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OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

2019 has been another busy and successful year, with good progress on many WCPA priorities.

2019 saw great progress towards achieving Aichi Target 11, with considerable expansion of protected areas (especially in the marine realm) and good progress on defining and establishing criteria for Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs). As Chair of the Global Partnership for Accelerating Achievement of Target 11, it is good to see that the coverage elements of T11 are likely to be met by COP15. This will provide a good baseline for setting post-2020 targets.

WCPA has been very active in providing inputs on potential post 2020 targets, both through publications and input to key CBD meetings including the thematic workshop on area-based conservation measures. In that regard the publication of the OECM Technical Report will provide good guidance on operationalizing the recognition of OECMs building on the definition and criteria approved by COP14.

Several events this year have been stand-out occasions, reflecting the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of WCPA members. The LAC PA Congress in Lima in October was a spectacular event, with inclusive participation from indigenous people, communities and young people and strong support from the Peruvian government. I was honoured to speak in several plenary events and was greatly impressed by the motivation and outcomes from the congress. Much credit goes to WCPA members, especially the regional VCs, REDPARQUES and SERNANP, Peru and other Commissions for organizing this event in spite of very limited support from the IUCN regional offices.

WCPA had a wonderful and productive Steering Committee in May in Amboseli NP where it was good to see the park working alongside local communities to promote conservation across the whole Amboseli Ecosystem. In Tasmania I had the opportunity to see how regional park agencies collaborating with private landowners to promote effective conservation across the wider landscape. Post 2020 WCPA is focusing on promoting a new target on effective conservation areas (PAs and OECMs) to strengthen these kinds of collaborative relationships under a range of governance and management regimes.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019. Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1: Promoting Protected Areas as key tools for delivery of the post-2020 agenda and SDGs, including integration of PA priorities into new IUCN quadrennial programme.

- Support to post 2020 Task Force, member of IUCN Council Task Force on Post 2020 Agenda, Emphasised need for strong focus on Protected and Conserved Areas in developing Construct for next IUCN Quadrennial Programme
• Co-author on WCPA publications promoting ambitious targets for terrestrial and marine conservation areas.
• Participated in OEWG1 to provide input on the new Global Biodiversity Framework and thematic workshop on Area-based Conservation Measures. Promoting a separate target for PAs and OECMs in the post-2020 agenda.

**Goal 2 Working with CBD to accelerate progress in delivery of Aichi Target 11**
• Chair the Global Partnership on Aichi Target 11 on behalf of the CBD Secretariat. Chaired Vilm workshop on Target 11. Good progress on coverage elements but much more still needs to be done on quality elements.
• Lessons from Target 11 reinforce the need for a new target on effective conservation areas, to be supplemented by other targets on restoration, connectivity and more sustainable use in surrounding production landscapes.

**Goal 3: Continuing to enhance the quality of protected areas through expanded efforts to promote the Green List and Management Effectiveness for all Protected Areas, terrestrial and marine**
• Chair the Green List Committee. By December 2019, 46 new and relisted areas on the Green List. Participate in award ceremony for new LAC GL areas at Lima Congress.
• Many PAs have registered for the Green List process. The challenge will be how to deliver adequate support from the Secretariat and WCPA to scale up the programme.

**Goal 4: Continue work with CBD and COP Parties to establish criteria and case studies for OECMs, including support and capacity building in pilot countries.**
• The landmark decision by COP14 to establish a definition and criteria for OECMs also requested IUCN/WCPA to help Parties to operationalize recognition and reporting of OECMs.
• Recognition of new conserved areas will enhance coverage of important biodiversity areas, ecological representation and connectivity, enhance progress towards meeting Aichi Target 11 and establish a good baseline for setting post-2020 targets.
• WCPA published the Technical Report on Recognising and Reporting OECMs to provide guidance and screening tool. Follow up work through Task Force on promoting capacity building at national and regional level for recognizing and reporting OECMs.
• CBD notification disseminating our guidance to Parties

**Goal 5: Support preparation of regional PA congresses in Africa, South America and Asia.**
• Chair the International Steering Committee for the Africa Protected Area Congress (APAC). Congress delayed due to Kenya government decision to withdraw support. Now planned for 2021. Planning meeting held in August in Kenya.
• Provided funding support from COF and Midori Award to provide support for preparations for APAC and 3rd LAC Congress.
• On ISC for organization of 2nd Asia Parks Congress planned for May 2021 in Sabah. Attended ISC and Asia Protected Areas Partnership meeting in Thailand in July.
• Attended Latin America Parks Congress CAPLAC 3 in Lima in October. Participated in plenary and other thematic sessions. Presented Kenton Miller and Packard awards to nominees from the region.

