, including one for PARKS Journal: http://csvpa.org/resource-center/parks-journal/
- A new volume of our newsletter, Culture for Nature, Volume 6, was published with articles by CSVPA members

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

- Thomas Schaaf: Several World Heritage related reviews and meetings (not per se CSVPA related).

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017** (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)

**Commission Operating Funds used** (Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)

None to spend, unfortunately

**Funds raised** (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)

We raised funds in the name of IUCN-WCPA CSVPA. The handler of these funds was decided upon a case by case basis.

25.000 Euros with BfN for the BPGm BfN complemented this with 25.000 that they required to organize the 2nd workshop in June

No additional funds raised but plans to apply with:
- National Geographic
- Keidanren Foundation

**In-kind value** (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)

Co-Chair Edwin Bernbaum contributed 40 working days
Co-chair Bas Verschuuren contributed 90 working days
Four Steering Committee members dedicated 10 days each
Two Steering Committee members dedicated 20 days each
A team of three volunteers on media dedicated 5 days each.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)

Need to be developed:
- Keidanren
- Toyota Foundation
- Mava or something alike

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2017**

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### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017

- Require CoF funds to develop and start to conduct training modules and workshops on implementing the BPG that CSVPA is completing on integrating the cultural and spiritual significance of nature in the management and governance of protected and conserved areas
- Require CoF funds to fulfill the roles that we are requested to take up in the organizing committee of the global Dialogue on Biocultural Diversity being organized by the CBD and UNESCO (to be held in New York 2018)

### FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT
(comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Activities of the WCPA Freshwater Specialist Group were quite low in 2017, mainly because of time constraints on the two co-chairs. Harmony Patricio completed her PhD thesis (now submitted) and Ian Harrison was dealing with multiple responsibilities within IUCN (co-chairing the SSC Freshwater Conservation Subcommittee and the acting as technical Assistant to the SSC Freshwater Fish Specialist Group). The general administrative requirements necessary for renewing membership and completing reporting for the new IUCN Quadrennium were time consuming.

We have focused attention on reaching out to potential new members for the new Quadrennium, to determining how they might contribute. That process is incomplete but we will make it a priority for the first half of 2018. We have also focused on identifying where there are possibilities for synergy between the WCPA Freshwater Specialist Group and other global freshwater initiatives either within IUCN (e.g., work of SSC’s Freshwater Conservation Subcommittee and Freshwater Fish Specialist Group) or external to IUCN (e.g the Sustainable Water Future Programme; GEO BON’s Freshwater Biodiversity Working Group). One special area of focus is the development of the IUCN One Programme Strategy for Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation, which will raise the urgency of freshwater biodiversity conservation and motivate coordinated action among Members, Commissions and Secretariat to address critical threats. Critical to this response will be the need to mobilize with the necessary speed and scale to reduce and eventually reverse the loss of freshwater biodiversity and degradation of freshwater ecosystems worldwide. A workshop was held from September 20 to 22, 2017 at IUCN Headquarters, to develop a framework for the strategy. The workshop was attended by 19 people cutting across the IUCN Secretariat, Commissions, and Members.

WCPA Freshwater Specialist Group members have provide feedback on the IUCN document on Areas of Conservation Connectivity and have contributed to a book on Freshwater ecosystems in protected Areas: Conservation and Management (see below).

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1: Review the representation of the different types of freshwater ecosystems in the current PA networks, identify gaps, make recommendations for the future.

While we have not made significant progress on this goal, members of the Freshwater Specialist Group have provided regular feedback on the freshwater ecosystem classification typology that is being developed by the Commission on Ecosystem Management and colleagues, which will be used as a basis for mapping different ecosystem types and categorizing them according to the criteria for the Red List of Ecosystems. Once this categorization of freshwater ecosystems has been finalized it can be used to identify how these different ecosystems overlap with PA networks.

Three sub-goals were identified as part of goal 1 and these are discussed below.
1. **Identify those systems that are underrepresented; (e.g., is it upstream catchment areas, downstream mainstems of rivers etc).** No specific progress has been made on this, except for input on the methods for categorizing and mapping the different systems. We expect that further progress will be made during 2018-2020.

2. **Engage with Ramsar to assist in identifying potential Ramsar sites, and identifying poorly managed (Montreux Record) Ramsar sites; provide better global maps of Ramsar sites.** No specific progress has been made on this, but we hope to make more progress in 2018-2020 in collaboration with the SSC Freshwater Conservation Subcommittee. This work still requires a significant fund-raising effort to support it.

3. **Provide guidance on the upcoming IUCN document on Areas of Conservation Connectivity.** Members of the WCPA Freshwater Specialist Group provided feedback to the IUCN document on *Areas of Conservation Connectivity*. Some members have joined the WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group, to bring a freshwater perspective to that Group’s work.

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**Goal 2: Strengthen the existing protection mechanisms that exist for protected areas, and support with policy.**

The Freshwater Specialist Group has not made significant progress on this goal as a Group activity; we hope to focus on this more during 2018-2020. However, during 2016 and 2017 the WCPA Freshwater Specialist Group collaborated with the SSC Freshwater Conservation Subcommittee and Freshwater Fish Specialist Group to give recommendations to the Rainforest Trust for several areas that would be priorities to be developed as protected areas based on numbers of species of fishes, and threatened fishes. The Rainforest Trust is now working with local NGOs and committing funding for developing feasibility studies for establishing three regions as new protected areas: (i) Lake Marombi Mbo, Cameroon; (ii) Lake Ejagham, Cameroon; and (iii) Lake Nyaguo, Uganda

Four sub-goals were identified as part of goal 2 and these are discussed below.

1. **Look at management effectiveness of protected areas for freshwaters and develop stronger Guidelines for effectiveness of Protected Areas; application of Management Effectiveness Training tool.** No specific progress was made on this in 2017; we hope to focus on this more during 2018-2020.

2. **Review PADDD activities associated with rivers in protected areas.** No specific progress was made on this in 2017; we hope to focus on this more during 2018-2020.

3. **Identify ‘learning sites’ that can be documented for identifying how PAs can secure ecosystem services? Provide accounts of management effectiveness.** No specific progress was made on this in 2017; we hope to focus on this more during 2018-2020

4. **Use SDGs as an opportunity for influencing policy and integrating PA planning into development.** While the Freshwater Specialist Group has not made significant progress on this sub-goal as a Group activity, various individuals have been looking at the links between SDGs and freshwater ecosystem conservation. These activities include the development of a proposal to support *Planning for sustainable water futures in sub-Saharan Africa in the context of the SDGs* (which includes members of the Specialist group in the proposal’s research team); preparation of a policy paper on ecosystems, water security, and SDGs, including one Group members as a co-author. One of our members (Mark Smith; IUCN water/IWMI) has been very closely involved with the process of drafting SDG 6 related to water. These activities will provide a good platform for developing further work in 2018-2020. We will also develop collaboration with the SDG Assessment Core Group of the Sustainable Water Future Programme.
Goal 3: Integrate adaptation to emerging threats into plans for protected areas; e.g. for invasive species, increased threat from dam development, and climate change

We have made only minor progress on this goal but aim to make further progress during 2018-2020.

Three sub-goals were identified as part of goal 3 and these are discussed below.

1) **Address the problems of invasive species in freshwater ecosystems in PAs.** In late 2017 some members of the WCPA Specialist Group, SSC Freshwater Conservation Subcommittee, and SSC Freshwater Fish Specialist Group started conversations with the founder of Island Conservation, Bernie Tershy, about his plan to start an NGO (*Freshwater Life*) focused on saving the world’s most endangered freshwater species threatened by invasives. We have also discussed this project with IUCN staff associated with the IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group.

2) **Prevent large scale dams in all protected area categories.** No specific progress was made on this in 2017; we hope to focus on this more during 2018-2020.

3) **Conduct an analysis of management of protected areas to adapt to climate change.** No specific progress was made on this in 2017; we hope to focus on this more during 2018-2020.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- No major changes occurred in 2017. Once the new membership has been finalized (see below), we will use that to refine the regional and theme structure with in the group.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- In 2017 the member list for the Freshwater Specialist Group, on the IUCN Union Portal, was updated to include many people who had expressed an interest in being part of a wider network of communication. Thus, our apparent membership rose from 35 to 278 members, although many of them may not wish to be more directly involved in the operation and finer details. We sent out an initial enquiry to the entire list to ask who wished to be part of a communication network, but not part of the more focused Specialist Group. We received some replies, but we need to follow up with the remaining people to identify how they expect to contribute to the Freshwater Specialist Group. This will be done in early 2018.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**


• An introduction to issues for managing freshwater ecosystems in protected areas; C.M Finlayson, A.H. Arthington and J. Pittock
• Freshwater ecological principles; A.H. Arthington, C.M Finlayson and J. Pittock
• Defining and enhancing freshwater protected areas; V. Hermoso, M. Thieme, R. Abell, S. Linke and E. Turak
• What is different about freshwater protected areas?; N. Dudley, D. Juffe-Bignoli and M. Kettenen
• Managing threats to freshwater systems within protected areas; J. Pittock, L. Baumgartner, C.M. Finlayson, J.D. Thiem, J.P. Forbes, L.G.M. Silva and A.H. Arthington
• Conserving freshwater species in protected areas; E. Turak and J. Pittock
• Freshwater protected area corridors; J. Pittock, M. Thieme, E. Blom and D. Willems
• Planning ecologically: the importance of management at catchment scales; R. Flitcroft, C. Little, J. Cabrera and I. Arismendi
• Managing freshwater protected areas in the global landscape; CM Finlayson, NC Davidson, PA Gell, R Kumar and RJ McInnes
• Climate change and the management of freshwater protected areas; C.M. Finlayson and J. Pittock
• Freshwater ecosystems in protected areas: a synthesis; C.M. Finlayson, A.H. Arthington and J. Pittock

Some other publications that were produced by Freshwater Specialist group members and that address objectives of the Specialist Group are listed below. Individual members have published several other papers, not listed here because they are less directly tied to the Task Force objectives. Freshwater Specialist Group members are noted in bold.


Also, Freshwater Specialist Group member Flavia Rocha Loures produced a report: ‘Conserving ecosystems within and across borders in the Amazon biome: What’s law got to do with it?’ as part of WWF’s ‘Legal Research Project: Legal Basis and Recommendations for WWF’s Future Work on Freshwater Ecosystem Conservation in the Amazon Biome.’ The report is not a product of the Freshwater Specialist Group since it was prepared in 2016 before Flavia Loures became a member of the Freshwater Specialist Group but, once public, the report will provide an important reference document for use by the Group.

**Presentations:**

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**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

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**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

The Freshwater Specialist Group maintains a Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/WCPAFreshwaterTaskForce/](https://www.facebook.com/WCPAFreshwaterTaskForce/)

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**

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### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017

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*Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*


### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2018 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

#### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:**

(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11

(ii) Protected area quality enhanced through Green List of Protected Areas

(iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated

(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

(ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed

(iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced

(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

(i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced

(ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied

#### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

(i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed

(ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:**

(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

(i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted

#### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1**

(i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated

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GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

Note, the following goals are linked to the overall objectives for the Freshwater Specialist Group, as listed in our Terms of Reference.

[Objective 1: Ensure freshwater ecosystems are more effectively integrated into the protected areas network. Review the extent and representation of the different types of freshwater ecosystems in the current PA networks, identify gaps, make recommendations for the future]

Goal 1: Through global mapping, identify gaps in the existing protected area network; addressing WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11

- Collaborate with ongoing initiatives (e.g., Commission on Ecosystem Management’s ecosystem classification and Red List of Ecosystems; Freshwater BON of GEOBON; USGS; Sustainable Water Future Programme) to classify and map different freshwater ecosystems.
- Identify where critically important freshwater ecosystems (i.e., pristine wilderness areas that can be preserved; or threatened freshwater ecosystems that require conservation intervention) are absent from the protected area network and make recommendations to include them.
- Identify which ecosystem types are most significantly underrepresented in the protected areas network; (e.g., upstream catchment areas, desert pools and springs) and ensure that these are adequately in recommendations for new protected areas.
- Collaborate with Ramsar STRP for recommendations on sites that should be designated as Ramsar sites, and ultimately designated as protected areas with management plans; also collaborate with Ramsar to provide better global maps of Ramsar sites (e.g., possibly conducted in collaboration with HydroAtlas and the Sustainable Water Future Programme).

[Objective 2: Ensure freshwater ecosystems are better managed within protected areas. Assess the status of protected areas and Strengthen the existing protection mechanisms available for them]

Goal 2: Assess the status of freshwater ecosystems within protected areas, to identify management effectiveness; addressing WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11

- Integrate new information coming from initiatives such as the Global Surface Water Explorer (https://global-surface-water.appspot.com/), WWF’s Free-Flowing Rivers Project (https://www.worldwildlife.org/projects/identifying-and-protecting-the-world-s-last-free-flowing-rivers), and the Red List of Ecosystems to identify where freshwater ecosystems in protected areas are under threat and declining in status.
- Collaborate with Ramsar STRP to identify poorly managed sites (that should be placed on the Montreux Record).
- Review protected area downgrading, downsizing, and degazettlement (PADDD) associated with rivers in protected areas (e.g., removing river reaches to allow for hydro development) at global scale if possible, or at selected regions where this is known to be a serious threat.

[Objective 2: Ensure freshwater ecosystems are better managed within protected areas. Assess the status of protected areas and Strengthen the existing protection mechanisms available for them]

Goal 3: Strengthen the existing protection mechanisms available for freshwater ecosystems in protected areas

- In collaboration with WCPA-Europe, develop an IUCN Motion, for submission at the 2020
World Conservation Congress, which prohibits large scale dams in all protected area categories. Addressing WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity; and WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced

[Objective 3: Define the importance of well conserved freshwater protected areas for the provision of ecosystems services in support of sustainable development (SDG targets 6.6 and 15.1)]

Goal 4: Describe the provision of ecosystem services, supplied by freshwater ecosystems within protected areas, addressing WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people; and WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2:(i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors

- In collaboration with the Sustainable Water Future Programme and other partners, identify indicators for the provision of ecosystem services from freshwater ecosystems, and quantify and map these for protected areas globally. Use this information to describe the importance of protected areas for supplying ecosystem services from freshwater ecosystems.

[Objective 4: Integrate adaptation to emerging threats into plans for establishing and managing freshwater protected area]

Goal 5: Address the problems of invasive species in freshwater ecosystems in protected areas. Addressing WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:(iii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed

- Collaborate with the SSC Freshwater Conservation Subcommittee, the SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group, and the planned new NGO (‘Freshwater Life’) focusing on freshwater invasive species, to identify pilot projects that investigate the effects of invasive species in freshwaters and that provide recommendations and actions to resolve those effects.
- Develop a set of Best Practices Guidelines for freshwater invasive species

[Objective 4: Integrate adaptation to emerging threats into plans for establishing and managing freshwater protected area]

Goal 6: Address the problems of dams in freshwater ecosystems in protected areas. Addressing WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

- Develop an IUCN Motion to prohibit the construction of dams in protected areas, see Goal 3).

[Objective 5: Create an IUCN One Programme Strategy for Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation]

Goal 7: To develop a One Programme Strategy for Freshwater Biodiversity Conservation, for presentation at the 2020 IUCN World Conservation Congress, aimed at raising awareness of the urgency of freshwater biodiversity conservation, and motivating coordinated action among Members, Commissions and Secretariat to address critical threats. Addressing WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3:(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled

- Collaborate with the SSC Freshwater Conservation Subcommittee and other IUCN members, and representatives of the IUCN Secretariat, to develop a strategy document to be presented at the 2020 World Conservation Congress

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

As noted above, the WCPA Freshwater Specialist Group has not achieved the progress that we would like this year. This has been due to time constraints on leadership of the group, but it is unfortunate because the Freshwater Group should be a very important one in WCPA. We are hopeful that both co-chairs, Ian Harrison and Harmony Patricio, will have more time to allocate to the Group from 2018 to 2020. Co-Chair Ian Harrison will review progress in mid 2018 and if it appears unsatisfactory then he will consider finding a replacement for him as co-Chair, who can
work more effectively with co-chair Harmony Patricio to achieve progress.
In the interim, a priority for the Chairs is to finalize the membership for 2017-2020 and work
with them on the goals listed above (including, soliciting more membership feedback on our
priorities).

As noted in previous reports, a critical component of our Strategic Plan will be to assess how we
meet the task appointed us by the Stream 4 organizers of the 2014 Parks Congress in their
concluding recommendations. Namely, Stream 4 noted it will be important to identify legal,
institutional and social factors that produce a good synergy between protected area
management and water security management. Examples of positive projects across
organisations should be chosen, these should be documented, analyzed, and the lessons
communicated. **The WCPA Freshwater Specialist Group should monitor and actively support
progress on these sites over the next.** We have not addressed this yet, and we must work on it.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
GSG Chair (Kyung-Sik Woo) worked with Baerbel Vogel, IUCN/WCPA Caves and Karst Working Group Secretary, to secure funding to host the 1st International Workshop on Geoheritage on the island of Vilm, Germany, 2 – 7 April 2018. The overarching theme of the conference will be: Geoheritage International Significance and Biodiversity Values. Funding was secured, about 20,000 Euros, for invited speakers. Workshop partnering organizations include: International Academy for Nature Conservation, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, IUCN/WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group (and Caves and Karst Working Group), German Speleological Federation VdHK. The workshop Chairs are: Kyung-Sik Woo, Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG) and Ralf Grunewald, BfN.

(1) The Role of GSG in IUCN WCPA - Exploring the links between geodiversity and biodiversity in the management of protected areas;
(2) Conservation of Caves and Karst;
(3) Recognition of Key Geoheritage Sites;

The GSG is in the process of merging with the WCPA Caves and Karst Specialist Group (CKSG) and will be complete after the Germany Workshop and the GSG Steering Committee Meeting. Merger progress is being made with CKSG and GSG leadership and membership. The Caves/Karst Group will be a subgroup/working group within the GSG and be led by new designated chair of the group.

The GSG Chair (Kyung-Sik Woo), proposed and partnered with José Brilha (ProGEO) and Kevin Page (IUGS Commission on Geoheritage) to co-convene a co-organized session at EGU 2018. Session Information: GM1.6/EOS19 – ‘Geodiversity and geoheritage: pending and emerging issues and challenges’; (co-organized)

The 2018 ProGEO Symposium in Poland 25 – 28 June 2018, Session D: “Geoconservation in protected areas and nature conservation strategies” is being sponsored by the GSG/WCPA.

GSG Chair & Secretary updated the Geoheritage Webpage and linked many thematic studies for the public to download from our webpage. 
https://www.iucn.org/theme/protected-areas/wcpa/what-we-do/geoheritage
The GSG leadership and expert members are in production and publication of the Best Practice Guideline on Geoheritage Conservation in Protected Areas. Dr. Kyung-Sik Woo succeeded in getting sponsorship from the Korean Government (the Cultural Heritage Administration) to IUCN for this publication.

Following the approval of Resolutions WCC 2008 RES 040 and WCC 2012 Res 048, the IUCN Assembly approved a Resolution addressing geoheritage: WCC-2016-Res-083 - 'Conservation of moveable geological heritage' (https://portals.iucn.org/library/sites/library/files/resrecfiles/WCC_2016_RES_083_EN.pdf) This new resolution urges the World Commission on Environmental Law and the World Commission on Protected Areas to prepare guidelines on the protection, conservation and management of this part of our geoheritage, in compliance with national and international regulations of its commerce.

The GSG Chair and Secretary are working with Delwyn Dupuis, IUCN Membership and Communications Officer, to ensure that all GSG members are also a member of WCPA. This is a process, and still moving forward.

**PROGRESS & UPDATE ON GEOHERITAGE SPECIALIST GROUP PROGRAM GOALS:**

**GOAL 1: Prepare a “Managing Geoheritage” chapter for IUCN’s Protected Area Governance and Management E-Book.**

**Status: Completed**
**Project Leads: Roger Crofts & John Gordon (edited by Graeme Worboys)**

The effective management of protected area geoheritage, the first geoheritage management chapter prepared for an IUCN protected area management book was published in the IUCN’s Protected Area Governance and Management E-Book. The chapter included high quality geoheritage management information for protected area management students and practitioners. Its production involved IUCN WCPA’s Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG) and others as the principal author, supporting authors, advisors and peer reviewers.

IUCN Protected Area Governance and Management E-Book, Chapter 19 'Geoconservation in Protected Areas' was submitted to IUCN by Roger Crofts and John Gordon (edited by Graeme Worboys) and was published in April 2015. A synthetic review article by both authors was published in Parks, the journal of WCPA parksjournal.com/parks-20-2/

**GOAL 2: Develop a Best Practice Guideline on the Management of Protected Area Geodiversity for the WCPA Best Practice Guideline Series.**

**Best Practice Guideline Status: In Progress**
**Project Lead: Roger Crofts, WCPA**
**Projected date of completion: late 2018**

Following the publication of a chapter on geoconservation in IUCN’s Protected Area Governance and Management book (http://press.anu.edu.au/publications/protected-area-governance-and-management/download), contributors are currently preparing the 'Best Practice Guideline on Geoheritage Conservation in Protected Areas' which will be published in the IUCN Best Practice Protected Areas Guidelines Series. The target audience is park staff and managers dealing with geoheritage issues who wish to know how to proceed in everyday language from best practice. The document is in an advanced stage of development with some key sections yet to be finalized. The
GOAL 3: Develop IUCN World Heritage Guidance for Criterion (viii) Outstanding Universal Values

Update ‘2009 World Heritage Volcanoes’ IUCN Thematic Study: In Progress

Project Lead: Thomas J. Casadevall, US Geological Survey (USA)

The audience for this thematic study is the global geologic heritage community interested in Protected Volcanic Areas and World Heritage. In 2015, the team completed an initial review of all World Heritage properties, Biosphere Reserves, and Global Geoparks. Preliminary results indicate:

- 58 of 1031 – 5.7% of World Heritage properties have important volcanic heritage
- 57 of 651 – 8.7% of Biosphere Reserves have important volcanic heritage
- 21 of 120 - 17.5% of Global Geoparks have important volcanic heritage

A team goal for 2017 is to hold a face-to-face working meeting to standardize our comparisons of volcanic properties from the three protected area categories and to evaluate classification schemes in order to evaluate if and where important volcanic heritage properties have been over – or under – represented in the current Listings and to evaluate where significant and/or important sites might be considered for future inclusion as important protected volcanic areas. This goal is pending availability of travel funds. Another goal is to prepare maps showing distribution of protected volcanic properties, working with Dave Ramsey, US Geological Survey, Vancouver, Washington, USA.

Strategic Team Leadership:

Thomas J. Casadevall, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, Colorado, USA (Project Lead)
Jessica Roberts, Environment Department, University of York, York, UK
Daniel Tormey, ENVIRON, Santa Monica, California, USA

Expected completion date of thematic study: June 2018

Update status of revision of IUCN Volcano Thematic Study (VTS) by Tom Casadevall, Project Lead:

During 2017 we continued work on the revision and updating of the IUCN Volcano Thematic Study (VTS). Key activities included: (1) continued work on updating and compiling the data tables for the three categories of UNESCO protected landscapes with volcanic features: World Heritage properties, Biosphere Reserves, and Global Geoparks; (2) presentation of our preliminary findings at international scientific meetings; and (3) revising the report and preparing it for reviewers’ comments. We also made presentations at scientific meetings around the world. These included:

--presentation of an invited talk at the Jeju Peace and Prosperity Forum, Jeju, Korea, April 2016

--presentation of an invited talk at the UNESCO-Beijing hosted China Geoparks meeting, Wudalianchi, China, May 2016

--presentation of three papers on the revision of the VTS at the International Association of Volcanology (IAVCEI) meetings in Puerto Varas, Chile in November 2016

--presentation of an update of the VTS work at the 2017 IAVCEI Scientific Assembly in Portland, Oregon, USA

Team goals for 2018 include:

--Hold a face-to-face, week-long working meeting in Denver, Colorado in February 2018 with Jessica
Roberts to complete data tables; and in March 2018 with Dan Tormey to complete writing of draft report. We have also started to prepare maps showing distribution of protected volcanic properties (working with Dave Ramsey, USGS, Vancouver, WA).

--Invited presentation of draft report at the WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group workshop in Vilm, Germany, April 4-7, 2018

--Invited presentation of key results and regional consultation at the 2nd Chinese Geoparks meeting, Hainan, China, April 24-27, 2018

--Invited presentation of key results and regional consultation at the Ibero-american meeting of Geological Surveys, Geoheritage Workshop, Bogota, Colombia, June 4-8, 2018

--Keynote presentation of results and recommendations at the 10th Cities-on-Volcanoes meeting, Naples, Italy, September 2-6, 2018


The tentative plan for this project was submitted to the World Heritage Programme in IUCN and now is being discussed with IUCN. The tentative plan will be established at the International Workshop at Vilm, Germany, in April 2018.

GOAL 4: Develop IUCN Background Protected Area Geoheritage Guidance Material

Pending

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Two members of the GSG Steering Committee were members of the World Heritage Panel, Jenna Boon and Ibrahim Komoo;
- GSG is trying to build close working partnerships with ProGEO and IUGS International Commission on Geoheritage;
- GSG is working closely with the UNESCO Global Geoparks Programme;

ORGANIZATION OF THE GSG STEERING COMMITTEE:

The new GSG Steering Committee structure will be established after the International Workshop at Vilm (Germany) in April 2018. The Steering Committee will meet at the Vilm Workshop.

CHAIR:
Kyung Sik Woo, Dept. of Geology, Kangwon National University, Republic of Korea

DEPUTY CHAIRS:
Roger Crofts, WCPA, Scotland
Patrick Mc Keever, UNESCO, Earth Sciences Section, Ireland
John Gordon, Scottish Geodiversity Forum and University of St Andrews, Scotland
Enrique Díaz-Martínez, Geological Society of Spain, ProGeo, Geological Survey of Spain, Spain
Paul Dingwall, Former IUCN World Heritage Panel, New Zealand
To be appointed, Chair of the Caves and Karst Specialist Subgroup, Australia

Secretary:
Wesley Hill, U.S. Geoparks Committee, United States

Committee:
Mohd Shafeea Leman, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
Jenna Boon, Past IUCN WH Panel Member, Canada
Paul W. Williams, Former Bureau member of the International Union of Speleology, New Zealand
Graeme L. Worboys, Past Co-vice Chair of IUCN WCPA, Australian National University, Australia
Nigel Dudley, IUCN WCPA, UK
Tim Badman, Director, IUCN World Heritage Program, Switzerland
Nickolas Zouros, Chair of Global Geoparks Network, Greece
Ibrahim Komoo, IUCN WH Panel, Asia Pacific Geoparks Network, Maylasia
Vince Santucci, USA National Park Service Paleontology, USA
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Mohamed Al-Aswah, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science, Arab States, Egypt
Murray Gray, School of Geography, Queen Mary, University of London, UK
Tom Casadevall, US Geological Survey, USA
Jose Brilha, the President of ProGEO, Portugal

There are over 100+ individual members of the GSG and Caves/Karst Working Group.

**GSG MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, SPONSORED EVENTS :**

Listed above in the Report text

**2017 – 2020 IUCN PROGRAMME**

The priority areas in the 2017-2020 IUCN Programme offer opportunities for geoconservation engagement from ‘the Promise of Sidney’, particularly Areas 1 and 3 - valuing and conserving nature, and deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges.

The GSG goals for 2017 – 2020 will focus on the following:

- Publication of the Best Practice Guideline on Geoheritage Conservation in Protected Areas, and development of a linked programme of outreach to support its implementation.
- Revision of the IUCN Thematic Study on potential World Heritage volcanic sites.
- Development and establishment of Key Geoheritage Sites for expansion of Geoheritage Protected Areas to achieve Aichi Target 11.

**GSG STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS :**

- Crofts, R., Gordon, J.E. 'Geoconservation in Protected Areas', *Parks* 20.2, 61-76.
- The Caves and Karst Subgroup within the GSG is in the process of undertaking a review of the IUCN-WCPA 'Guidelines for Cave and Karst Protection' ([https://www.iucn.org/content/guidelines-cave-and-karst-protection-0](https://www.iucn.org/content/guidelines-cave-and-karst-protection-0)).

**ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN ON BEHALF OF IUCN**

6. **Recalling Decision 37 COM 88.15 adopted at its 37th session (Phnom Penh, 2013), reiterates its request to IUCN to revisit and update its thematic study on “World Heritage Volcanoes” to clearly articulate a short and appropriately balanced list of the strongest remaining volcanic sites with potential for inscription on the World Heritage List, and also requests IUCN to revise its thematic study on geological sites, the “Geological World Heritage: A Global Framework” (2005) to refine the proposed 13 themes, articulate the threshold of Outstanding Universal Value, and clarify the difference between the criterion (viii) of the World Heritage and Geoparks status.**

IUCN has requested that all GSG Members also be members of WCPA.
**FUNDS UTILIZED IN 2017**

**GSG Operating Funds Used** *(Indicate total used and use financial report for details)*

In-kind travel funds to various meetings and conferences

**Funds Raised in 2017 for GSG Activities** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

The Korean Government (Cultural Heritage Administration) agreed to support IUCN on various programs conducted by IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group for 3 years (2018-2020). The programs to be supported will be for the publication of *the Best Practice Guideline on Geoheritage Conservation in Protected Areas* and several thematic studies which are and will be carried out by IUCN in collaboration with WCPA GSG.

**In-Kind Value of Service**

Significant volunteer, travel funds, and salary time was given on all work projects, presentations given, and meetings attended.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline 2017** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

The funding by Cultural Heritage Administration (Korea) to IUCN will be formally established in 2017.

**COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018 GOALS**

- Successful organization of the 1st International Workshop on Geoheritage at Vilm Island (Germany) in April 2018.
- Restructure of the GSG Steering Committee considering the merge of Caves and Karst Working Group in GSG.
- Establishment of the planning of the new IUCN program, ‘Key Geoheritage Sites’

**FEEDBACK, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS BY THE GSG CHAIR TO IUCN LEADERSHIP**

- More input of geoheritage in IUCN goals and activities
- Support for GSG activities by WCPA
- Support for GSG activities for UNESCO World Heritage and Global Geoparks programs
- Support by WCPA and IUCN for the new program in IUCN, the ‘Key Geoheritage Sites’ initiated by GSG

**FEEDBACK BY DIRECTOR, GLOBAL PROTECTED AREAS PROGRAMME, ON GSG 2017 REPORT** *(comments can be sent via email to GSG Chair wooks@kangwon.ac.kr)*

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OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

1. Ongoing engagement and identification of additional WCPA members from different regions who work on governance of protected and conserved areas (PAs/CAs), including encouragement to associated activities and become regularly involved in the WCPA Specialist Group. Based on the identification of WCPA specialists, the restructuring of the global steering group is taking place with actions in Mesoamerica, South America, Africa and Asia.

2. During the period in 2017, the WCPA SG participated in a number of training events for personnel of government agencies of Protected Areas and NGOs that work on the issue of governance of PAs. These included engagement of PA authorities in Africa and Asia with regards to the shared governance (IUCN Governance Type B) of World Heritage Sites. The experiences of the replication of the COMPACT model were shared with states parties to the WH Convention, as well as WHS managers, during the WH Committee in Poland in July 2017.

3. With the purpose to promote the recognition and support of voluntary preservation, sustainable use, restoration and enrichment practices of indigenous peoples, local communities (IPLCs), landowners and other actors for both PAs/CAs, specific attention and priority has been placed on working on a WCPA publication to the overlaps between protected and conserved areas. The proposed WCPA Protected Areas Best Practice Guidelines Series volume is entitled “Recognizing and Respecting the Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCA) Overlapped by Protected Areas”, respond to the IUCN WCC Resolution 6.030 on this subject, and is being presenting to the IUCN Executive Committee to be considered for approval.

4. Numerous events and activities have been support on the recognition of ICCAs (IUCN

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1: Promote enhanced awareness and understanding, better informed policies and improved practices on governance of protected and conserved areas

Responding to the IUCN WCC Resolution 6.030, the WCPA SG has been collecting case studies and information with members with regards to the WCPA Protected Areas Best Practice Guidelines Series volume entitled “Recognizing and Respecting the Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCA) Overlapped by Protected Areas”. Work on this front has also included joint engagement with CEESP and TGER on the relevance of the Whakatane Mechanism for the arbitration and dispute resolution with regards to human rights abuses and grievance arising from conservation projects, including within and protected areas.
**Goal 2:** Strengthen the implementation of existing policies and agreements relevant for governance for the conservation of nature

The WCPA SG has been actively participation in local, national, regional and international events with different types of audiences. At the international level, engagement has been taking place with the GEF Secretariat and GEF Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) with regards to the draft guidance to GEF-funded PA/CA projects in relation to equity, social assessments, and governance frameworks. This work has also been ongoing through a series of in-depth workshops hosted by IIED (Phil Franks, Francesca Thornberry and others) with regards to the equity framework for the establishment, governance and ongoing management of protected areas and associated conservation and development activities’ (i.e. workshops held at IIED in London, together with field trials in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania).

**Goal 3:** Highlight, support and diffuse models of well-governed protected and conserved areas that exemplify sustainable, equitable and satisfying local economies and societies.

Members of the WCPA SG active within the ICCA Consortium have developed a number of Policy Briefs (either finalized, or in preparation) on a range of subjects including food sovereignty and agro-biodiversity, gender dimensions of ICCAs, as well as connections to the UN 2030 SDGs and relevant indicators. Coordination has been taking place with the WCPA SG on Private Protected Areas (PPAs), IUCN Governance Type C, with regards to network analysis models to assess social capital and network vitality of governance at the landscape/seascape level. Similar work has been ongoing with ICCA Consortium member organizations with regards to the self-strengthening of ICCAs (translated into French, English and Spanish), as well as measures of governance vitality relevant to IUCN Governance Type D.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

Building off the initial list of members of the WCPA SG resulting from the 2014 IUCN WPC Stream 6 on PA/CA governance, the SG is in the process of formalizing new responsibilities and structure for WCPA members to join as regional, as well as cross-cutting thematic specialists.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

Recruitment has been expanding, with interest and inputs received from participants in different parts of the world. Regional focal point roles and responsibilities have been progressing, particularly for the LAC region. Efforts have included the identification of cross-cutting thematic focal points, such as lead WCPA member on governance of marine PAs/CA (Prof. Erika Techera, UWA Oceans Institute, Perth Western Australia) who has volunteered her support and services to the WCPA SG in 2018.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

- Rapid assessment of the situation of the governance of the National Systems of Protected Areas in Latin America (the report is expected to be ready by the end of February 2018).
- Publication Project Proposal: WCPA Protected Areas Best Practice Guidelines Series volume. “Recognizing and Respecting the Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCAs) Overlapped by Protected Areas” Which is presenting to the IUCN Executive Committee to be considered for approval.
Presentations:

- **Application of principles of good governance towards shared management and benefit sharing**; Practical exercise to identify types of governance and management of biome countries; Exercise to validation of the indicators of the qualitative aspects of amazon governance. **Regional Workshop of the Thematic Group on Governance of protected Areas, July 11 and 12, 2017 Cobija- Bolivia. IAPA Program - IUCN, WWF, UN Environment and FAO.** Participants were provided with technical elements for the implementation of good governance principles towards shared management and benefit sharing.

- UNESCO World Heritage Committee side event ‘World Heritage and Sustainable Development: Adapting and replicating the COMPACT community management methodology’ organized in July 2017 with WHS Site Managers, IUCN Secretariat, and WH Centre.

- ‘Good Governance on Protected and Conserved Areas within the framework of the implementation of the Promise of Sydney’. **Regional Meeting on Protected Areas in ZICOSUR.** Regional Meeting of Protected Areas in ZICOSUR (Regional Agreement to the Zone of Central and West South America). Cuiaba - Brazil, from 20-22 June 2017. Ministries of Foreign affairs, Regional Agencies of Environmental Administration, NGO’s linked to PAs activities, and personal of PAs from Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay and Peru.

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

E-mails exchanges with WCPA SG members have been ongoing with regards to improving the system of regional focal points. Options for the use of a more structured platform for communications (such as MailChimp), as well as blog platforms (including WordPress), have been under review.

### Contributions to media, newsletter

Activities of the SG have been included in the Newsletter of the ICCA Consortium, Global ICCA Support Initiative, IUCN GPAP Newsletter. Regular social media posts have been ongoing in relation to PA/CA governance, in particular through Twitter campaigns, linking up with other WCPA initiatives, such as #NatureForAll and the WCPA SG on Capacity Development (which now includes a Task Force on IPLCs and Traditional Knowledge).

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

A support mission was conducted with Jessica Brown (WCPA Specialist Group on Category V PAs) to support the Thailand Dept of National Parks with regards to challenges of engaging IPLCs effectively as part of the proposed World Heritage nomination of the Kaeng Krachang Forest Complex. A 3-day workshop on the COMPACT framework was jointly organized with the IUCN SE Asia Regional Office in Bangkok (Scott Perkins) and national partners.

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)

No WCPA Operating funds have been used in the name of IUCN WCPA Specialist Group during the reporting period. Activities have been self-financed by members of the Specialist Group, leveraging existing programmes and initiatives as relevant.

### Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)

No new funds have been mobilized in the name of IUCN WCPA during the reporting period. Complementary activities have been underway since the time of the WPC in 2014 utilizing funds from the GEF and German BMUB with regards to PA/CA governance, including through support provided to UNEP WCMC for the ICCA Registry, ICCA Consortium, as well as IUCN GPAP towards national PA governance assessments.
The collective contribution of SG members to WCPA issues during the reporting period in 2017 is estimated to be 35 days. These include a range of activities including participation in IIED consultation workshops on the equity framework for assessing PA governance; engagement of the World Heritage Convention shared governance arrangements (i.e. WH COM in Poland, July 2017; national consultation events with indigenous peoples and local communities); participation in CEESP-initiated discussions with regards to the Whakatane Mechanism relevance to responding to the OHCHR paper prepared by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Ms. Vicky Tauli-Corpuz) on the human rights dimensions of conservation finance (pre-launched at the IUCN WCC in Hawaii in Sept 2016, and formally approved/adopted by the UN General Assembly in New York in Nov 2016).

**Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)**

Discussions have been initiated with the portfolio of UNDP/GEF-funded projects (both under implementation, as well as in pipeline) to include case studies of overlaps between PAs and ICCAs as part of the WCPA publication on this topic. Additional resources may also be mobilized from Foundations active in support of IPLCs. In the USA, discussions have been underway with a conglomerate of foundations (MarArthur, Emerson Collective and Skoll Foundation) working together to create a new legal entity (entitled ‘Nia Tero’) which will support the collective governance of indigenous peoples to the territories. The ICCA Consortium is a potential recipient of support from the new organization, furthering the objectives of the WCPA SG.

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2018 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:**

(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11

(ii) Protected area quality enhanced through Green List of Protected Areas

(iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated

(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

(ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed

(iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced

(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

(i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced

(ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**
(i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed

(ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:

(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:

(i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted

IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1

(i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2

(i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3

(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled

GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

Goal 1: Promote enhanced awareness and understanding, better informed policies and improved practices on governance of protected and conserved areas

- Develop further guidance on quality of governance with specific reference to equity and effectiveness standards and their integration in the IUCN Green List of Protected Areas
- Develop guidance on vitality of governance with specific reference to indicators and assessment processes and their integration in the IUCN Green List of Protected Areas
- Promote the recognition and support of voluntary preservation, sustainable use, restoration and enrichment practices of indigenous peoples, local communities, landowners and other actors for both protected and conserved areas, with specific attention to the overlaps between protected and conserved areas.

Goal 2: Strengthen the implementation of existing policies and agreements relevant for governance for the conservation of nature

- Assist governments, conservation agencies, NGOs, indigenous peoples, local communities and landowners to identify, gather, analyze and report governance data for protected and conserved areas to feed into UNEP WCMC databases and PoWPA’s and other reports to the CBD, including for Transboundary Conservation Areas, privately protected and conserved areas, and ICCAs.
- Review and draw lessons from, on regional and/or national bases as appropriate, the commitments, implementation and enforcement of governance-relevant binding agreements in conservation (e.g., the Aarhus Convention, national provisions to implement CBD’s PoWPA, National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, initiatives to achieve all Aichi Targets by 2020, etc.).
- Assist the CBD Secretariat and relevant partners to develop guidance on assessing the “equitable management” dimension of Aichi Target 11 and on recognizing and monitoring conserved areas (“other effective area-based conservation measures”).
- Strengthen governance capacities via regional learning networks that focus, as appropriate, on policy implementation, enhanced practices and/or stopping transnational wildlife crime and patterns of unsustainable exploitation of natural resources.

Goal 3: Highlight, support and diffuse models of well-governed protected and conserved areas that exemplify sustainable, equitable and satisfying local economies and societies
• Identify, review, analyze and draw lessons and inspiration from several cases where well-governed protected and conserved areas deliver ecological success and sustainability--from the local level (e.g., a village forest) to the national level (e.g., fisheries in a marine economic exclusive zone), from the regional level (e.g., migratory wildlife) to the global level (e.g., the atmosphere and climate).
• Identify, review, analyze and draw lessons and inspiration from several cases where well-governed protected and conserved area deliver food and water sovereignty and human development.
• Develop and apply a communications strategy to promote the lessons learned in well-governed protected and conserved areas that exemplify sustainable, equitable and satisfying local economies and societies, including through platforms such as the Panorama: Inspiring PA Solutions.

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

During the CBD SBSTTA in Montreal in Dec 2017, where a number of WCPA SG members were in attendance, a major theme of the negotiations revolved around the topic of ‘projections’ and ‘scenarios’. In terms of timing, 2018 presents an important blend of opportunity (and risk) with regards to the political “pull” factor for states parties to report on their CBD Aichi targets in the build-up to the COP14 in Egypt. The demand for a ‘No-Go policy’ for destructive developments in ICCAs, hotly debated at the Consortium General Assembly in Nov 2017, also suggests the need for a level of information disclosure on the whereabouts/scenarios for ICCAs (i.e. for their defense).

During the ICCA GA, discussions were also held with WWF International and partner organizations pertaining to the emerging post-2020 framework as a priority for 2018, including the potential organization of a workshop on the CBD 2020 targets during the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) in April 2018. WCPA SG members will also focus efforts on inputs to the CBD SBSTTA in July 2018 (on the PoWPA), and the build-up (Aug-Oct 2018) to the CBD COP14 to be held in Egypt.

Over the course of 2018, significant efforts will go into working with the WCPA Task Force on OEMs in order to pilot and field test the Guidance on OEMs (outside of the official IUCN Governance Types A—B-C-D), as well as to develop new methodologies to assess and measure the governance vitality of landscape-level actor networks in support of PA/CA sustainability. Support is also being provided to a joint CEESP event with regards to the proposed new PA/CA category for IPLCs (discussed as part of Stream 5 at the WPC) in MesoAmerica – workshop expected to take in Usdub, Kuna Yala, in late Feb 2018. The outcomes of this event are expected to be relevant to the work of the OEM task force.

Priority will be placed on mobilizing WCPA SG members, and other contributing authors, for the proposed WCPA Protected Areas Best Practice Guidelines Series volume is entitled “Recognizing and Respecting the Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCA) Overlapped by Protected Areas”, respond to the IUCN WCC Resolution 6.030, under consideration by IUCN Executive Committee for approval.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- The Daurian Steppe Landscape was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. [http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1448](http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1448)
- The Grasslands Specialist Group has 127 members to sign up on Facebook in 2017. The Facebook Page is the primary form of communication for the group. The typical group post consists of a link to a webpage of an organization conducting conservation work in grassland reserves, a link to a news story about grasslands, or a job posting in a grassland reserve.
- Kirk Olson, Chair of the Grasslands Specialist Group attended the UNCCD COP-13 in Ordos, China in September 2017. The Grasslands Group was represented at the Rio Pavilion where Kirk delivered a presentation about grassland conservation and pastoralism at the FAO/IUCN sponsored symposium 'Guardians of the Rangelands: combatting desertification in the rangelands through sustainable pastoralism'. A summary of the full event can be found here: [http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/1058662/27690352/1505467098457/14+Sept+Highlight+Report.pdf?token=W88R0%2BFLO0y5iQMcI%2BEsOZdAKx%E3D](http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/1058662/27690352/1505467098457/14+Sept+Highlight+Report.pdf?token=W88R0%2BFLO0y5iQMcI%2BEsOZdAKx%E3D).
- Contributed to the Temperate Grasslands section prepared by the IPBES.
- The Grasslands Specialists Group organized a series of meetings to promote the declaration of a UN International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists within Mongolia. Unfortunately, the declaration did not pass but will be included as a theme promoted within a ‘UN Decade of the Family Farm’.
- The Grasslands Specialist Group was instrumental in assisting with providing key contacts for a report on the guidelines for developing a Mongolian protected areas and tourism strategy.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- Unfortunately, the Grasslands Group passed through 2017 without tangible goals to work towards. The primary focus was to increase the profile of the group via the Facebook page. This I believe has been successful.

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- The Group has made a shift to consider grassland protected areas across the entire range of grasslands, while prioritizing the preservation of temperate grasslands as a whole. The Temperate Grasslands Conservation Initiative, a flagship project for the group is an unfunded initiative.

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- We are unable to confirm IUCN membership of those engaged in the Group’s Facebook Page. Posts encouraging membership and links to the IUCN member sign up page are periodically posted.
**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

**Presentations:**
- Conservation and Sustainable Rangelands in Mongolia’. UNCCD COP-13; Rio Pavilion Session: Guardians of Rangelands: combatting desertification in the rangeland through sustainable pastoralism. This session explored ways that sustainable pastoralism can contribute to rangelands restoration and to the global restoration initiatives.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- NA

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- NA

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*
- NA

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*
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**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*
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**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*
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**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

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**GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**  
(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1:**
- Establish an effective and functional core membership within the Grasslands Specialist Group

**Goal 2:**
- Establish and maintain a web page external to the IUCN Grasslands Specialist Group page to facilitate information transfer and communication

**Goal 3:**
- Develop a framework and implement activities associated with supporting the above WCPA commission goals.

**Goal 4:**
- Develop a global grasslands protected areas list

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- It is challenging to gather momentum for a group that does not have high profile with limited/no financial support. Perhaps WCPA could provide a minimum established budget that could be used to support some form of action (approved by the commission).

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Following agreement and approval of the Terms of Reference (ToR) by the Steering Committee in March 2017 the Health and Wellbeing Specialist Group was established.

Building on the work of the IUCN WCPA Healthy Parks Healthy People Taskforce (now disbanded) the purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Specialist Group is to promote the health and wellbeing benefits of nature across the conservation, health and other sectors, facilitate partnerships to influence policies and plans across these sectors, build the evidence on benefits of nature for human health and wellbeing, and encourage the development of metrics to measure the co-benefits.

An Advisory Committee (AC) for the Specialist Group (SG) has been established consisting of 15 high-level technical experts and practitioners across the health, environment and other sectors which includes 10 females, 5 males from 10 countries representing 5 IUCN Regions. See the Membership section below for list of AC Members.

The SG will work closely with the WCPA People and Parks Thematic Vice Chair, relevant IUCN focal points and Councilors and the Interagency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Human Health (ILG) convened by Convention on Biological Diversity and World Health Organisation (WHO) of which IUCN is a member. The SG has also commenced working with other Specialist Groups and other Commissions on identifying complementary and collaborative areas of work.

The most significant achievement of the SG so far is that many members of the AC participated in a workshop and World Leaders Dialogue (WLD) at the 15th World Congress on Public Health held in Melbourne Australia in April 2017. The sessions were attended by over 500 international delegates and titled, “Nature is Good Medicine” with keynote addresses provided by IUCN President Zhang Xinsheng and Dr Maria Neira from WHO.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- See below

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- N/A
**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- The role of the AC is to guide the development and oversee the implementation of an on-going programme of work to deliver on the ToR of the SG. Members (in alphabetical order via surname) are currently:
  - Diana Allen, Chief, Health Promotion Healthy Parks Healthy People - National Park Service, USA
  - Daniel Buss, Advisor on Global Environmental Challenge - Pan American Health Organization
  - Dawn Carr, Executive Director - Canadian Parks Council
  - Carolina Gonzales Delgado & Carlos Mario Tamayo, Deputy Manager of Sustainable and Environmental Business - Parques Nacionales Naturales de Colombia
  - Bridget Finton, Health & Participation Officer - Scottish Natural Heritage
  - Dr Jenny Fluin, Principal Advisor Research Partnerships, Science and Information Group - Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, South Australia
  - Helen Gillespie, Healthy Nature Healthy People - Project Coordinator - Department of Conservation
  - Jo Hopkins (Chair), Manager National and International Engagement - Parks Victoria
  - Dr. Heongyo KWON National Park Research Institute (NPRI) - Korea National Park Service
  - Kevin Lafferty, National Policy Advisor Access, Health & Recreation - Forestry Commission Scotland
  - Gil Penalosa, Founder & Chair - World Urban Parks & CEO, 880 Cities
  - Cristina Romanelli, Scientific and Policy Division - Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity
  - Clare Shine, Vice President and Chief Program Officer - Salzburg Global Seminar
  - Matti Tappaninen, Chief Executive - Metsähallitus, Luontopalvelut / Naturtjänster / Parks & Wildlife Finland.

- To be finalized are: the appointments of a Vice Chair and an Executive Officer and to ensure representation from Africa on the AC.
- The development of the promotional e-flyer (see below) will assist in raising awareness of the SG and its objectives to activate WCPA membership and engagement.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

- Written and designed a promotional e-flyer (in draft)
- Prepared and widely distributed a sessions report from the Nature is Good Medicine workshop and WLD in April 2017.
- Prepared a summary document outlining environment and health linkages across IUCN and its commissions.

**Presentations:**

- Presented an overview of the SG at the WCPA members meeting in May, Sydney attended by both the WCPA Chair, Vice Chair and Oceania Vice Chair and the Australian-based IUCN Councilor.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Facilitated a round table discussion with a focus on health and wellbeing with Australian IUCN members in Melbourne in April with President Zhang.
- Initial introduction and scoping meetings with other IUCN specialist groups/taskforces and Commissions including:
  - Karen Keenleyside - #NatureForAll Taskforce
  - Dr Billy Karesh & Cathrine Machalaba – Wildlife Health Specialist Group
  - Ameyali Ramos Castillo - CEESP
- Broad overview provided to the Australian Committee for IUCN and its members with significant interest raised in holding a symposium on Co-benefits of Nature in 2018.
• Briefed Oceania Regional Director, Mason Smith and Regional Programme Coordinator, Andrew Foran on the group’s establishment with opportunities for involvement in a Planetary Health regional forum in Fiji in 2018.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

• Developed a website on WCPA [https://www.iucn.org/theme/protected-areas/wcpa/what-we-do/health-and-well-being-0](https://www.iucn.org/theme/protected-areas/wcpa/what-we-do/health-and-well-being-0)

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**

• Coordination of reporting on progress against implementation of Resolution #64.

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**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

• Nil

**Funds raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

• Parks Victoria has supported the development of communications materials of approx. $5000 AUD.

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

• In excess of 60 days of labor.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

• A funding strategy and prospectus will need to be developed.

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

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### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature

#### WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:

(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11

(ii) Protected area quality enhanced through Green List of Protected Areas

(iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated

(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced

#### WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:

(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

(ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed

(iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced

(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people

#### WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3

(i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced

(ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied
IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:
(i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed
(ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:
(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:
(i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted

IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1
(i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2
(i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors

WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3
(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled

GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

Goal 1: Mainstream health and wellbeing benefits of nature across the conservation, health and other sectors though development of interdisciplinary materials, case studies, tools and programs.

- Use Panorama and other online tools to run an information webinar to build awareness and capacity of protected areas managers of the health benefits of PAs.
- Develop a communication platform with SG members and other contributors to the international development of the Health and Nature agenda.
- Establish a Google Group (or similar) platform of experts and practitioners.
- Develop and distribute a report/newsletter update on achievements, progress and success stories.
- Identify opportunities at key events and meetings (both conservation and health related) to promote the synergies and co-benefits between nature and human health and well-being as an example of nature-based solutions.
- Undertake a conservation and health related events and meeting analysis.
- Assemble a suite of health and wellbeing best practice approaches and case studies building on the work of the previous HPHP Taskforce. Make these available online and distribute through networks.

Goal 2: Facilitate environment/conservation and health partnerships at a global, regional, national and sub-national scale, to influence policies and plans across sectors that support programs in parks and protected areas.

- Support the IUCN Secretariat and Council with the implementation of IUCN WCC 2016 Resolution #064.
- Build partnerships across the parks and protected areas, conservation and health sectors, including formalizing a partnership agreement with the World Health Organization at both international, national and sub national levels.
- Develop a framework for implementing and integrating nature and human health and wellbeing outcomes into cross-sectoral policy and programs within government.
- Collaborate with other WCPA specialist groups including #NatureForAll and Urban Conservation
Strategies, to identify and build on synergies with these activities and groups.

- Collaborate with other commissions including the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy and the Commission on Environmental Law to seek opportunities to collaborate within their work areas and plans that raise the profile of the co-benefits of health and nature.
- Develop a framework for the IUCN and WHO and other health organisations to work across a region using the Oceania Regional Office (ORO) initially for a pilot project. This framework could be then applied to other regions.

**Goal 3: Further build the evidence and knowledge base on the extent of benefits of nature for human health and wellbeing.**

- Work with relevant partners to provide input into the implementation of IUCN WCC 2016 Resolution #058 on Natural Capital, in particular the connection between human health and wellbeing and natural capital frameworks tools and standard.
- Liaise with the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Wealth Accounting and the Valuation of Ecosystem Services (WAVES), the System of Environmental Ecosystem Accounts (SEEA) and contribute to the development of consistent metrics for quantifying the contribution of parks and protected areas to human health and wellbeing as required.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

Following are some suggested areas for consideration from Specialist Group members;

- Encourage IUCN WCPA representation at and input into selected global and regional public health forums to raise the profile of the co-benefits of human health and conservation.
- Engage with health professionals, encourage their involvement and membership to the Specialist Group who will then advocate for benefits of nature for human health and well-being.
- Strengthen and support the implementation of health and nature programs such as “park prescriptions” across IUCN regions.
- Promote healthy lifestyles and benefits of nature for human health and well-being among staff of each GC institution.
- Provide information informing the WHO process of drafting a global action plan to promote physical activity, highlighting the opportunities provided by accessible parks and protected areas for physical activity and a range of physical, mental and social health and wellbeing outcomes.
  

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2017

2017 was indeed the Year of the Ocean and a very special year for the 2/3rds of the ocean that are beyond national boundaries—the high seas. The importance of the high seas was profiled at the UN Ocean Conference in June, IMPAC4 in September and the EU-hosted Our Ocean Conference in October. These events all served to build political momentum for the UN to adopt, on 24 December, a resolution to launch negotiations for a new international legally binding agreement for high seas biodiversity conservation, with a view to finalizing the agreement as soon as possible. The resolution was adopted without a vote on December 24, 2017, having received an almost unheard-of co-sponsorship of 143 Member States.

- Key conservation issues at stake for the new agreement include the development of a global process to designate and manage a system of MPAs, to integrate biodiversity conservation into sector-based management practices, and to conduct and review environmental impact assessments. IUCN WCPA, together with the GMPP and other partners, have been feeding vital legal, scientific and management expertise into these UN-based discussions over the past 10+ years. WCPA’s contributions began in 2003 at the first IUCN, WCPA and WWF workshop on high seas MPAs in Malaga, Spain, which laid the groundwork for the launch of the WCPA High Seas MPA Task Force and Action Plan at the Durban World Parks Congress in 2003.

- Since 2003, IUCN WCPA and partners have been contributing input through steady pursuit of its four goals: 1) advancing awareness of the importance and vulnerability of the ocean beyond national boundaries and its connection to the ocean within national jurisdiction; 2) advancing the emerging global agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ through the development of options for area-based management tools including MPAs; 3) advancing existing initiatives, tools and approaches to protect key ABNJ ecosystems and species; and 4) fostering dedicated scientific research, observation and exploration. Details on 2017 progress against goals are provided below.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

Objective 1: ADVANCING AWARENESS of the importance and vulnerability of the ocean beyond national boundaries and its connection to the ocean within national jurisdiction

- Presented and galvanized interest at four globally significant ocean meetings including the UN Ocean Conference (New York, June, 2017) including through a variety of side events with scientific partners; IMPAC4 (La Serena, Chile, September 2017); through participation on a high-level panel with the Government of Chile; the Conference of Parties (COP) to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)(Manila, Philippines, October 2017) with the chair of the CMS Scientific Council and the CMS CoP appointed councilor for aquatic mammals, and Our Ocean, (Malta, October 2017), including as featured speaker at the Youth Summit and the scene-setter for the final Our Ocean panel on next steps for ocean leadership.
• Laid the groundwork for further scientific and policy work through solicitation and eventual acceptance of 20+ abstracts relevant to high seas issues for the World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (Canada, May 2018) and organization of a special policy day during the Deep Sea Biology Symposium for 100 scientists (California, September 2018); among others.

• Improved understanding of connectivity between the high sea and coastal ecosystems (e.g., by providing information on migratory and oceanographic connectivity) through research, workshops, data sharing and publications (see below).

Objective 2: ADVANCING GLOBAL AGREEMENT under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ through the development of options for area-based management tools including MPAs

• Organized a workshop for UN delegates on the impacts of climate change on the open ocean and deep sea in February 2017 at the Pocantico Center of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund featuring Dan Laffoley, Chair WCPA Marine, and Lisa Levin, Scripps Institution of Oceanography and WCPA High Seas SG member. Discussions specifically focused on the relevance of MPAs to adapting to rising CO2 emissions, and options for addressing rising CO2 impacts under a new agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

• Helped to organize a workshop at IUCN Headquarters on Marine Protected Areas in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction 16-17 May with French Government support (Agence Francaise pour la Biodiversite, Partenarit France-UICN Nature et Development, and Fonds Francai pour L’Environnement Mondial) and presented the key results during a side event at UN PrepCom4 in July 2017.

• Organized a side event and prepared a policy brief at the third BBNJ Preparatory Committee in April 2017 on the legal, ecological and social perspectives on “adjacency”, hosted by the Federated States of Micronesia & NF Nereus Program and attended by at least five ambassadors.

• Updated the IUCN biodiversity Matrix to reflect the latest input from the final PrepCom4 meeting.

• Co-organized and co-chaired workshop on “Perspectives on BBNJ Governance” at the University of Wollongong, Wollongong, Australia, on 12 December for government representatives, academics and NGOs to explore options for MPAs, among other items.

Objective 3: ADVANCING HIGH SEAS PROTECTION through existing initiatives, tools and approaches to protect key ABNJ ecosystems and species

• Promoted awareness of the need for adequate understanding and protection of CBD-recognized areas of ecological or biological significance (EBSAs) in relevant international fora including the CMS, regional fisheries management organizations, and regional seas programmes.

• Engaged CMS in raising awareness in UN members attending the UN negotiations and others for the need to conserve connectivity and develop ecological networks that include ABNJ.

• Participated in a CMS Scientific Workshop on connectivity resulting in a resolution passed by CMS CoP 13 (October, 2017) on Connectivity directly referencing ABNJ and seascape approaches.

• Continued efforts to pursue MPAs and large-scale marine managed areas in ABNJ of importance for biodiversity, such as the Sargasso Sea; the Costa Rica Thermal Dome and the
Examined the utility of vessel-tracking systems to support the development, monitoring and enforcement of MPAs in ABNJ.

Co-authored an article for Marine Policy on marine spatial planning in ABNJ, based on presentation at the UNESCO sponsored conference on Marine Spatial Planning in April 2017 (in review).

Co-authored a paper for Fish & Fisheries on the utility of satellite vessel tracking data to support implementation of a new BBNJ treaty (in revision).

Objective 4: ADVANCING SCIENTIFIC BASIS by fostering dedicated scientific research, observation and exploration.

Worked with the Secretariat of the CBD and States Parties to advance the CBD EBSA process for describing significant areas in ABNJ. This included participation in the expert workshop to develop options for modifying the description of areas meeting the criteria for EBSAs, for describing new areas, and for strengthening the scientific credibility and transparency of the EBSA process, in Berlin in December 2017.

Organized a side event and policy brief for the fourth BBNJ PrepCom on critical considerations for incorporating the open-ocean into a new BBNJ treaty, co-hosted by Costa Rica, IUCN and the NF Nereus Program.

Promoted scientific efforts to understand high seas ecosystems, and coordinate research to improve our understanding of high seas ecosystems in ways that can inform more effective governance. This included discussion with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission which resulted in an invitation to help develop the implementation plan for IOC’s Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, a decadal project now proclaimed by the United Nations for 2021-2030 to galvanize support, funding, and effort for global marine research.

Worked with ocean observing programs including the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), the Deep Ocean Observing Strategy and ATLANTOS to promote greater observation of ABNJ in support of the development and monitoring of area-based management tools by participating in relevant workshops, side events and contributing to scoping reports. Of special note, a High Seas SG member, Dr. Daniel Dunn, was named co-chair of the GOOS Biology & Ecosystem Panel and is actively seeking to ensure attention to ABNJ in their work.

Advanced the Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean (MiCO) system, a tool to provide actionable knowledge on migratory corridors and connectivity for species utilizing the high seas in support of the development of area-based management tools in ABNJ, including marine spatial planning. Held MiCO kickoff workshop (February 2017) with over 25 world renowned researchers to get feedback on development of a system to describe migratory connectivity in the ocean. The MiCO Steering Committee now consists of 30 scientists and policymakers including representation from universities, the CMS, World Heritage Convention, IOC, the Sargasso Sea Commission, IUCN/WCPA and NGOs and foundations.

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

In 2017 Dr. Pat Halpin of Duke University’s Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab agreed to join the High Seas Specialist Group as Co-Chair. Joining forces with Pat and others in his lab has already multiplied the impact and organizational capacity of the High Seas SG, as evidenced above.
**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- We have actively sought out and recruited young professionals and PhD students to join and participate in the High Seas SG.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**
- Please see above.

**Presentations:**
- Please see above.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- Through various presentations and expert meetings described above.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- IUCN Marine News; web pieces, interviews with journalists

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- None

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)*

None

**Funds raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)*

by KMG: 30. By Pat Halpin and MGEL colleagues: 5.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

Under discussion

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### GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

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- Further improve understanding of connectivity between the high sea and coastal ecosystems (e.g., provide information on migratory and oceanographic connectivity) through research, workshops, data sharing and publications.
- Continue to present and galvanize interest at relevant 2018 meetings including the Pacific Telecommunications Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, January; Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (Stockholm, February); Monaco Blue Initiative (Edinburgh, UK, April); World Conference on Marine Biodiversity (Montreal, Canada, May); Transnational Law Conference, (London, UK, April); the Deep Sea Biology Symposium (Monterey, California, USA, September) among others
- Work with a variety of media outlet such as Facebook, Twitter, and traditional journalists

#### Goal 2: Advance the emerging global agreement under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea for conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ through the development of options for area-based management tools including MPAs

- Convene at least two workshops, funds permitting, with government representatives, academics, NGOs and other experts to explore options for designating MPAs and establishing other areas-based management tools under the new agreement
- Solicit and develop suggestions from state delegations, NGOs, and researchers to populate the IUCN marine biodiversity matrix, an online discussion and collaboration forum, to inform the development of an ILBI: [https://marinebiodiversitymatrix.org/wiki/Main_Page](https://marinebiodiversitymatrix.org/wiki/Main_Page)
- Convene side events on ABMT to convey results of prior workshops
- Continue to work with states, academics, NGOs and others

#### Goal 3: Advance existing initiatives, tools and approaches to protect key ABNJ ecosystems and species;

- Continue to develop the forum to enhance understanding of and facilitate collaboration on MPA research and improved governance including a focus on transboundary connectivity issues
- Convene SG members as possible at relevant events
- Continue promoting awareness of the need for adequate understanding and protection of EBSAs in relevant international fora including the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS),
regional fisheries management organizations, and regional seas programmes

- Engage CMS in raising awareness in UN members attending the UN negotiations and others for the need to conserve connectivity and develop ecological networks that include ABNJ
- Continue efforts to pursue MPAs and large-scale marine managed areas in ABNJ of importance for biodiversity, such as the Sargasso Sea; the Costa Rica Thermal Dome and the Southern Ocean
- Promote the utility of vessel-tracking systems to support the development, monitoring and enforcement of MPAs in ABNJ.
- Prepare and publish at least two articles on relevant legal, scientific and policy issues related to MPAs and marine spatial planning in ABNJ

**Goal 4: Foster dedicated scientific research, observation and exploration.**

- Continue to promote scientific efforts to understand high seas ecosystems, and coordinate research to improve our understanding of high seas ecosystems in ways that can inform more effective governance.
- Help develop the implementation plan for IOC’s Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, a project to galvanize support, funding, and effort for global marine research.
- Work with ocean observing programs including GOOS, GEOBON, GEOS, DOOS, ATLANTOS etc. to promote greater observation of ABNJ in support of the development and monitoring of area-based management tools.
- Work with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and States Parties to advance the CBD EBSA process for describing significant areas in ABNJ.
- Support Duke’s Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab and partners in developing the Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean (MiCO) system, a tool to provide actionable knowledge on migratory corridors and connectivity for species utilizing the high seas in support of the development of area-based management tools in ABNJ, including marine spatial planning.
- Hold workshops to brainstorm and develop understanding of potential interactions of different uses of ABNJ resources. Depending on funding availability, publish policy briefs summarizing workshop findings and governance implications.
- Hold workshops (or otherwise support efforts to) analyze the utility and benefit of dynamic management approaches to the conservation of high seas biodiversity.
- Depending on funding availability, publish policy briefs summarizing workshop findings and governance implications.
- Promote open access papers and online platforms that highlight high seas issues.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- The launch of negotiations for the new high seas biodiversity agreement is a once in a lifetime opportunity to scale up conservation successes for the vast ocean beyond national boundaries. We look forward to working with the Commission and headquarters to expand our activities in 2018.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- In 2017, the independent panel examining the results of the first expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the Mediterranean region (held in Oct. 2016 & funded by the MAVA Foundation) approved 26 IMMAs, while 5 remained as candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs), pending more research, and 39 were identified as areas of interest (AoI). In July 2017, these areas were put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).
- Late in 2016 the MMPA Task Force began preparations for the 5-year GOBI-IKI project (2017-2021) to produce a series of IMMA identification Workshops across the southern hemisphere. The first workshop in Samoa brought together 23 experts from 14 countries in the Pacific Islands who selected 29 cIMMAs from which the peer-review process approved 18 IMMAs, 5 cIMMAs and 19 AoI.
- In October-November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs and three experts travelled to Palau to prepare an IMMA and AoI implementation plan with a local stakeholder group. This plan was finalized and distributed in December 2017.
- In November-December 2017, the MMPA Task Force made preparations and sent out 30+ invitations to experts for the March 2018 workshop to be held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, covering the North East Indian Ocean and South East Asia.
- In October 2017, the MMPA Task Force, represented by the CMS COP-appointed Councilor for aquatic mammals (Task Force co-chair Notarbartolo di Sciara) presented the IMMA resolution which had been prepared earlier in the year at the 12th CMS COP, and was adopted as CMS Resolution 12.13. The resolution states that governments will cooperate in the implementation process of IMMAs, and asks the CBD, IMO and IUCN to consider IMMAs as useful contributions for the determination of ecologically or biologically significant areas (CBD EBSAs), particularly sensitive sea areas (IMO PSSAs) and key biodiversity areas (IUCN KBAs), and it encourages the ongoing liaison with the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to mitigate threats such as ship strikes and noise.
- In April 2017 at the Year of the Whale celebrations in the South Pacific attended by most countries in the region, the MMPA Task Force made presentations and engaged in workshops which put IMMAs on the agenda of the region with the next 5-year plan from SPREP.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

1. Valuing and Conserving Nature

Goal 1: To identify candidate IMMAs in the Pacific Islands Region

The goal was ACHIEVED when:
- The Second IMMA Workshop, organized in Apia, Samoa, March 2017, selected 29 candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs) in the Pacific Islands region.

Goal 2: To gain final approval from review board for IMMAs in the Mediterranean

The goal was ACHIEVED when:
- In July 2017, the independent review board announced the approval of 26 IMMAs in the Mediterranean, while 5 remained as candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs), pending more research,
and 39 were identified as areas of interest (AoI).

### Goal 3: To gain final approval from review board for IMMAs in the South Pacific Region

The goal was ACHIEVED when:
- In October 2017, the independent review board announced the approval of 18 IMMAs in the Pacific Islands, while 5 remained as candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs), pending more research, and 19 were identified as areas of interest (AoI).

### 2. Governing Nature’s Use and Sharing its Benefits Equitably

#### Goal 1: To Implement one IMMA as a conservation initiative in the South Pacific Region

The goal was ACHIEVED when:
- In October-November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs and three experts travelled to Palau to prepare an IMMA and AoI implementation plan with a local stakeholder group. This plan was finalized and distributed in December 2017.

#### Goal 2: To implement one IMMA as a conservation initiative in the Mediterranean

The goal was ACHIEVED when:
- In May 2017, a report recommending a transboundary managed biosphere reserve in the Strait of Sicily was produced by MMPA Task Force co-chairs and members of the IMMA secretariat.

#### Goal 3: To finalize the IMMA Toolkit to standardize the process of IMMA identification, informed by the first two workshops.

The goal was PARTLY ACHIEVED when:
- The testing of the IMMA Toolkit was undertaken during the IMMA workshops; an updated version will be completed in 2018.

#### Goal 4: To set up regional groups (broadly using the 18 IUCN marine regions) for workshop preparation and follow-up actions, to develop regional expert bodies in support of IMMAs

The goal was ACHIEVED when:
- The first two regional groups were set up from the members of the Task Force with an appointed chair or co-chairs for both the Mediterranean and Pacific Islands. These two regional groups are now functioning as important links to the regions for gathering as well as disseminating information and expertise, and will form the nucleus of future workshops in the regions.

### 3. Deploying Nature-based solutions to Global Challenges

#### Goal 1: To spread the adoption of IMMAs more widely through CMS and CBD

The goal was ACHIEVED when:
- The CMS CoP approved a recommendation stating that governments will cooperate in the implementation process of IMMAs, and asking the CBD, IMO and IUCN to consider IMMAs as useful contributions for the determination of ecologically or biologically significant areas (CBD EBSAs), particularly sensitive sea areas (IMO PSSAs) and key biodiversity areas (IUCN KBAs), and encouraging the ongoing liaison with the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to mitigate threats such as ship strikes and noise.
- The IMMA process and results were presented at the CBD Expert Meeting on the future of EBSAs (Berlin, December 2017), where participants took note of it and the bases were laid for the future incorporation of IMMAs in the EBSA process.

**ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)**
- No changes.

**MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)**
- The MMPA Task Force expanded its membership by 3 members for this coming triennium, to a total of 34. These members comprised males and females, scientists and MPA policy people, from various regions around the world including 13 countries.

**COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)**

**Publications:**
- Numerous abstracts for conferences and workshops by Task Force members.

**Presentations:**

- Feb. Presentations on IMMAs to OECM Workshop, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Feb. Presentation on IMMAs to GOBI/IKI Partners at Duke University, Durham, NC, USA.
- Mar. Keynote and other presentations for IMMA Workshop in Apia, Samoa to identify cIMMAs.
- Mar.-April. Keynote and other presentations by both MMPA TF chairs at Year of the Whale celebrations in the South Pacific attended by most countries in the region
- Apr. presentation/workshop at European Cetacean Society AGM in Denmark
- May. Presentation on IMMAs at CMS Workshop on connectivity, Rosolina, Italy
- May. Presentation on IMMAs at the IWC Scientific Committee Meeting, Bled, Slovenia.
- July. Presentation on IMMAs at the CMS Sci. Co. 2nd Session Committee, Bonn.
- Sept. Presentation to IMPAC4 in Chile
- Sept. Keynote on IMMAs and work of the MMPA Task Force to Bottlenose Dolphin Conference & Workshop in Barcelona
- Oct. Presentation on IMMAs to Atlantic MPAs (Twinning) workshop in Husavik, Iceland
- Oct. Workshop on IMMAs in Freshwater Environments at Society for Marine Mammalogy Biennial, Halifax, Canada, as well as Poster presentations on IMMA work
- Oct. Presentation to CMS CoP12 in Manila, Philippines, and side event at the same meeting.
- Oct.-Nov., multiple presentations daily during a week when MMPA Task Force co-chairs and three experts travelled to Palau to prepare an IMMA and Aol implementation plan with a local stakeholder group.
- Nov. Presentation on IMMAs at the Marine Important Bird Areas meeting in Dar es Salaam
- Nov. Presentation on IMMAs at the Workshop on mitigating the impact of underwater noise on marine biodiversity with specific focus on seismic surveys in the southeastern European waters in the Mediterranean Sea, organised by NRDC and Ocean Care.
- Dec. Webex Public Presentation on IMMAs and MPAs and the MMPA Task Force to WDC
- Dec. Presentation at CBD meeting in Berlin on future of EBSAs and IMMAs

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- In October-November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs and three experts travelled to Palau to prepare an IMMA and Aol implementation plan with a local stakeholder group. This plan was finalized and distributed in December 2017.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Numerous news stories, publication downloads, and e-Atlas additions for the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).
**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

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**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

(PLEASE DELETE THOSE NOT APPLICABLE BELOW)

SPECIALIST GROUP: MOUNTAIN PROTECTED AREA

PETER JACOBS

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

The Mountains Specialist Group has operated now for its first full year since reforming in late 2016 following the split of the Connectivity Conservation and Mountains Thematic Group into two Specialist Groups.

The focus has been

- reforming the group and establishing membership, particularly following the death of Professor Larry Hamilton, who established the original WCPA Mountains Group over 25 years ago, continuing to be a stalwart until his death;
- Following up from the a IUCN WCC Hawaii Mountains Knowledge Café working on the project to identify and prioritize for protection, global mountain areas of importance that are unprotected; and
- Continuing the production of the Mountains UPDATE.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

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*Progress: Draft report and methodology endorsed by committee; still working towards completion of first draft report for distribution to WCC workshop group.* |
| **Goal 2:** | Select priority countries for WCPA MtnsSG facilitation action to encourage the establishment of new mountain protected areas.  
*Progress: Outcome subject to above report completion;* |
| **Goal 3:** | Review the governance and support structure for the Mountains SG. Expand committee to have all regions represented and seek to partner with an institution or organization for mutual support.  
*Progress: Proposal prepared and WCPA Chair and Committee endorsed this approach; yet to action but have had good response from members seeking to be involved and will action in 2018.* |
| **Goal 4:** | Manage and grow the MtnsSG network and promote participation and interactive involvement of the group.  
*Progress: The Mountains network and specialist group has attracted some new membership and encouragement of network members to join WCPA.* |
Goal 5:

- Maintain and upgrade the WCPA Mountains website and update and relaunch the Protect Mountains Website.
- Progress: Mountains page on WCPA website is up graded to include an attractive photo set of Mountain Protected Areas for each WCPA region. Links now to Mountains UPDATES and other publications including World Mountain Day messages. Given functionality of the WCPA page, and lack of capacity to support the Protect Mountains Website as well, it’s been decided not to continue with the Protect Mountains Website at this stage.

Goal 6:

- Via the quarterly Mountain Protected Areas UPDATE; Communicate the highest standards of mountain protected area management and the very latest news about what is happening in mountain protected areas globally including exemplars of best practice mountain protected area management in collaboration with IUCN WCPA’s Green List programme and promote their achievements.
- Progress: Four Mountain UPDATES prepared and distributed.

**ORGANIZATION** (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

The Executive Committee is
- Peter Jacobs (Chairperson)
- Gill Anderson, (Mountains Update Editor)
- Linda McMillan, (Protect Mountains Web Site Manager)
- Patrizia Rossi,
- Fausto Sarmiento,
- Mike Tollefson,

Senior Advisor
- Graeme Worboys

It is planned to extend the Committee to include representative from each WCPA region if possible. It has been endorsed by the WCPA Chair and is expected to be actioned in early 2018.

**MEMBERSHIP** (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- The Specialist Group has 363 WCPA members and an additional 324 are in the Mountains network.

Several new members have joined both existing and new WCPA members.

**COMMUNICATION** (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

**Publications:**

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**Presentations:**

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**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

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**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Updated website including photo set of mountains in each WCPA region, including International mountain day message
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**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

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**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017** (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)

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### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

- The re-established Mountains SG is now rebuilding and determining how it will do business. It is expected that a revised committee with wider representation will revitalize the Specialist group.

- The previous Mountains Group had a strong connection to WCPA with Graeme Worboys as a Thematic Vice Chair for Connectivity Conservation and Mountains on the WCPA Steering Committee. With that now inactive, we find that connection has gone and wish to improve direction, communication and governance pathways with the WCPA executive. We have been advised on asking that Stephen Woodley is to be the Mountains Group connection to the SG.

- Unlike many other SG’s the Mountains SG currently has no direct institutional or organizational partner to assist with capacity and resourcing. The Chair sees this as a current weakness and if the group is to be successful in achieving its goals we need a partner. The Mountains Committee will pursue this in discussions with WCPA.

### FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017

- Our primary focus this year has been to respond to the mandate of IUCN resolution WCC 2016-036 by developing best practice guidelines on privately protected areas (PPAs). We convened an expert workshop on Vilm (summer 2017) and by the end of this reporting period had assembled most of the first draft.
- The group published a paper in PARKS on PPAs (as well as a case study on governance in Belize). The paper presents recent advances that support PPAs at the international level, summarizes the present state of PPA reporting to the WDPA, and discusses the challenges and opportunities that currently characterize the future of PPAs.
- The model of working at several levels continues to work well. We have a formal specialist group of WCPA members; a community of practice connected through a newsletter, email discussion group, and direct communications; and a core group of nine “strategists” who meet monthly via conference call.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

**Objective 1: Document the role of privately protected areas in encouraging individuals to be better stewards of nature through expanding opportunities for specialist group interaction and information-sharing.**

- We continue to expand the community of practice (both in number and level of engagement) and to formalize a specialist group of WCPA members.

**Objective 2: Explore enhanced role of privately protected areas in connecting people with nature.**

- Because PPAs require private, voluntary action, nearly everything we do relates to this objective, including the Guidelines.

**Objective 3: Refine estimates of the extent of privately protected areas (quantitative assessment); Encourage structures and incentives to report on PPAs both nationally and to the WDPA.**

- Exploring a project of regional workshops with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and staff of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

**Objective 4: Improve understanding of best practices in privately protected areas and PPA systems by drafting Best Practice Guidelines in 2017.**

- Prepared a first draft, expected to go out for wide expert review by February 2018, for publication in 2018. Formal publication proposal/agreement under revision to new template.

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- Published two papers in PARKS.
- Responded to an increasing number of requests for information on an ad hoc basis.

**Objective 6: Create or strengthen national PPA associations to assess performance, provide training and develop data collection systems**

- Responded to opportunities on an ad hoc basis.
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**Objective 8: Continue to analyze the contribution of privately protected areas to nature-based solutions.**

- Intersect with the Natural Solutions theme (chair is also on PPA Strategists group, and was on the core “strategists’ group” through most of 2017).

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**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Maintain privateconservation.net, alongside official specialist group page on IUCN.org.
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**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**

- Mission to Canadian World Heritage Site nomination, Pimachiowin Aki, an area with particular governance dimensions (Winnipeg, September 2017).
- Participated in IUCN/ICOMOS joint meeting on the Connecting Practice program for World Heritage (Paris, May 2017).
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This report provides a brief review of activities and accomplishments of the WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group (PLSG) over the past year, and our progress in meeting our goals for 2016 and 2017. Highlights include:

- **We delivered several sessions at the IUCN World Conservation Congress and played a leadership role in the Nature-Culture Journey at the Congress** (September 2016). We did so in collaboration with other partners including ICCROM, ICOMOS (and its International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes), as well as partners in the foundation community.

- **Continuing the Nature-Culture/Culture-Nature Journey**, we contributed to planning and delivery of journey sessions at the ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (December 2017).

- **Specialist Group members produced and/or contributed to numerous publications** on topics related to cultural landscapes, landscape policy, community engagement, nature-culture connections, management and governance (see list detailing examples of publications in 2016 and 2017).

- **As in past years, Specialist Group members have promoted the protected landscape approach to a wide range of audiences** through presentations at national and international conferences, capacity-building courses for practitioners, university settings, as well as through regional workshops.

- **We contributed to initiatives led by other IUCN-WCPA Specialist Groups and Task Forces on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) and Cultural and Spiritual Values of Nature** through recent working sessions and contribution by Specialist Group members to guidance and publications.

- **We continue to participate in the Connecting Practice initiative led by IUCN’s World Heritage programme**, which aims to explore, learn and create new methods of recognition and support for the interconnected character of the natural, cultural and social value of highly significant land and seascapes and affiliated bio-cultural practices. During 2016 Specialist Group members participated in missions in selected World Heritage sites. In May 2017 we participated in a planning meeting for the next phase of the initiative hosted by ICOMOS. We have convened/contributed to panels about Connecting Practice at several recent conferences.

- **We have been involved in developing and helping to deliver capacity-building programs on managing landscapes/seascapes for nature-culture linkages**. This includes: collaboration with the University of Tsukuba in Japan (in partnership with IUCN, ICCROM and ICOMOS) in delivery of an annual capacity-building workshop for the Asia Pacific region (2016 and 2017); the ongoing ICCROM courses on People-centered Approaches: Engaging Communities in the
Specialist Group members have been active in support of World Heritage nominations involving nature-culture linkages. These include potential Mixed Site and Cultural Landscape designations, such as: the Banda Islands (Indonesia).

These highlights and many other activities of the WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group are described in greater detail in the report below.

**PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS** *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

**Goal 1: Promote the value, importance and understanding of the protected landscape concept as a management approach to ensure conservation within a range of protected areas categories and the wider rural area. Promote understanding of the role of the broad array of governance regimes in Category V landscapes/seascapes and build capacity for more effective and equitable governance.**

Members of the Specialist Group continue to promote the protected landscape approach to a wide range of audiences this year through publications, presentations, workshops and conference presentations. All have highlighted the importance of understanding and promoting governance diversity, effectiveness and equitability. Examples are noted here and described in more detail in other sections of this report.

- Specialist Group members have written, edited and/or contributed to a broad range of publications in 2016 and 2017.
- In 2016 Specialist Group members organized or contributed to numerous sessions at the World Conservation Congress focusing on nature-culture linkages, agricultural landscapes, and people-centered approaches to conservation, among other topics.
- Similarly, in 2017 we convened/contributed to sessions on these themes at several conferences, including the George Wright Society biennial conference, an annual thematic conference of the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity, and the ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium.
- Specialist Group members have lectured on protected landscapes/seascapes in academic settings, professional meetings and capacity-building workshops. Through these activities we are reaching students, protected area managers, heritage conservation practitioners, and charitable foundations (a partial list of presentations is provided below).
- Specialist Group members have undertaken missions to advise on protected landscapes management and governance in countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America and North America.

**Goal 2: Develop and disseminate guidance for protected area managers regarding the application of the protected landscape model**

- In collaboration with the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre we worked on plans for capacity-building workshops for protected area managers interested in using the COMPACT model to link livelihoods and conservation activities in and near World Heritage sites and other protected areas. In this connection in early 2017 Terence Hay-Edie and Jessica Brown helped to deliver a training workshop for Thai protected area managers in collaboration with the IUCN Regional Office in Bangkok and the Thailand National Park Service. These activities will draw on *World Heritage Paper #40, Engaging Local Communities in Stewardship of World Heritage: A methodology based on the COMPACT experience*, which introduces this methodology.
- Yoshida Masahito and colleagues have launched a series of capacity-building workshops on nature-culture linkages and the landscape/seascape to be offered by the University of Tsukuba in Japan over the next three years for practitioners from Asia and the Pacific.
Partners in this three-year course include IUCN, ICOMOS, ICCROM and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. The first workshop, *Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation: Agricultural Landscapes*, was conducted in September 2016. Jessica Brown worked with the team of partners on content development and recruitment, and served as one of the international faculty for the two-week course, which included a substantial field component in traditional agricultural landscapes of Shirakawago and the Noto Peninsula, including areas recognized by FAO as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems. In 2017 the course focused on Sacred Landscapes, with the field portion based in the World Heritage property, *Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountains*. Jessica Brown again contributed to the course as visiting faculty in 2017.

- Protected Landscape Specialist Group members are working with the Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas (CSVPA) Specialist Group on development of a Best Practice Guidelines volume on *Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature in Protected Areas*. PLSG members involved include Nora Mitchell, Josep-Maria Mallarach and Jessica Brown.

### Goal 3: Contribute to planning for the IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2016. Advance progress of the Nature-Culture Journey in subsequent convenings, such as the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium in 2017.

Many Specialist Group members were active in planning for the World Conservation Congress and delivering sessions there. Our contributions include:

- Working with partners including ICOMOS and ICCROM we conducted or contributed to several workshops at the World Conservation Congress. These included: *Constructing resilience: the nature and culture of food cultivation in the landscape and seascape*, which built directly on a session convened at the 2014 World Parks Congress, and *People-centered Approaches: Engaging Communities in the Conservation of Nature and Culture*. We also partnered in Knowledge Café sessions on *Advancing Sustainable Agriculture at the Nexus of Nature and Culture* and *authenticity in nature and culture as part of the OUV for natural World Heritage*. These sessions were all part of the *Nature-Culture Journey* at the WCC; some were also incorporated into the *Life on Land Journey*.

- Specialist group member Nora Mitchell played a leadership role in coordinating the *Nature-Culture Journey* at the WCC, building on her active involvement both in this WCPA Specialist Group and within ICOMOS and its International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes. This journey was linked with the World Heritage Journey at the Congress.

- We contributed actively to the planning of the *Culture-Nature Journey* at the *ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium*, and to the delivery of workshop sessions and participation in plenary panels (see below).

- In an effort led by the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity (now the Biodiversity Funders Group) Jessica Brown participated in monthly conference calls to engage foundation colleagues in the WCC through sessions on philanthropy and conservation and a reception. For several foundation colleagues this was their first time participating in an IUCN Congress, and the reaction was extremely positive. Along with other members of CGBD, she collaborated in delivering an interactive workshop on the topic of *Charitable Foundations as Partners in Conservation*.

### Goal 4: Strengthen the network of the Specialist Group and explore new opportunities for collaboration between the WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group and other groups

- During 2016 and 2017 we have contributed actively to the work of the Specialist Group on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas (CSVPA) and the new Task Force on Other Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs). This has included participation by several Specialist Group members in working sessions at the International Academy for Nature Conservation (Isle of Vilm) on *OECMs* (July 2016) and on *Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature* (July 2016 and June 2017)
• The May 2016 Steering Committee meeting provided an opportunity to work more closely with the new Specialist Group on Governance and with CEESP. We subsequently collaborated with the Chair of CEESP on a session at the George Wright Society Conference (April 2017).

• Large international convenings, such as the 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress and the 2017 ICOMOS Scientific Symposium have provided an opportunity for those members of the Specialist to meet with each other and work together in multiple settings.

• Our joint WCC session on Constructing Resilience allowed the Specialist Group to strengthen collaboration with our analogue working group within ICOMOS: the International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes, led by Steve Brown. Collaboration with ICCROM in other WCC sessions has helped to build that partnership.

• These partnerships with ICOMOS and ICCROM colleagues have been further strengthened by activities such as: our joint participation in the capacity-building workshop on nature-culture linkages and heritage conservation at Tsukuba University (in which the United Nations University-IAS and the Satoyama Initiative were also active participants); the ICCROM course on people-centered approaches to conservation; collaboration in joint sessions at the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium; working together on activities of the Connecting Practice initiative, including recent missions and the planning meeting in 2017.

• Partnerships with foundation affinity groups such as the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity (now named “Biodiversity Funders Group”) and International Funders for Indigenous Peoples were strengthened through cooperation during the WCC and in subsequent sessions, such as the CGBD marine conservation conference (March 2017) and the IFIP Latin American Conference on Indigenous Philanthropy (September 2016). Jessica Brown serves as Co-Chair of the IFIP board.

**Goal 5: Identify and document the role of Category V protected areas in ensuring connectivity and resilience across the wider landscape. Related goal: Explore and document the connections between Category V protected areas and food security through conservation of traditional agricultural landscapes and agro-biodiversity**

• The Specialist Group provided guidance and support with recruitment to Asociación ANDES, which is led by long-time Specialist Group member Alejandro Argumedo, and the International Satoyama Initiative in a global meeting on socio-ecological production landscapes and resilience. The session took the form of a “walking workshop” held in El Parque de la Papa (the Potato Park) hosted by mountain communities near Pisac, Peru.

• Building on the results of a session we had offered at the WCC, we convened a workshop on Constructing Resilience: Advance sustainable agriculture at the nexus of culture and nature within the Culture-Nature Journey (see ICOP383) at the ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium.

• As noted in earlier reports, an ongoing goal has been to gather case-study material from our recent workshops, including sessions at the World Conservation Congress and World Parks Congress to produce a fourth volume in our series, Values of Protected Landscapes and Seascapes. We continue to seek funding for this publication.

• Many members of the Specialist Group have written and published extensively on these topics during 2016 - 2017. Please refer to the list of publications below.

**Goal 6: Enhance IUCN’s work in World Heritage, in particular with respect to World Heritage Cultural Landscapes and community engagement in World Heritage sites.**

During 2016 - 2017 we continued to broaden our collaboration with IUCN’s World Heritage programme, and to build stronger relationships with the other two World Heritage Advisory Bodies through involvement in the Connecting Practice initiative, participation in the ICCROM course, and
In May 2017 Jessica Brown and Brent Mitchell participated in the final expert meeting of Phase II of the Connecting Practice initiative. The meeting, hosted at the ICOMOS headquarters in Paris, brought together partners to review the experience of Connecting Practice to-date and explore future directions and opportunities.

Brent Mitchell participated in a mission following on the evaluation mission for the Canadian World Heritage Site nomination, Pimachiowin Aki, an area with particular governance dimensions (Winnipeg, September 2017).

We continue to provide support to IUCN, in its capacity as a World Heritage Advisory Body, with the evaluation of World Heritage Cultural Landscape nominations. This includes: providing advice to the IUCN World Heritage Panel on the values of nominated properties; recommending desk reviewers (from the PLSG and from other WCPA Task Forces); and recommending evaluators to take part in field missions (Gunnar Finke as lead with support from Nora Mitchell and Jessica Brown).

We continue to disseminate World Heritage Paper #40, Engaging Local Communities in Stewardship of World Heritage, and use it as a resource in training and capacity-building sessions. Directed at site managers (and available in both French and English), it provides detailed guidance on a methodology based on the COMPACT experience. It has been translated into Thai for the 2017 workshop held in Thailand in cooperation with the IUCN Regional Office.

As noted above, in 2016 the University of Tsukuba (Japan), in collaboration with IUCN (World Heritage Programme) and ICCROM, launched a series of three capacity-building workshops on Nature-Culture Linkages in Heritage Conservation. The capacity-building programme targets young professionals from Asia and the Pacific, and include a substantial field component. It is envisioned that the workshops will take place over four years and will cover the following topics: agricultural landscapes, sacred sites, disasters and resilience, and mixed cultural and natural heritage. Jessica Brown served as a resource person for the 2016 and 2017 courses; these were each linked to a symposium to which SG member Mechtild Rössler, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, contributed.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

During the World Parks Congress we added several new members, helping to create closer ties with other WCPA working groups and expand our membership in other countries and regions, in particular Asia and Australia.

In reviewing the lists provided by the IUCN secretariat, we noted a number of members missing because they are no longer considered WCPA members. In a few cases this seems to be due to members having forgotten to submit their renewal forms. We are now investigating.

Recent travels by the Specialist Group Chair, participation in the Connecting Practice initiative, missions in regions such as West Africa and Asia, as well as growing collaboration with partners such as ICOMOS and ICCROM, have offered opportunities to identify prospective members.

**INTEGRATION WITH IUCN QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME** *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

While continuing to work with the IUCN World IUCN World Heritage Programme for several years on a few ongoing initiatives (e.g., review of World Heritage nominations), during 2016 and 2017 we have picked up the pace of this collaboration, as described in more detail under Goal #6.

The Specialist Group continues to collaborate with the inter-commission Strategic Direction
TILCEPA and with themes/networks related to governance, connectivity and resilience, such as the CEM thematic group on Resilience.

- A number of SG members are active members of the ICCA Consortium and are working on projects related to advancing equitable and effective governance through the consortium and through the recently created Specialist Group on Governance (co-chaired by long-time PLSG members Terence Hay-Edie and Carmen Miranda).

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

A sample of relevant publications by Protected Landscape Specialist Group members during 2016 and 2017 includes:


**Presentations:**

Many Specialist Group members have made presentations on topics relevant to protected landscapes this year. While it is not possible to list here all the presentations made by our members, a few illustrative examples include:

- At the biennial conference of the George Wright Society (April 2017), Nora Mitchell, Brenda Barrett, Jessica Brown and Brent Mitchell presented on topics related to nature-culture connections and privately protected areas (Norfolk, Virginia, USA)

- At the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium (December 2017) we convened several sessions and contributed presentations in these and other sessions, and in plenary panels. Session topics included *Constructing Resilience: Advance sustainable agriculture at the nexus of culture and nature; The World Rural Landscapes Initiative, The World Heritage Leadership Program; Governance for Cultural and Natural Heritage;* and *The Connecting Practice Initiative*.

- At a seminar hosted by National Taiwan University and the Forestry Bureau of Taiwan (December 2017) on Cilan Mountain Cypress Forest, Jessica Brown gave a lecture on *Opportunities to advance community-based governance and management of Cilan Mountain Cypress Forest.*


- Jessica Brown gave a series of lectures at the *ICCROM course on people-centered approaches to conservation* (June 2017) on topics including: *Emerging trends and new directions in conservation, Governance of protected areas,* and *Engaging local communities*
in stewardship of Protected Landscapes (Røros, Norway).

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

See other sections of this report.

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter

Various, including on-line articles this year on the web-sites of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, UNDP Small Grants Programme, Tsukuba University, and ICCROM. At national/local levels these include the Essex National Heritage Area Commission (USA), Thailand National Park Service, Rutgers University, and National Taiwan University.

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

During 2016 and 2017 a few Specialist Group members participated in field missions of IUCN’s *Connecting Practice* project, such as one in Hungary’s Hortobagy National Park and in a subsequent planning meeting for the third phase of *Connecting Practice*. Several of our members contribute time doing desk reviews of WH Cultural Landscape nominations. See earlier description re: Nora Mitchell’s and Jessica Brown’s role in advising on the Nature-Culture journey at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2016 and at the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium in 2017. See also note re: Brent Mitchell’s role in representing IUCN at a follow-up evaluation mission regarding nomination of the Canadian site, Pimachiowin Aki, to the World Heritage list. Other assignments on behalf of IUCN have included review of manuscripts for the journal PARKS.

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2016 or 2017 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2016 and 2017 and use financial report for details)*

NA.

**Funds Raised** *(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)*

Participation in conferences and site visits has been covered personally and, in a few cases, through support from my home organization, the New England Biolabs Foundation. The Specialist Group still receives no Commission Operating Funds. Participation in missions, workshops and training courses has been covered by the host institutions and various donors. A partial list includes The Christensen Fund, BfN and the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Tsukuba University, ICCROM, the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme, the Thailand National Park Service, the Taiwan Forest Bureau and National Taiwan University.

**In-Kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration)*

As Chair of the Protected Landscapes Specialist Group, I have contributed approximately 30 days of my time during 2016 in support of our activities, and a further 25 days in 2017 for activities related to conference sessions, publications, teaching/training assignments and participation in planning meetings. My position with the New England Biolabs Foundation is not full-time, allowing me to reserve a portion of my time for consulting as well as volunteer activities. The *pro bono* work on behalf of the WCPA Specialist Group has drawn on a considerable portion of that available time.

Over the course of the past two years time and expertise has been contributed extensively by many Specialist Group members for the activities of this Specialist Group – and WCPA generally – including writing and editing publications, making presentations and initial planning for the World Conservation Congress.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

TBD for now.

### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:**

(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of...
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<td>(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced</td>
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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

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| (i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity |
| (ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed | x |
| (iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced |
| (iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

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| (i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced | x |
| (ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied                  |

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

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| (i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed |
| (ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted                                             |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:**

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| (i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced                       |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

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| (i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted |

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1**

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| (i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2**

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| (i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors |

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

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| (i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled                      |

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2014** *(Indicate draft goals for 2012 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

IUCN WCPA has 3 strategic directions in accordance with the IUCN Quadrennial Programme 2013-2016. Please identify your group’s goals within this framework to demonstrate alignment with specific parts of the IUCN Programme agreed in Jeju.

1. **VALUING AND CONSERVING NATURE**

Goal 1: Promote the value, importance and understanding of the protected landscape concept as a management approach to ensure conservation within a range of protected areas categories and the wider rural area

- We will continue to promote the protected landscape approach through publications, conference presentations, capacity-building workshops, teaching assignments and other activities.
- Opportunities envisioned for 2018 include the US ICOMOS conference in November, which will highlight nature-culture linkages; and contributions to several journals and edited volumes. A few relevant chapters are currently in press.
- If funding can be found we will continue to develop Volume IV in the publication series, *Values*
of Protected Landscapes and Seascapes (with a focus on the role of Category V in Connectivity and Resilience (editor TBD; series editorial team: Amend, Brown, Dudley, Kothari, Phillips, Stolton)

Goal 2: Develop and disseminate guidance for protected area managers regarding the application of the protected landscape model

- We will continue the work begun in 2017 with CSVPA colleagues to develop, publish and disseminate the Best Practice Guidelines on Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature in Protected Areas.
- Specialist Group members will be actively contributing to the development of guidance for management of World Heritage sites that brings together management of natural and cultural values.
- We will remain active in our partnerships with Tsukuba University and ICCROM to promote and help deliver capacity-building workshops on nature-culture linkages and people-centered approaches to conservation.
- Through ongoing collaboration with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme, we will contribute to proposed capacity-building workshops for World Heritage site managers interested in using the COMPACT model to link livelihoods and conservation activities in and near World Heritage sites. Plans for a global workshop in 2018 are being discussed.

Goal 3: Strengthen the network of the Specialist Group and explore new opportunities for collaboration between the WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group and other groups

- Ongoing, as described above. This includes our ongoing partnership with other WCPA working groups, such as CSVPA and the Specialist Group on Governance.
- Building on progress in 2016 and 2017, we will continue to cultivate our partnerships with other groups. Our recent joint session at the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium (December 2017) has further strengthened collaboration between the PLSG and our analogue working group in ICOMOS, the International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes, which is led by Steve Brown.

2. GOVERNING NATURE’S USE AND SHARING ITS BENEFITS EQUITABLY

Goal 1: Promote understanding of the role of the broad array of governance regimes in Category V landscapes/seascapes and build capacity for more effective and equitable governance

- Specialist Group members will continue to contribute to publications related to stewardship of the landscape/seascape under the full range of governance models.
- We will continue to provide guidance to inter-governmental organizations on mainstreaming the landscape approach in their work (for example, through a current project with the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme).

3. DEPLOYING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Goal 1: Identify and document the role of Category V protected areas in ensuring connectivity and resilience across the wider landscape/seascape

- We will continue to document the connections between Category V protected areas and food sovereignty as they relate to conservation of traditional agricultural landscapes and agrobiodiversity.
- Further work is underway on intangible cultural heritage and protected landscapes/seascapes, with one peer-reviewed chapter currently in press.
- A possible compilation of case-studies on Category V: Contributing to Connectivity and Resilience in the Landscape/Seascape, in collaboration with academic partner(s) is still contingent upon funding. We hope to advance this project in 2018.
Goal 2: Help advance the Nature-Culture Journey launched in 2016 at the IUCN World Conservation Congress, with an emphasis on nature-culture linkages in the landscape and seascape.

- The Specialist Group will continue to collaborate with the IUCN World Heritage Programme and partners within ICOMOS and ICCROM to advance the Nature-Culture Journey. Activities in 2018 will include:
  - Contribute to coordinating sessions at the upcoming US-ICOMOS conference, which will focus on the linkages between cultural and natural heritage, with a session track focusing on the landscape approach.
  - Contribute an essay on community-based conservation and nature-culture linkages to the next issue of the journal, Landscapes.

Goal 3: Enhance IUCN’s work in World Heritage, in particular with respect to World Heritage Cultural Landscapes and community engagement in World Heritage sites.

- In 2018 PLSG members, as requested, will continue to participate in the IUCN World Heritage Programme in the *Connecting Practice* initiative.
- We will once again provide peer review of a compilation of case-studies to be published by Tsukuba University World Heritage Studies Programme that document nature-culture linkages in World Heritage Sites. The 2018 compilation will focus on sacred landscapes.
- We will continue to support the IUCN World Heritage Programme with evaluations through desk reviews and field missions, as requested, and to represent IUCN at relevant meetings.
- In a related effort, we are in communication with the IUCN Global Climate Change and Forest Programme regarding a new initiative focusing on Mediterranean cultural landscapes and will explore how members of the PLSG network might be able to help support it.

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2016 and 2017

- I appreciated the opportunity to participate in the Steering Committee meeting in May of 2016, and I believe it enabled our Specialist Group to participate more directly and meaningfully in preparations for the World Conservation Congress.
- It was a pleasure to see so many WCPA members at the George Wright Society conference in April 2017. I hope we can continue to use these types of regional conferences to continue to build the WCPA network.
- The outcomes of the Nature-Culture journey launched during the IUCN World Conservation Congress (2016) and carried through the ICOMOS Scientific Symposium (2017) provide a foundation for joint work in 2018. There is a growing network of colleagues from multiple networks – including IUCN, ICOMOS and ICCROM as well as academic institutions—that are now working together closely on holistic approaches to stewardship of cultural and natural heritage.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*

FEEDBACK BY DIRECTOR: GLOBAL PROTECTED AREAS PROGRAMME ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
The WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group promotes the protected landscape approach by documenting and presenting experience worldwide, mobilizing global expertise, and developing guidance on protected landscapes. Protected Landscapes are protected areas based on the interactions of people and nature over time in which “safeguarding the integrity of this traditional interaction is vital to the protection, maintenance and evolution of such an area” (IUCN 2008). The mission of the Specialist Group is to promote and demonstrate the value of Category V Protected Landscapes as a functional and practical mechanism for the protection of biodiversity, cultural diversity and the sustainable use of resources. Members of the Protected Landscapes Specialist Group (PLSG) are drawn from many different countries and bring a diversity of experience and expertise. Recent publications of the Task Force can be viewed at:
http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_puball/wcpa_pubsubject/wcpa_landscapespub/
OVERVIEW OF 2016 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Publication of the Special Issue of Tourism and Hospitality Research completed and released by TAPAS Group “A decade of progress in Protected Area Tourism”
  http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/THR/current
- Two new working groups established – on Economics and Biodiversity.
- Democratic online elections successfully conducted for the chair, and coordinators of the new economics and biodiversity working groups.
- Membership of the TAPAS Group reaches 417 members (65 new members in 2016).

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2016. Add more lines if needed)

1. VALUING AND CONSERVING NATURE
Goal 1: Best practice guidelines and other publications
- Completion and publication of the Best Practice Guidelines, including translations and the online database.
  - Was completed and comments delivered to the BPG editors in April 2016. All 10
chapters of the BPG have since been extensively revised to address all peer reviewers’ comments as well as other earlier input from the BPG Series Editor and GPAP Director. Some reduction in the document length was also achieved. The revision process is nearly completion as of mid January of 2017. The full revised BPG copy is to be delivered for copy editing by early February 2017.

- The revised, copy-edited BPG copy, along with detailed editors’ responses to review comments, will be submitted to BPG Series Editor and GPAP for final review and approval in March 2017. Assuming a positive review with only minor edits, it is expected that the final document will be approved in April, immediately followed by the design/layout job. The PDF page proofs is planned to be ready for IUCN Publications Office’s format/branding approval in May, and the final PDF be ready for distribution in June.

- The prototype online resource directory (http://iucn.oscar.ncsu.edu/) was maintained with new best-practices guidelines, handbooks and manuals added.

- Initiation of a supplementary series to the BPG that expand on particular issues important to tourism and protected areas beginning with:
  - Communities, coordinated by Susan Snyman. A draft table of contents was sent out for review. Comments have been incorporated. Looking for possible funding options as well the best way to publish these guidelines. In progress
  - Economics and visitation, coordinated by Niklas Scheder with input form the Economics WG. Workshop at the IUCN WCC to discuss the need for guidance with a broader audience. Planning for workshop in 2017. In progress
  - Peer-reviewed journal special editions:
    - Development of a special edition of the Journal of Sustainable Tourism on benefit-sharing from tourism and protected area edited by Susan Snyman and Kelly Bricker. Received a total of 11 papers, 4 were rejected by reviewers and the remainder are still under review. Publication will be in early 2018. In progress.
    - Development of a special edition of the Journal of Sustainable Tourism on economics of tourism and visitor monitoring, edited by Susanne Becken and Herbert Job. In progress
    - Dissemination of publications produced by members on sustainable tourism in protected areas: Done using TAPAS Group social media and Google group. Ongoing

**Goal 2: Benefits of tourism to conservation**

- Research, events and publications on tourism's net contribution to nature conservation. A new TAPAS Group Task Force was launched via member Luca Santarossa to better define ecotourism, both within the protected area community and via outreach to the private sector. This effort was suspended during the WCC of 2016, in order to allow for consideration of a resolution to improve standards in ecotourism, which was approved and is now WCC-2016-Res-060. With this resolution confirmed, the Knowledge Development Working Group has authorized the re-establishment the Task Force on the ecotourism definition under Luca Santarossa.
The Knowledge Development Working Group continues to work with the Cornell Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise to embed research and outreach regarding tourism supply chains and financing of PAs. Meetings transpired in November, and a new Cornell partner with the Cornell Dyson School John Tobin will be partnering on the question of ecotourism as a source of financing for PAs.

Successful results from the Harvard course on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development, which incorporated two video case studies on ecotourism, one on Wilderness Safaris. Harvard Business School (HBS) professor emeritus, Jim Austin, co-founder of the social enterprise initiative at HBS has now agreed to co-write a HBS Case Study for teaching at business schools worldwide on Wilderness Safaris with Megan Epler Wood, to be published and distributed by Harvard Business School.

- Issues to include: See list of publications/presentations for achievements
  - protected areas tourism near urban areas. No activities.
  - market opportunities for protected area tourism. Various reports (see publications / presentations section)
  - engagement with policy makers on the benefits of protected areas to local tourism industries:
  - examples of wildlife tourism contributing to species conservation and protected areas promotion of responsible visitation to protected areas: Dissemination of UNWTO report on wildlife tourism economic and visitation monitoring and evaluation tools: UNESCO/University of Wurtzburg tool development in progress.
  - contribution to IUCN position paper for 2016 CBD meeting on contributions of tourism in PAs: Contributions made to GPAP leader’s presentation to CBD. Complete


- Development of tools on visitor impact assessment in collaboration with UNESCO, including the quantification of tourism visitation in protected areas: Background review done, interview tool developed, pilot study in iSimangaliso WHS end January 2017. Ongoing

**Goal 3: Capacity development**

- Improve capacity of protected area managers in sustainable tourism, and also other stakeholder groups who request need (e.g. private sector, NGOs, Destination Management Organisations etc). Key initiatives will include:
  - Engaging the TAPAS Capacity Development Working Group to determine priorities (this may yield items not listed below). Some progress was made on advancing the working group’s Terms of Reference. The 2016 survey indicated an interest by more TAPASG members to participate in the working group. Ongoing.
  - Determine how to translate the BPGs into training modules or materials suitable for our key audiences. Not advanced in 2017.
  - Consider how to further address competencies, in cooperation with WCPA working group. Discussed by the CDWG but not advanced. This seems to be a complex package that hasn’t yet been operationalized by WCPA. In progress
  - Plan for and participate in the WCC. A capacity building networking workshop was developed for the WCC but not accepted. Five members of the CDWG attended the WCC and participated in various sessions and networking. Complete

**Goal 4: Communication**

- Develop further live hangouts and webinars convened on tourism and protected areas - Ongoing.
  - February 22 #PlanetaTalks Call of the Board focusing on technology and travel
  - April 14 Reframing Sustainable Tourism Hangout
• Maintain and encourage the use of various social networking tools for public facing communication: Facebook, Google+, Linkedin, Twitter, Wikispaces. Update IUCN webpage for TAPAS. **Ongoing.**
  o Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tourism-and-Protected-Areas-Specialist-Group/122961127797095](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tourism-and-Protected-Areas-Specialist-Group/122961127797095) (2,300 likes by December 2016)
  o LinkedIn [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home&gid=4735342](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home&gid=4735342) (297 members)
  o Website: [http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/gpap_capacity/v2/gpap_wpcapac/gpap_tourism](http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/gpap_capacity/v2/gpap_wpcapac/gpap_tourism)
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  o Twitter: [https://twitter.com/IUCNTourism](https://twitter.com/IUCNTourism) (142 followers, 109 following, 3 lists)
    - [https://twitter.com/IUCNTourism/lists](https://twitter.com/IUCNTourism/lists)
    - IUCN 5 Members
    - Parks/Tourism Connections 6 Members
    - TAPAS Members 9 Members
  o Wiki: [http://planeta.wikispaces.com/TAPAS](http://planeta.wikispaces.com/TAPAS) (349 revisions)

• Coordinate with IUCN Panorama to run a series of tourism and protected areas webinars during 2016, on themes emanating from the 2014 World Parks Congress. **Complete**
  o March 31 Panorama Webinar
  o April 7 Panorama Webinar

• Survey TAPAS members on preferred means of receiving and sharing information **Complete**

Feedback from the TAPAS Group member survey on our different communication tools shows that Direct email, Google Group and Facebook were the three most highly rated tools.

• Develop a new Wordpress (blog) for the group in 2016 – **not done.**

• Maintain two Google groups: (1) for TAPAS members and (2) for exco’s internal communication **Ongoing**

### 2. GOVERNING NATURE’S USE AND SHARING ITS BENEFITS EQUITABLY

**Goal 1: Governance, access, benefit sharing**

• Finalise a workplan for the new Community Development working group: The workplan was sent to all Working Group members, comments incorporated and plan finalized. **Completed**

• Continue to use the Community Development WG to provide a platform for sharing ideas and collaborating on benefit-sharing research. **Ongoing**

• Promote collaborative research on comparing benefit-sharing schemes in different countries through the new community working group. **Ongoing**

• Continue to document and share best practices in governance and benefit sharing relating to tourism in protected areas. Issues relating to equity, collaboration, governance, indigenous knowledge, and exchanging experiences. (See knowledge development for specific publications related to this). Issues include: **Ongoing**
  - good practices in shared governance and innovative institutional approaches to managing tourism
  - practical approaches to increasing community involvement and engagement in tourism
- documenting community benefits (including non-financial ones) and challenges for communities involved in PA tourism
- lessons learned from tourism in community-managed areas
- assessing community benefits from tourism in protected areas
- Organise Google Hangouts related to community engagement in and benefit-sharing from tourism and protected areas. One hangout completed. Another planned for January 2017 and more planned throughout 2017. **Ongoing**

### 3. DEPLOYING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#### Goal 1: Advocacy on protected areas addressing global challenges

- Disseminate guidance on reporting tourism visitation, its management, and its benefits to protected areas. Various reports shared throughout the year with TAPAS Group through GoogleGroup and our social media sites. **Ongoing**
- Consider how tourism can support ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change, and how to reduce tourism’s carbon footprint. **No activities.**
- Expand content of online resource directory, and publicize materials and opportunity to add materials through networks. **Ongoing**
- Consider examples of regional cooperation on tourism between protected areas (like IUCN MEET). Proposal received for a regional working group within the TAPAS Group. **Under discussion/In progress.**
- Collaboration with other international organization supporting sustainable tourism such as the United Nations World Tourism Organisation, 10YFP Tourism Program, the Global Sustainable Tourism Council, the Global Partnership on Sustainable Tourism, and UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre. **Ongoing.** Exco and members have continued to have regular communication with each of these entities.
- Preparation for events in 2017 relating to the United Nations’ International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development. Membership survey on options. **Ongoing.**
- Development of a position on tourism and protected areas for the CBT SBSTTA in 2016

#### Goal 2: Participation and outreach on sustainable tourism through international conferences

- **World Conservation Congress, 2016, Hawaii** TAPAS memberships participated actively in the World Conservation Congress (WCC), with at least 20 TAPAS members engaging in one or more TAPAS-sponsored events. A **WCC Tourism Journey** was compiled and distributed to TAPAS members. The Journey included 7 workshops, 6 knowledge cafes, 7 e-posters, and 2 pavilion events, many of which were organized by TAPAS members. Key events include the workshop on economic evaluation in protected areas (Economics Working Group), Community Benefits from Nature Tourism knowledge café (Community Working Group), and Best Practices in Sustainable Tourism pavilion event (TAPAS). Other TAPAS activities at the Congress included a membership meeting and Biodiversity Working Group’s first networking meeting.
- **10YFP MAC**, Participation in the Multi Stakeholder Advisory Committee on Sustainable Tourism on the design and allocation of regional sustainable tourism projects. Participation in every MAC meeting by Anna Spenceley and/or Sue Snyman. Contribution by member Luca Santarosa in sub-committee to develop sustainable tourism indicators for the 10YFP. Application to continue participation for next 2 years. **Ongoing**

**ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)**

- The TAPAS Group now has an updated exco (see below)
- Two new steering committee members were elected into new working group positions: Barbara Engels (Economics working group) and Yu-Fai Leung (Biodiversity working group).
- The Communities Working Group became the Communities and Heritage Working Group, combining two previous groups, and chaired by Sue Snyman. (Robyn Bushell stood down from the Heritage Working Group).
- Dan Paleczy stood down from coordinating the Capacity Building working group at the end of 2016, and Thiago Souza takes over as coordinator from January 2017. (Thiago was previously the
runner up in the online election for this position, and has been participating in the CB working group)

Our structure

Strategy and fundraising: Anna Spenceley (Chair)

Communities & Heritage: Sue Snyman (Vice chair)
Biodiversity: Yu-Fai Leung
Economics: Barbara Engels

Knowledge development: Megan Epler Wood
Capacity building: Thiago Souza

Membership: Elena Nikolova
Communication: Ron Mader
IUCN focal point: Giulia Carbone

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- Number of TAPAS group members by the end of 2016 was 417. 65 new members joined since the end of 2015 (the number was 352).
- Welcome package for members of TAPAS group, and welcome emails were updated in accordance with changes in TAPAS ExCo.
- The membership database is being updated regularly, on a monthly basis.
- Membership strategy for 2014-2019 was updated to reflect the necessity for TAPAS members to be WCPA members.
- The public version of database is shared with members upon request to promote networking.

The membership application form is being promoted on Facebook, Planeta Wiki, LinkedIn, Twitter, and other sources of communication. Link: [http://tinyurl.com/tapasmembership](http://tinyurl.com/tapasmembership)

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications: (Some with TAPAS Group, and some independent)


BOTELHO, ELOISE SILVEIRA; RODRIGUES, CAMILA GONÇALVES DE OLIVEIRA. *Inserção das iniciativas de base comunitária no desenvolvimento do turismo em parques nacionais. Caderno Virtual de Turismo (UFRJ), v. 16, p. 280-295, 2016. [http://dx.doi.org/10.18472/cvt.16n2.2016.1202](http://dx.doi.org/10.18472/cvt.16n2.2016.1202) *The role of community-based initiatives in the development of tourism in national parks

Quality-of-life. (Accepted February 27, 2016, publish date May 2016). Edited by Patrizia Modica and Muzaffer Uysal. CABI Series in Tourism Research. Publication year (Fall, 2016).


Long, PH. Report on A study that informs a financial mechanism for the visiting entrance fee and payment for forest environment at national parks and special use forests.


Mader, Ron - Reframing Sustainable Tourism Hangout, Hawai’i Hosts International Coral Reef Symposium #ICRS2016, National Park Week in the USA #FindYourPark, Preview: 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, #NatureForAll at the #IUCNCongress


Mosley, G. Article with map re the proposed Many Peaks Track (Wild magazine, Jan-Feb, 2017 issue (independent);

Mosley, G. Memoir - 'Repaying My Debt - A Conservationist's Story', to be launched in March, 2017 (independent).


Rylance, A. and Spenceley, A. (2016) Enhancing tourism in the Richtersveld World Heritage Site,
South Africa, In Vignati, F., Hawkins, D. and Prideaux, B., Sustainable Tourism: Driving green investment and shared prosperity in developing countries, CreateSpace


Spenceley, A. and Rylance, A. (2016) The Responsible Tourist: How to find, book and get the most


Telašćica i Lastovsko otočje (within SEA Med project, WWF and Sunce) http://pp-telasica.hr/files/PLAN_ODRZIVOG_TURIZMA_Finalni_dokument_za_javni_uvid_8_1_2016_1452258.pdf


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the Chinese Dream, Shanghai, China, September, 2016

Determinants of Tourism Attractiveness in the National Parks of Brazil. NERR. April. Annapolis, Maryland, USA. Determinantes de Atratividade Turística nas Parques Nacionais do Brasil. SINTAP. August, Brasilia, Brazil. Recreation Classification, Tourism Demand and Economic Impact Analyses of the Federal Protected Areas of Brazil. WCC 16 - Hawaii, USA. September Assessing the Socio-Economic Impacts of Protected Areas. Side Event COP 13 - Cancun, Mexico December.


Eagles, Paul F. J. and Christopher J. Lemieux. 2016. Policy on Training, Education and Research: A Proposal. MMV 8, Novi Sad University, Croatia.

Economic effects of tourism in German National parks; no slideshow available


Evaluating conservation success in eco-certification in tourism (Ecology national congress)


Invited keynote presenter. Presented on: Trends and innovation in green tourism: measuring the quadruple bottom line.

IUCN WCC, Ecotourism as a tool to protect iconic marine species in the Pacific islands, Developing Ecotourism for Sea Turtle Conservation in Solomon Islands.
Keynote at the Spanish National Ecotourism Congress

Lectures in CSU CPAM training courses in the USA and particularly in Brazil on PAs and Tourism issues


Leung, Y.-F. Research to support visitor impact monitoring in protected areas: Some international trends. Invited paper presented at the 2nd International Symposium on Tourism and Protected Areas in Brazil; Brasilia, Brazil.

Ljustina, M, Vitas, B., Opacic B. (2016) Visitor Management and Monitoring in Croatian Protected Areas, Monitoring and Management of Visitors in Recreational and Protected Areas conference, there is a book of abstracts

Mader, Ron - The Path From #COP13 (El Camino Desde COP13), Evaluating the IUCN World Conservation Congress, Tourism Journey at the 2016 World Conservation Congress


Methods to Estimate the Economic Impacts of Visitor Spending in U.S. National Parks (with TAPAS)


Pickering, C. & Leung, Y-F. What’s the latest research on mountain biking in protected areas?: Results from the special issue of the Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism. Paper presented at the International Conference on Monitoring and Management of Visitors in Recreational and Protected Areas; Novi Sad, Serbia.

Prepared a presentation that was presented by a colleague at the Volcandpark conference in Lazarote, Spain. Talk: The Geologic Heritage Economy: measuring the economic effects of tourist spending at volcanic National Parks in the United States (independent of TAPAS)

Presentation at the annual Iguana Specialist Group meeting about the importance of planning for iguana species. The presentation did not specifically relate to tourism or protected areas but those are two themes that are addressed in conservation planning processes.

Presentation at the Qhapaq Ñan - Andean Road System, World Hertige since June 21th 2014, in the UNESCO Federation Club in Paris and in few college of France during October and November 2016.

Presented "A study that informs a financial mechanism for the visiting entrance fee and payment for forest environment at national parks and special use forests" for Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam" It is on my own, not related to Tapas group
Private investments in tourism in PA in Peru

Protected Area Tourism: Trends and Opportunities

Regulations to formalize tourism activity in PA

Responsible Tourism Dialogue, Sustainability Week, CSIR International Convention Centre. Invited to present on Inclusive Tourism: making a sustainable difference.


Socioeconomic benefits of tourism in protected areas - II International Symposium on Protected Areas and Tourism - Brasilia, May 2016

Speaker at "Tourism Naturally" Conference (Alghero - Italy, 2-5 October 2015), OS-A3 "Eco-Tourism in Coastal Territories Part I: Eco-Tourism as a new emerging product", with the speech "New paradigms of ecotourism in the international scenario" (http://programme.exordo.com/tnc2016/delegates/presentation/154/)

Spenceley, A. (2016) Situational analysis: sustainable tourism certification in Africa: water and waste practices by hotels, 22nd Conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention, Marrakesh, Morocco, 8 November 2016

Strategy for tourism in PA in Peru

The i‐responsible side of ecotourism (Viceministery of Tourism in Colombia)

The tourism as tool for conservation and environmental eduaction (Eco-Tourism seminar in Bogotá Colombia)

This is the course I teach at Harvard Extension. 2016 was its inaugural year. https://www.extension.harvard.edu/academics/courses/ecotourism-sustainable-development/15151

Tourism and the U.S. National Park System (independent of TAPAS)

Tshwane Tourism Investment Strategy, Moses Kotane Tourism Master Plan and Nodal feasibility study

Two presentation: for the Kansas State University fall seminar series at the Plant Sciences Center and the same one in Spanish for the Third Alternative Tourism Congress in La Paz. See announcement https://www.facebook.com/heritageinterpretation/posts/1300361680036620:0

Walden-Schreiner, C. & Leung, Y.-F. Incorporating the digital footprints of visitors in protected area use and impact monitoring: Case studies from the USA and Australia. Paper presented at the International Conference on Monitoring and Management of Visitors in Recreational and Protected Areas; Novi Sad, Serbia.
Walden-Schreiner, C., & Leung, Y.-F. (September 2016). Incorporating the digital footprints of visitors in protected area use and impact monitoring: Case studies from the USA and Australia. Paper presented at the 8th Monitoring and Management of Visitors in Recreational and Protected Areas; Novi Sad, Serbia. -- http://www.dgt.uns.ac.rs/mmv8/files/mmv8ab.pdf


Webinar for the National Association of Interpretation on how the visitor experience erupts from the entire context which has become the cover story for the Jan-Feb 2017 issue of Legacy Magazine

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**Funds Utilised in 2016 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2016 for WCPA activities)**

**Commission Operating Funds used** (Indicate total used in 2016 and use financial report for details)

Funds carried forward from 2016: CHF 5,542.95. None used during 2016. So this amount carried forward to 2017 for completion of Best Practice Guidelines.

**Funds Raised** (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)

None for IUCN WCPA. Funds have been raised in the name of IUCN for a capacity building/knowledge development assignment on tourism concessions in protected areas with the Convention on Biological Diversity, and for work on developing a visitor monitoring tool for WHS, thorough UNESCO and the University of Wurzburg.

**In-kind value** (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2016)

Survey of 65 TAPAS Group members suggests average of 1.8 days per month (i.e. 1404 days in 2016).

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)

New proposal led by Paul Eagles on feasibility study on proof of principle of indicator development under Achi Target 1.

Ongoing 10YFP Flagship proposal with TAPAS Group, RETOSA and Fair Trade Tourism still in progress (see 2015 report).

**Goals and Activities for 2017**

IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please
**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:**

(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11

(ii) Protected area quality enhanced through Green List of Protected Areas  **X**

(iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated

(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced  **X**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

(ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed  **X**

(iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced

(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people  **X**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

(i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced  **X**

(ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:**

(i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed  **X**

(ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted  **X**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:**

(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced  **X**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:**

(i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted  **X**

**IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1**

(i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated  **X**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2**

(i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors  **X**

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled  **X**

**GOALS FOR 2017 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

*Indicate draft goals for 2017 pending approval by Commission Chair*

**Goal 1: Strategy**

The TAPAS Group will continue with the current institutional structure, and democratic elections will be held during 2017 for Membership and Communication exco positions – with the option for
existing exco members to stand for re-election. Fundraising for TAPAS Group activities will continue for specific and general activities, and to implement the current 2015-2020 strategy for the group.

As 2017 has been declared the UN International Year of Sustainable Tourism, the TAPAS Group can play an important role in international and local events. One of the first activities of 2017 will be to discuss select key activities to focus on, from a long-list developed by TAPAS Group members (below):

- **Knowledge development:**
  - Clarification and update IUCN definitions on "nature-based, sustainable and ecotourism"
  - Highlight the IUCN Sustainable Tourism BPG (to be published this year) and leverage it with the International Year events to promote tourism/visitor management best practices.
  - Case study development and publication through the BPG online directory
  - Sustainable tourism planning and enhancement of the online directory with lessons learned.
  - Form linkages between tourism and the Sustainable Development Goals debate (e.g. SDGs 13 and 14) and others.

- **Capacity building:**
  - Improve TAPAS Group members’ capacity to work with the mainstream tourism industry.
  - Improve practical linkages between tourism and protected areas (on tourism planning, communities, and economic benefits)
  - Workshop/webinar on benefit-sharing from tourism and PAs.
  - Workshop/webinar on tourism concessions for protected areas.
  - Regional events to give opportunities to join activities in different regions.

- **Communication:**
  - Re-vitalise the IUCN TAPAS website (if possible) including case study examples, publications, events, etc.
  - Regular webinars on different topics throughout the year (e.g. moderated online discussion on sustainability in the context of the tourism sector, protected areas)
  - Act to defuse the derogatory ideological campaigning of lobbyists and academics speaking falsely on behalf of "local peoples" AGAINST Tourism and against Protected Areas. Take a more proactive role on promoting the actual benefits of both Tourism and Protected Areas for the generation of quality jobs and income and by so doing amass social legitimacy and political support for conservation.
  - Find easier ways to communicate benefits of ecosystem services.

### Goal 2: Knowledge Development
- Improve Knowledge Development in ecotourism, via a definition task force, engagement with the private sector, and working on visitor impact management data collection systems
- (e.g. New publication approved for publication with new member of the TAPAS Group Giles Jackson for Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Environmental Science on Ecotourism and its economic value for protected areas with a discussion of the role of the private sector in generating revenue. To be completed in June or July 2017.)

### Goal 3: Capacity building
- Initiate a series of webinars in critical thinking and training skills in partnership with Communication, starting with a presentation of the Visitor Use Management Framework developed by six US federal agencies in 2016
- Support the implementation of the Online Resource Directory proposed in Best Practice Guidelines: Tourism and Visitor Management in Protected Areas
- Disseminate information about courses and other learning opportunities related to protected areas and tourism

### Goal 4: Economics working group
First outline of the BPG on Economic evaluation of visitation of PAs, Distribution of work, Planning
for publication. In May 2017, an expert meeting will be held with financial support of the German Agency for Nature conservation (BfN) to bring together experts working on the BPG.

### Goal 5: Communities and heritage working group

- Finalise the Journal of Sustainable Tourism special issue on benefit-sharing
- Start work on the Best Practice Guidelines and sourcing potential funding
- Organise more regular Google Hangouts, which will include case study presentations by members to provide learnings and share ideas
- Engage with members more regularly, including sharing of resources, information, etc.
- Investigate a potential workshop on benefit-sharing (possibly in South Africa)

### Goal 6: Biodiversity working group

- Build a charter membership of the working group in early 2017
- Develop a strategy and a prioritized action plan with member’s input and approval. The action plan will include, but is not limited to, strategies and actions to build membership, partnerships, capacity, and knowledge base. Short-term activities and long-term activities will also be identified and led by small teams. Special attention will be paid to the 2017 UN International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development as the working group activities are proposed
- Engage with members regularly with an online quarterly newsletter that highlights major news, opportunities, and latest scientific outputs

### Goal 6: Membership

- The goal is to have 450 TAPAS members by the end of 2017
- New TAPAS Membership strategy will be distributed among TAPAS members
- Welcome package for members of TAPAS group, and welcome emails will be updated in accordance with the changes in TAPAS ExCo and new TAPAS Membership Strategy.
- The membership database will be updated regularly, on a monthly basis.
- The public version of database will be shared with members upon request to promote networking
- The membership application form will be promoted on Facebook, Planeta Wiki, LinkedIn, Twitter, and other sources of communication

### Goal 6: Communications

- Improve TAPAS online presence by encouraging members to help other members, particularly with social web channels Facebook, Twitter, blogs and wikis.
- Update TAPAS info online the IUCN website and IUCN Union Portal.
- Find additional editors for Planeta Wiki’s TAPAS page (and regional biodiversity and parks spotlights)
- Launch TAPAS' own website in the second half of the year
- Encourage the use of live video from TAPAS members on Facebook, Periscope, YouTube and other channels.
- Highlight examples of [Open Education](https://www.openeducation.com) / [Open Access](https://www.openaccess.com)
- Encourage the use of archives for presentations: [Slideshare](https://www.slideshare.com)
- Publish directory of members online

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017**

- 2016 was a very successful year for the TAPAS Group, in terms of strengthening the exco, growth in membership, outputs and fundraising.
- We welcome the support of WCPA to finalise and publish the Best Practice Guidelines, but note that (for a number of reasons) these have taken too long to complete We hope to identify suitable streamlined channels for publishing the two new BP Guides proposed that are more efficient.
- Given the growth and activity base of the group, we would like to explore establishing an IUCN Programme on Sustainable Tourism, and welcome WCPAs suggestions.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*

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OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- In March 2017, representatives of South Korea National Parks Service visited IUCN ECARO in Belgrade, Serbia, and toured around the Balkan region. Maja Vasilijević presented TBC SG activities at the meeting organized by IUCN ECARO in Belgrade.
- Maja Vasilijević attended the International Conference of Transboundary Cooperation for Ecosystem-Based Sustainable Development, organised by the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development from 5-7 December 2017 in Eberswalde, Germany. The conference gathered participants of a transboundary cooperation related project from Moldova, Romania and Ukraine, as well as a number of guests. Maja Vasilijević gave a talk on transboundary conservation from a global perspective on behalf of the TBC SG.
- Piet Theron facilitated the securing of financial support for the continued production of the TB eNEWS and two publications were made possible, i.e. Volumes 10 and 11 published in April and November respectively. Although the support secured was insufficient to cover all publication costs, voluntary effort ensured that this initiative continued to succeed. The Peace Parks Foundation and BIOPAMA South Africa are acknowledged for their joint support.
- Piet Theron has also initiated discussions with GIZ and the SADC TFCA Programme to investigate the possibility to develop a transboundary conservation resource portal as part of the new SADC TFCA Programme intranet which could be used to support the TBC SG in south and east Africa.
- IUCN WCPA’s Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines No. 23, Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach, has been used in professional application by Kevan Zunckel in his work with UNESCO and the UNDP GEF Small Grants office in South Africa to produce a COMPACT Site Strategy for the Maloti Drakensberg Park Transfrontier World Heritage Site; and in the training of officials from the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority in protected area management planning.
- EcoPeace Middle East hosted two regional gatherings of Israeli and Jordanian ecology experts who discussed the importance of biodiversity protection, with the possibility of a future joint project to develop ecological corridors in the Jordan Valley, and a 3-day regional youth camp where students from Jordan, Israel and Palestine took part in several activities that focused on biodiversity and its impact on the environment.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- **Strengthened governance of transboundary conservation areas:**
  - The promotion and application of relevant Best Practice Guidelines, particularly No. 23, at every opportunity available to TBC SG members.

- **Web-based database on transboundary conservation complexes developed to enable better sharing of knowledge and experience, and enhance networking between managers of TBCAs**
  - Pioneering work on the use of spatial data as a basis for planning and managing TBCAs has been done by Prof Willem van Riet in collaboration with IDRISI.
  - Efforts to ensure collaboration with the WCMC in this regard have been resurrected.
* The TBC SG List Serve has been maintained as an effective channel through which information can be shared by members.

- **Coordinate a Global Transboundary Conservation Network:**
  - Members have been encouraged to share TBC news for publication on [www.tbpa.net](http://www.tbpa.net).
  - Members have been encouraged to share examples of best practice for publication in the TBC eNEWS.
  - Members have been encouraged to utilize the e-listserv as a channel of communication to share information and to request assistance.

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- In the 2nd half of 2017 Kevan Zunckel became Chair of the SG and Maja Vasiljević became one of the Vice-chairs after serving as Chair since 2009.

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- Membership has grown slowly but reconciliation of the IUCN WCPA Transboundary Network and Specialist Group still needs to take place. Once this has been done it is envisaged that membership numbers may grow quite substantially.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**

- The book *The Social Ecology of Border Landscapes* edited by Anna Grichting and Michele Zebich-Knos was published by Anthem Press in May 2017 in which a number contributions from TBC SG members were included:
  - Chpt. 2: Social Ecology and Transboundary Conservation: (Re)connecting Nature and People in Borderlands – Kevan Zunckel;
  - Chpt. 4: Borders as Zones of Experiential Learning: The Case of the Balkans Peace Park Project – Todd Walters and Saleem H. Ali;
  - Chpt. 5: Social Ecologies in Borderlands: Crane Habitat Restoration and Sustainable Agriculture Project in the Democratic Republic of Korea – Hall Healy, George Archibald and Arthur H. Westing; and
  - Chpt. 7: From No-Man’s Land to Every-Man’s Land: Socio-ecological Approaches to Reclaiming Shared Spaces in Border Landscapes, with Examples from Germany and Cyprus – Anna Grichting.

**Presentations:**

- Piet Theron: Presentations on the TBC SG were made to a number of SADC TFCA Network members during 2017.
- EcoPeace Middle East was invited to present our Jordan River rehabilitation efforts, including the NGO Regional Master Plan, at several conferences: (1) The "RiverGathering conference" in Tbilisi, Georgia gathered more than 80 organizations and activists from around the world, all coming together to share their knowledge of the effects of unsustainable River management. We presented at the opening plenary, led one session on Campaign Techniques, and presented our Jordan River Rehabilitation project in yet another session on Sustainable Development; (2) The American Water Resources Association (AWRA), together with the Water Research Center of the Tel Aviv University, held a conference “Cutting Edge Solutions to Wicked Water Problems” at the Tel Aviv University’s Porter School of Environmental Studies. A wide range of presentations were given tackling the issue of water problems around the world including a presentation of our Master Plan which spells out, in 127 specific interventions centered around 7 strategic objectives, how to convert a polluted river and highly depressed economic area to a
model for river rehabilitation, economic growth, and regional stability; (3) The "Water & Climate: Meeting of the Great Rivers of the World" International summit, gathered representatives of rivers around the world, including the Amazon, Mississippi, Yangtze, Danube, Rhine, Murray-Darling and many more, aiming to raise the importance of including climate change mitigation into river management. The declaration of the conference was presented at the Climate Conference in Bonn.

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- During the conference in Eberswalde, Germany (December 2017), Maja Vasiljević discussed the potential involvement of the TBC SG in Eberswalde University’s recent initiative ‘Biosphere.Center’ (http://www.biosphere.center/en/). The initiative gathers the University itself, Michael Succow Foundation and EUROPARC Germany in building a knowledge hub and advisory centre for UNESCO Biosphere Reserves. TBC SG would act as the supporter of this global initiative.
- Various communications with GIZ offices in Botswana, Djibouti and Ethiopia relating to the promotion of the TBC SG and the use of the Diagnostic Tool and funding for its revision. Positive outcomes from these are still needed.
- Kevan Zunckel served on a Community of Practice for Monitoring and Evaluation in a GIZ funded project that sought to establish an M&E system for the SADC TFCA network which was implemented by Clara Bocchino Murphee. It is hoped that the outcome of this work may contribute to the establishment of an M&E system at the global level.
- EcoPeace Middle East hosted a national Jordanian expert’s meeting that focused on the production of a National Biodiversity Master Plan.
- EcoPeace Middle East held 3 Regional Jordan River Tour Guides Trainings in 2017. These trainings brought together pilgrimage and religious tour guides from Israel, Jordan and Palestine, providing them with greater understanding about the regional context of the area’s rich sites, highlighting the case of the Jordan River and sacred religious sites associated with it, and how people – even visitors and tourists – can participate in the efforts to rehabilitate the Jordan River. A booklet, "Come Together at the River", was produced and distributed at these trainings, containing useful information for educating tourists in the region to better understand and appreciate the majesty of the River and its surrounding areas, but also the challenges faced. We specifically cover sites of religious interest - Christian, Muslim and Jewish - in an effort to teach about the importance of the River to all the faiths that care deeply about the River.

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter
- Two issues of e-newsletter TB eNEWS (April and October 2017) were prepared, posted on tbpa.net and widely distributed. The newsletter serves to gather and distribute information on transboundary conservation related activities from worldwide areas.
- Regular updates of www.tbpa.net.

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)
- None

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)
- None

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- None

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### In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)
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### Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)
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### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2018
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### GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

*(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

### Goal 1:

Please see the Terms of Reference for the Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group and note that the terminology differs between that used here and in the ToR.

### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

- The year has been relatively quiet and it is hoped that once the new Terms of Reference for the
Specialist Group have been approved by the Commission Chair, that these may be used as a catalyst to inspire greater activity from the Group.

- With the Terms of Reference being compiled to reflect the realities and limitations of getting volunteers to contribute it is hoped that more progress against the objectives and goals will be possible in 2018.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
# IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
## ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
### URBAN CONSERVATION STRATEGIES SPECIALIST GROUP

**TED TRZYNA, CHAIR**

**REPORTING PERIOD:** 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

## OVERVIEW OF 2017

(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)


## PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

(Comment on progress on goals set for 2016. Add more lines if needed)

- **GOAL 1:** Promote and exchange experience about urban protected areas as a distinct type of protected area. Continued to publicize BPG 22, *Urban Protected Areas*. Portuguese-language translation completed and online.

- **GOAL 2:** Encourage IUCN to take urban people, urban places, and urban institutions much more seriously. Followed up passage of WCC Resolution 29, “incorporating urban dimensions of conservation into the work of IUCN,” by convening a meeting in London in January with IUCN Councillor Jonathan Hughes and officers of key IUCN Members, and monitored progress in implementation. Participated in organizational meeting of IUCN United States National Committee, and promoted this as a priority.

- **GOAL 3:** Advance understanding of the importance of natural darkness and natural sound, and means of addressing impacts of artificial light and excessive noise. The Dark Skies Advisory Group continued to compile a list of Dark Sky Parks and made progress toward a BPG. The Natural Sounds Advisory Group plans several projects, including a BPG.

- **GOAL 4:** Explore ways to encourage and facilitate cooperation among urban conservation actors, particularly urban protected areas, natural history museums, science centers, zoos, botanic gardens, and aquariums. The Natural Neighbors project – [www.NaturalNeighbors.org](http://www.NaturalNeighbors.org) -- is the main vehicle for this. Meetings were held in New York City, Arizona, and Hawai‘i. The concept was presented in a workshop at the 2017 George Wright Society conference; the background paper was widely circulated and posted on the website. Pilot projects in the United States were held up by political uncertainties at the national level, but proceed in one U.S. state, with discussions ongoing in several other states. Trzyna participated in a meeting of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas, a U.S. National Park Service program that holds potential as a framework for Natural Neighbors. A pilot project in Kingston, Jamaica, continued to be discussed by national and local organizations. Conceptual work continued, focusing on Natural Neighbors as a vehicle for integrating nature and culture; and adding park-centered to city-centered models of cooperation.

## ORGANIZATION

(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- Succession to new leadership started with approval by the WCPA Chair of David Goldstein of USNPS to succeed Ted Trzyna, following a transition period. Trzyna and Goldstein met twice to move this forward.

## MEMBERSHIP

(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- SG membership remains stable at around 100, which allows for interchange at a personal level in this cross-disciplinary, cross-professional field. Members are listed on the SG website, [www.IUCN-Urban.org](http://www.IUCN-Urban.org). Recruitment will resume as part of leadership transition.
**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**
- BPG 22, Urban Protected Areas, Portuguese-language version is online.
- Trzyna, “Connecting people, nature, and culture through metropolitan conservation alliances,” online and accepted for publication by George Wright Society.

**Presentations:**
- Strategic Stakeholder Communication
  - Trzyna and Goldstein participated in a symposium of the U.S. Committee of ICOMOS; Trzyna discussed avenues of cooperation with its chair.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

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SG members: 60 days

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

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**Goal 1:**
- WCC Resolution 29, "Incorporating urban dimensions of conservation into the work of IUCN": Assist in implementing the Resolution. This will involve cooperation with other IUCN Commissions, IUCN Members, and elements of the Secretariat.

**Goal 2:**
- The Natural Neighbors project: Promote alliances within metropolitan areas and other regions among conservation and historic preservation agencies, museums, zoos, etc. See [www.NaturalNeighbors.org](http://www.NaturalNeighbors.org). WCPA and SSC are cosponsors; several IUCN Members are actively involved. Focus in 2018 will be on pilot projects in locations in the U.S., Canada, and Jamaica.

**Goal 3:**
- Urban protected areas: Continue research on and promotion of urban protected (and conserved) areas.

**Goal 4:**
- Dark skies. Continue cataloging Dark Sky Parks globally. Continue work on producing a BPG.

**Goal 5:**
- Natural sounds. Begin work on producing a BPG and related activities.

**Goal 6:**
- REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

WSG 2017 focused on finalizing design and distribution of the Best Practice Guidelines; continuing preparatory work for WILD11 China, seeking the right partnerships and the necessary political approval to then begin planning in earnest.

Members of the WSG also continued work on primary forests; Wilderness and World Heritage; and Nature Needs Half.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- **Goal 1)** Final publication design and distribution of Best Practice Guidelines: Publication design finalized and printing/distribution process underway. The publication is online in the IUCN library database and is currently in process to be distributed as a print publication.

- **Goal 2)** Create working plan to convene WILD11 China in 2018—a new partnership was formed in China with People’s Daily, and they applied for political approval (approval received in Jan 2018)

- Closely collaborated and advised on the first national inventory on China’s wilderness, and published (see below)

- **Goal 3)** Primary Forests – WSG raised awareness of primary forest conservation by directing members to IntAct (primaryforest.org) coordinated by Cyril Kormos...this now includes 88 organizational signatories

- **Goal 4)** World Heritage and Wilderness – in partnership with WCPA WH Network: Guidelines were launched at 41COM in Krakow and disseminated to government officials, academics and civil society organizations in China in preparation for WILD11.

- **Goal 5)** Youth Involvement in WSG—Implement an MoU with Coalition WILD and create formal targets with the Young Professionals Unit within the GPAP: MoU initiative undertaken and formal targets created and being worked towards.


ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- No changes

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- WSG continues to have a good gender and age balance. We continue to work towards maintaining and enhancing the diversity of our membership in age, gender, ethnicity, and origin country.

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

**Publications:**

- Collaborated on first peer-reviewed academic journal in China on wilderness theme and concept, in which WSG members had major input:

**Presentations:**
- Harvey Locke, Cyril Kormos, Vance Martin made between 15 and 20 presentations total on the role of wild nature and wilderness in Nature Needs Half, World Heritage, and Chinese park planning

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

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- The Chair worked 7 months on WCPA-related matters including facilitation of World Wilderness Congress; attending WCPA Steering Committee; etc.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)**

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GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

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Goal 1:

- Translation of Best Practice Guidelines in Chinese and small-run print distribution of Guidelines

Goal 2:

- WILD11

Goal 3:

- Primary Forests – integration of primary forests into WLD11 programme.

Goal 4:

- World Heritage and Wilderness – presentations, workshops, meetings in China to present the approach in the IUCN guidelines, work towards a WH strategy in China – in partnership with WCPA WH Network and IUCN WH Programme.

Goal 5:

- Youth Involvement in WSG

Goal 6:

- Increased number of papers written by members on key WSG issues (i.e., science of wilderness governance, integration of Indigenous/Community and contemporary wilderness conservation, communicating the ecological and cultural dimensions of wilderness, etc.)

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

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CRAIG GROVES, BEST PRACTICE SERIES EDITOR AND WCPA REPRESENTATIVE TO IUCN EDITORIAL BOARD

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (Insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Serve as IUCN WCPA Best Practice and Technical Report Series Editor, as WCPA representative to IUCN Publications Editorial Board, as member of WCPA Steering Committee, and as a member of the IUCN WCPA Beyond Aichi Task Force. I attended the WCPA 2017 Steering Committee meeting in Cartagena Colombia and made a presentation on the status of WCPA publications. As the Series Editor, I edited two different draft Best Practice guidelines – one on Large Scale Marine Protected Areas (which has now been published) and one on Sustainable Tourism and Protected Areas (not yet published). I assisted Trevor Sandwith in revising and rewriting several IUCN WCPA documents related to publication proposals and guidance for authors and editors. As a member of the IUCN Publications Editorial Board, I worked closed with Tom Brooks and reviewing and approving the peer review tracking tables of numerous IUCN publications in 2017, and in improving the editorial process. Finally, I worked closely with Harvey Locke to organize a consultation with major US Scientists of leading NGOs to offer input to the next set of CBD strategic plan protected area goals as part of the Beyond Aichi task force that Harvey is leading.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- Edited final version of Large-scale MPA Best Practice guideline which has now been published as WCPA Best Practice guidelines
- Edited three (!!) more versions of the Tourism Best Practice guidelines and the final version is still not published although it is very close in January 2018
- Reviewed numerous IUCN publications for adherence to peer review guidelines as role on IUCN editorial board
- Helped organize US meeting for consultation with chief scientists of major biodiversity NGOs for Beyond Aichi task force, attended meeting in Washington DC in October 2017
- Attended WCPA steering committee meeting in Cartagena and led discussion on WCPA publications
- Helped revised WCPA internal documents on Publication Proposal Form, Publication Agreement, and Policy and Guidance (for editors and authors).

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

- Volunteer for WCPA but employed by The Nature Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Society until my retirement in October 2017

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

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COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications:
- See other parts of this report about publication editing
**Presentations:**
- Brief presentation to Steering Committee in March 2017 Cartagena meeting on status of WCPA publications

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
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**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- Assist in updating website on publications

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**
- Member of Beyond Aichi Task Force, representative to IUCN Editorial Board

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**GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

*Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair*

**Goal 1: Serve as Best Practice and Technical Report Series Editor**

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**Goal 2: Serve as WCPA Representative to IUCN Editorial Board**

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**Goal 3: Serve as member of Beyond Aichi Task Force**

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**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- We need to consider publishing separate and very short, summary versions of best practice guidelines and technical reports. We also need to do a survey of the readers of best practice guidelines and technical reports to better understand the value of these to WCPA membership and others outside IUCN as well as how we can improve these documents.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
### Overview of 2017 (Insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- The Key Biodiversity Areas Partnership, comprising twelve of the world’s leading nature conservation organizations made significant progress; held 2 partnership meetings; hired a Secretariat Director; developed a detailed work plan; and established a Standards and Petitions Committee. WCPA and SSC are represented on the KBA committee.
- Additional research (2 papers) on determinants of terrestrial and marine protected area effectiveness was published and the results were incorporated into the IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas.
- Progress was made in developing guidance for documenting ecosystem services in KBAs with workshops in Canada and Myanmar. The guidance document on ecosystem services tools will be broadened to “ecosystem services and sites” and include Protected Areas (working with Vice-Chair Nigel Dudley) and World Heritage Sites (working with Elena Osipova).
- Development of an initial draft “Guidelines for Using A Global Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas” to facilitate implementation the KBA standard.

### Progress Against Goals (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

#### Goal 1: Complete TF research on drivers of protected areas effectiveness

- Completed 2 papers published (see publications section) – one in Nature on Marine Protected Areas and one in Conservation Letters on the relationship between PA management inputs and outcomes.

#### Goal 2: Develop Guidance on assessing ecosystem services in Key Biodiversity Areas

- This document is approved as part of the WCPA publication series on guidelines. It is currently in draft and will be part of a writing working in Vilnius in January, 2018. This guidance document will joint with similar efforts in protected areas (led by Vice Chair Nigel Dudley) and IUCN World Heritage (led by Elena Osipova)

#### Goal 3: Contribute to the development of the Key Biodiversity Partnership

- Helped draft the initial version of the “Guidelines for Using A Global Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas, Version 1.0.”, detailed guidelines for implementing the KBA standard.
- Organized a national Coordination Committee on KBAs for Canada by a set of meeting with government, academics and NGO.
- Tested KBA Criterion C on Ecological Integrity against Canadian data. – this work is ongoing
**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- none
- Membership on the TF is about 200 with global distribution

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**


**Presentations:**
- Workshop convened by KBA Standards and Appeals Committee and KBA Technical Working Group to produce first draft of "Guidelines for Using A Global Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas, Version 1.0". Warrington, VA, November
- 3 Training workshops on KBA Standard completed - at a joint SNAPP-CCEA workshop on KBAs in Quebec City, Canada; at the International Congress for Conservation Biology in Cartagena, Colombia; and at Conservation International in Washington, DC, USA.
- The co-chairs of the Joint Task Force are also co-PIs of a Science for Nature and People Partnership working group on Key Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. We convened workshops in Myanmar (2016) and Canada (2017), both of which generated considerable momentum for application of the KBA standard and the assessment of ecosystem services delivered by KBAs. KBA National Conservation Groups are being formed in both countries.

Presentations
- There were a number of presentation on the KBA program and the KBA partnership given to governments, to NGOs and at conferences.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- KBA communication is now done through the KBA Partnership

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

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SNAPP Grant for KBA and Ecosystem Service; 40 K USD
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| Stephen Woodley | 30 days |
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**Goal 1:**
- Complete the Guidance Document for Assessing the Ecosystem Service Values of Sites: KBAs, Protected Areas and World Heritage
- Complete the Guidelines for Using A Global Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas, Version 1.0

**Goal 2:**

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017**

- There was a considerable amount of activity under this Joint Task Force in the last year, actually more than we anticipated. We are working to phase out this TF, given its work is largely completed as assessed against the original Terms of Reference. We anticipate finishing all outstanding projects at the end of 2018.
- The work of assisting the Key Biodiversity Partnership and communication on protected areas effectiveness has been rolled into the ongoing work for the Vice-Chair, Science and Biodiversity

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

TASK FORCE: LARGE-SCALE MPA

ʻAULANI WILHELM, CHAIR; JON DAY, DEPUTY CHAIR; NAI’A LEWIS, COORDINATOR

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2016 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

The Large-Scale MPA Task Force (TF) continued to focused on the same three priorities from 2016: (1) to engage its members more effectively in support of the TF, (2) to increase its visibility within the wider IUCN & with other international entities and initiatives (e.g. World Heritage, ICMMPA, IMPAC4), and (3) to focus its support for Big Ocean in a more consultative capacity and finish the Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas: Guidelines for design and management (BPG26). In support of our first goal, the TF supported its members to participate in multiple presentations at IMPAC4, including one for the Guidelines, as well as key outcomes from Big Ocean’s 2nd Think Tank on the human dimensions of LSMPAs with the partners who have continued to further this research in their individual capacities. In support of the first and second goal, the TF invited the MMPATF to the network’s 9th Business Meeting, along with a wider network of marine agencies from South America and other proposed LSMPAs globally that had reached out to Big Ocean. In support of goal three, members participated in, and remain on, the design committee for the Think Tank on Human Dimensions of LSMPAs and supported the publication on the development of a Code of Conduct specific to the marine environment. Members also continue to engage with teams writing articles/papers in support of enhanced LSMPA management similar to the Code of Conduct. Finally, the BPG26 was finally published with a launch celebration at IMPAC4, and hard copies are currently being produced.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2016. Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1: More effectively utilize members (formerly “Grow Membership”)

- Membership is currently the same as in 2016. Specific to the expertise of its membership, the TF leveraged both its management and cultural capacity by supporting various initiatives, including leading negotiations with the IUCN editorial board to move through challenging issues regarding publication of BPG26. cultural heritage in marine managed sites.

Goal 2: Support lead partner, Big Ocean, to produce the Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas: Guidelines for design and management

- BPG26 was published and is currently available online within the IUCN library and linked on the Big Ocean website.

Goal 3: Increase scholarship and research on behalf of large-scale MPAs, with an emphasis on collaborative and comparative research opportunities.

- Multiple members were a part of developing this paper, including the lead author: Kekuewa Kikilo, Alan M. Friedlander, ʻAulani Wilhelm, Nai’a Lewis, Kalani Quiicho, William ‘Aila Jr. & Sol Kaho’ohalahala (2017): Papahānaumokuākea: Integrating Culture in the Design and Management of one of the World’s Largest Marine Protected Areas, Coastal Management, DOI: 10.1080/08920753.2017.1373450

Why people matter in ocean governance: Incorporating human dimensions into large-scale marine protected areas https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2017.08.002

- A special issue on the Human Dimensions of Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas was recently published in Coastal Management Journal—with other papers in this special issue also focusing on LSMPAs: (a) Human Dimensions of Large-scale Marine Protected Areas: Advancing Research and Practice (link); (b) Conceptualizing Social Outcomes of Large Marine Protected Areas (link); (c) Papahānaumokuākea: Integrating Culture in the Design and Management of one of the World's Largest Marine Protected Areas (link); (d) Exploring Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Perceptions of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument (link); (e) Effective Public Participation is Fundamental for Marine Conservation—Lessons from a Large-Scale MPA (link); (f) Understanding How Policy Actors Improvise and Collaborate in the Great Barrier Reef (link); (g) The Dependency of People on the Great Barrier Reef, Australia (link); (h) Assessment and Promotion of the Great Barrier Reef’s Human Dimensions Through Collaboration (link); and

- Rebecca Gruby, Lisa Campbell, Luke Fairbanks and Noella Gray published an article in The Conversation titled “To succeed, large ocean sanctuaries need to benefit both sea life and people” (link)

Goal 4: Support the development of peer learning opportunities that simultaneously increase the knowledgebase and resources available for LSMPA managers, and strengthen the community of practice around best-practice LSMPA management.

The TF members (as well as Big Ocean members) who participated on the design team for (Big Ocean’s) Think Tank on the Human Dimensions of Large-Scale MPAs, a 3-day workshop held 8-10 February, 2016, are part of an ongoing dialogue – and in some cases participated in related planning efforts – that produced the following:

- Presentation of results of the think tank were made at the International Coral Reef Symposium, the International Marine Conservation Congress, and the World Conservation Congress.

- Lindsay Gordon, a co-organizer and youth delegate of the think tank, produced a “Human Dimensions of Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas Best Management Practices Guidebook”

**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

**MEMBERSHIP** *(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)*

- TF membership currently stands at 13, including the chair and deputy chair.
- Although additional members could be added in the future, current TF members remain committed to being a diverse, smaller body to ensure its status as an efficiently-managed and productive group.
- Should additional expertise or perspectives be needed on TF projects or initiatives, additional subject matter experts will be engaged. One discipline where the TF may seek additional expertise is in the Biophysical sciences.
- TF members currently represent IUCN, WCPA-Marine Section, Big Ocean, universities, technical institutes, as well as government agencies and NGOs. The TF currently has experts in the fields of management of large-scale MPAs, World Heritage, archeology, traditional indigenous knowledge and practices, large-scale marine science and research, maritime law, and communications.
- The regions represented by TF members are Oceania, North and South America, South Asia, and Europe; gender equity is also supported, as is participation by youth (35 or younger).
- Should new TF members be desired or necessary, they must be nominated by an existing
member, and would be invited to join only upon subsequent endorsement by a majority of TF members. The TF will always aim to reflect a diversity of disciplinary backgrounds and a broad range of experience and expertise.

- Current membership (13 total): **Chair**: ʻAulani Wilhelm, VP of Marine for Conservation International; **Deputy Chair**: Jon Day, ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies; **Other members**: Alan Friedlander, Pristine Seas, National Geographic Society; Ameer Abdullah, International Union for the Conservation of Nature; Carlos Gaymer, Universidad Católica del Norte, ESMOI, CEAZA; Daniel Wagner, Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, NOAA ONMS; Greg Stone, Conservation International; Nai‘a Lewis, Big Ocean and 84 and Sunny (a digital, marketing and communications company); Ole Varmer, NOAA Office of General Counsel, International Section; Pierre Leenhardt, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France; Scott Kekuewa Kikilo, University of Hawai‘i; Sue Taej, Conservation International Pacific Program; and Toti Teikiehuupoko, Fédération culturelle et environnementale MOTU HAKA.

**COMMUNICATION** *(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)*

**Publications:**
- Published Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas: Guidelines for design and management

**Presentations:**
- Individual TF members (with Big Ocean members) directly participated in various presentations at IMPAC4

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- Periodic communication through Big Ocean’s website, social media platforms and its list-serves.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- Goals for 2018 are to develop new TF content and materials being featured on IUCN’s website, and to expand Big Ocean’s website to include digital resources for managers around BPG26.

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*
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- No funds directly raised during 2017 for TF lead initiatives

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2016)*
- This year saw contributions of in-kind labor by TF members, as well as Big Ocean members and partners. The majority of time came from completing the Guidelines, and leading IMPAC4 sessions. In total, approximately 1,700 hours were donated.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*
- Potential proposals are being sought.

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### GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

*(Indicate draft goals for 2017 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**Goal 1:** More effectively utilize members (formerly “Grow Membership”)
- **THE FOLLOWING GOALS (1-4) ARE PLACEHOLDER – PLEASE REVISE**
  - TBD – the above has been a goal since 2014
  - Increase member capacity in the biophysical sciences
  - Host a retreat with the Big Ocean Planning Team

**Goal 2:** Support the promotion and use of the *Guidelines for the Design and Management of Large-Scale MPAs*
- TBD – the above is a slightly altered goal from 2015

**Goal 3:** Support the development and application of standardized research methodologies for large-scale MPAs in order to capitalize on collaborative and comparative research opportunities.
- TBD – the above has been a goal for 2014 and 2015

**Goal 4:** Support the development of peer learning opportunities that simultaneously increase the knowledgebase and resources available for LSMPA managers, and strengthen the community of practice around best-practice LSMPA management.
- TBD – the above was a goal for 2015

**Goal 5:**
**Goal 6:**

**RELECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017**

- TF members are still expressing concern about overlaps between the TF and Big Ocean and are giving serious consideration to creating more diversity.
- IUCN provides opportunities for TF groups to engage more directly with each other and IUCN in order to increase the capacity and effectiveness of TF groups.
- Convene a global TF meeting at IUCN events and meetings to enable growth of TFs and exchanges among them. IUCN would provide the space to hold such meetings in conjunction with the larger events.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Please start here.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- Held third workshop in Vilm (February 2017)
- Developed first draft of Guidelines (March 2017)
- Received inputs from TF members, revised draft and circulated to TF members and CBD Parties
- Presented work at SBSSTA-21
- Revised draft Guidelines and submitted to CBD Secretariat.

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)

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MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- Just over 100 members

COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications:

- Report from Vilm. The Guidelines are a work in progress,

Presentations:

- Presented in Vilm and at SBSTTA-21.

Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- Updating TF via email.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- One story in the newsletter

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)

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FUNDS UTILISED IN 2017 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)

Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2017 and use financial report for details)

The Vilm workshop was supported by Canadian funders. We have now almost used up the Swiss funding.

Funds raised (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)

No new funds raised – exploring options with GEF-SGP.

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2017)

Kathy: ...
Harry: 50+

Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)

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| WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3 |  |
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### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources

| WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1: |  |
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| (i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed | X |
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### IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges

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## GOALS FOR 2018 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

*(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

### Goal 1:
- Finalise the Guidelines, submit to CBD Secretariat for ‘noting’ at SBSTTA-22

### Goal 2:
- Present work at CBD SBSTTA-22 and COP 14

### Goal 3:
- Raise funds for early implementation

### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

- We should start to think about the transition from TF to SG.

### FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
Publications
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

TASK FORCE: BEYOND AICHI

CRAIG GROVES, BEST PRACTICE SERIES EDITOR AND WCPA REPRESENTATIVE TO IUCN EDITORIAL BOARD

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017

Serve as IUCN WCPA Best Practice and Technical Report Series Editor, as WCPA representative to IUCN Publications Editorial Board, as member of WCPA Steering Committee, and as a member of the IUCN WCPA Beyond Aichi Task Force. I attended the WCPA 2017 Steering Committee meeting in Cartagena Colombia and made a presentation on the status of WCPA publications. As the Series Editor, I edited two different draft Best Practice guidelines – one on Large Scale Marine Protected Areas (which has now been published) and one on Sustainable Tourism and Protected Areas (not yet published). I assisted Trevor Sandwith in revising and rewriting several IUCN WCPA documents related to publication proposals and guidance for authors and editors.

As a member of the IUCN Publications Editorial Board, I worked closed with Tom Brooks and reviewing and approving the peer review tracking tables of numerous IUCN publications in 2017, and in improving the editorial process. Finally, I worked closely with Harvey Locke to organize a consultation with major US Scientists of leading NGOs to offer input to the next set of CBD strategic plan protected area goals as part of the Beyond Aichi task force that Harvey is leading.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

- Edited final version of Large-scale MPA Best Practice guideline which has now been published as WCPA Best Practice guidelines
- Edited three (!!) more versions of the Tourism Best Practice guidelines and the final version is still not published although it is very close in January 2018
- Reviewed numerous IUCN publications for adherence to peer review guidelines as role on IUCN editorial board
- Helped organize US meeting for consultation with chief scientists of major biodiversity NGOs for Beyond Aichi task force, attended meeting in Washington DC in October 2017
- Attended WCPA steering committee meeting in Cartagena and led discussion on WCPA publications
- Helped revised WCPA internal documents on Publication Proposal Form, Publication Agreement, and Policy and Guidance (for editors and authors).

ORGANIZATION

- Volunteer for WCPA but employed by The Nature Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Society until my retirement in October 2017

MEMBERSHIP

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COMMUNICATION

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Publications:
- See other parts of this report about publication editing

Presentations:
- Brief presentation to Steering Committee in March 2017 Cartagena meeting on status of WCPA publications

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Contributions to media, website, newsletter
  - Assist in updating website on publications

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- Member of Beyond Aichi Task Force, representative to IUCN Editorial Board

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- 25 days

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**

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**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- We need to consider publishing separate and very short, summary versions of best practice guidelines and technical reports. We also need to do a survey of the readers of best practice guidelines and technical reports to better understand the value of these to WCPA membership and others outside IUCN as well as how we can improve these documents.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

MARC HOCKINGS - PARKS

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2017 – 31 December 2017

OVERVIEW OF 2017 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Production and dissemination of two issues of PARKS;
- Editorship successfully transferred from Sue Stolton/Nigel Dudley to Marc Hockings as Managing Editor and Editorial Team (5 co-editors), author and reviewer guidelines updated.
- Transfer of website to local provider in Australia with its own domain (rather than as an add-on to Equilibrium Research site);
- Journal accepted for listing in Scopus and 2017 issues indexed and searchable on Scopus
- Librarian records of PARKS updated (previously showing as no longer in production), ISSN (Online) confirmed
- Back issues of journal (pre-2012) made available via website

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2017. Add more lines if needed)

- Two issues published as planned
- Editorship successfully transitioned
- Planned website manager did not contribute as expected in 2017 and this role has, for now, been taken on by Managing Editor
- Website now allows easier uploading of large files
- Dedicated email for journal editor (editor@parksjournal.com) established

During the 6 Months that the new website was operating in 2017, there were 2323 sessions from 1603 unique users but this largely represents only the November issues where outreach is still occurring
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### Goal 1:
- Produce and publish two standard issues of PARKS (May and November)

### Goal 2:
- Produce and publish one special issue of PARKS on OECMs (June)

### Goal 3:
- Print short print run of new issues and all missing back issues of PARKS since 2012 and lodge with IUCN library, GPAP, Chair and Journal records

### Goal 4:
- Establish archive repository of PARKS issues with recognised Archiving service (CLOCKKS or LOCKKS)

### Goal 5:
- Meet requirements of and register PARKS with the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)

### Goal 6:
- Ensure website and all other communication channels used effectively to promote PARKS

### Goal 7:
- Develop design specifications and manual for PARKS

## REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

- The establishment of a website with a dedicated domain, email address and design manual for PARKS should set the system up for transfer to new editors at some stage in the future
- Would be ideal if Chair/Head of GPAP could write to Nigel and Sue, formally thanking them for all their work in getting PARKS up and running since 2012.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*