**Goal 6: Preparation and products for 60th celebration of WCPA in 2020**
• Adopted and using new logo to celebrate 60th anniversary in 2020
• Planning events at WCC to celebrate 60th anniversary
## ORGANIZATION *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- Strengthened Steering Committee with 25 members and Specialist Groups and Task Forces delivering guidance and input on key topics relevant to the post-2020 agenda.
- SC meeting hosted in Amboseli NP, Kenya.
- Working with CEC to promote Youth Champions initiative and #NatureforAll, with special youth event planned for World Conservation Congress
- Working to strengthen geographical diversity among membership but still need to do more to ensure active engagement of new members in SGs and TFs.
- Strong collaboration between all Commissions on IUCN organizational matters and Council decisions and relationships with CSU.
- Working with other Commissions, Secretariat and IUCN Council Task Forces on post Aichi biodiversity targets and Climate change objectives

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

- WCPA membership has now grown to more than 3000 members, with Young Professionals making up approximately one tenth of that number,
- Still a challenge of getting better geographical representation

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

### Publications:


### Presentations:

- Presentations on OECM Guidance, including at CBD Thematic workshop on Area-based Conservation Measures
- Presentation on WCPA Progress and Achievements to IUCN Council
- Presentation on WCPA to Protected Area Leadership Forum, Melbourne
- Presentations on Protected Areas as Natural Solutions

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- Consultations on OECM Guidelines
- Chaired CBD Meeting on Progress with Aichi Target 11, Vilm
- Communications within WCPA membership and committees – Steering Committee, ExCo, Specialist Groups and Task Forces
- Communications with Commission Chairs, IUCN Council
- Organised WCPA Steering Committee May
- Monthly ExCo meetings

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- Articles for newsletter, review articles for Protected Planet
- Press conferences at COP 14 on Green List, Target 11, Midori Prize

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)**
- IUCN Council Member, attended Council meetings Switzerland (October)
- Protected Area Leadership Forum, Melbourne (March)
- On IUCN delegation at SBSTTA 23 and OEWG1 of CBD post 2020 discussions
- Chair, Green List Committee
- IUCN Council Task Forces on Climate Change, Urban Alliance, Post-2020 Targets
- Member of Congress Preparation Committee for World Conservation Congress Marseille, June 2020
- Chaired IUCN Motions Appeals Committee
- Co-Chair OECM Task Force

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2018 (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   | 17481.38 |

**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)

- Leveraged funds for preparation meeting for Africa Protected Area Congress
- Leveraged BfN funds for OECM workshop and follow-up capacity initiative – see Jonas report for OECM Task Force
- Personal funds used and savings on accommodation at/for international meetings

**In-kind value** (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)

| 220 days + |

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

- Lobbying and proposals for support to APAC
- Support for capacity building for recognizing OECMs

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**

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 2019 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

**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

(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 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

*Indicate draft goals for 2019 pending approval by Commission Chair*

**Goal 1:** Promoting Protected Areas as key tools for delivery of the post-2020 agenda and SDGs, including integration of PA priorities into new IUCN quadrennial programme.

- Chair Aichi Target 11 partnership

**Goal 2:** Working with CBD to accelerate progress in delivery of Aichi Target 11 by COP15

- Continue work with CBD, COP Parties and other agencies to promote identification of OECMs and capacity building for recognition and management of OECMs,

**Goal 3:** Promoting quality elements in Post-2020 targets to establish networks of Protected and Conserved Areas (OECMs) that deliver effective conservation

- Continue to enhance the quality of protected areas through expanded efforts to promote the Green List and Management Effectiveness for all Protected Areas, terrestrial and marine

**Goal 4:** Contribute to organisation of successful World Conservation Congress

- Member of Congress Preparatory Committee on IUCN Council
- Member of Nominations Committee, IUCN Council
- Supporting WCPA input to Forum and Protected Planet Pavilion

**Goal 5:** Support preparation and delivery of regional parks congresses

- Support preparation and delivery of the 2nd Asia Parks Congress May 2021
- Support preparation of Africa Protected Area Congress (2021)

**Goal 6 Successful WCPA 60th celebrations and outreach World Conservation Congress**

- Preparation and products for 60th celebration of WCPA in 2020
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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
POSITION WCPA: DEPUTY CHAIR
NAME: JULIA MIRANDA LONDOÑO
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019

OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

In my capacity as WCPA Deputy Chair, I have both spread the IUCN technical and scientific knowledge, and implemented IUCN guidelines and programs to demonstrate its contributions to environmental, social and economic problem solving.

The most important focus of 2019 was the preparation and realization of the 3rd Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Protected Areas (III CAPLAC) at Lima, Peru from 14-17 October 2019. In summary, as part of the III CAPLAC Executive Committee, and in coordination with WCPA Chair Kathy MacKinnon, I assisted its organization, fundraising and strategic direction tasks. In addition, I helped with tasks such the Lima Declaration coordination, supported different RedParques activities, gave keynote speeches in different conferences, and administered the economic support approved by WCPA Chair Kathy MacKinnon for ethnic and local communities and young professionals to attend the III CAPLAC.

Regarding other IUCN 2019 activities, in order to support the WCPA planning and action implementing, I attended the WCPA Steering Committee in Amboseli National Park, Kenya from 9-15 May 2019, where WCPA discussed strategic matters regarding the 2019 Latin American and Caribbean and African Congresses and 2020 World Conservation Congress, the CBD Framework for Biodiversity Post 2020, IUCN Green List, and memberships, among others. On the other hand, based on the Colombian experience of Civil Society Natural Reserves as part of the National System of Protected Areas, I offered an online keynote speech for the Privately Protected Areas Workshop at Vilm Island, Germany from 8-12 April 2019.

As Director General of National Natural Parks of Colombia, I have worked to fulfill the IUCN call to deliver CDB Aichi Targets by coordinating the creation and enlargement of protected areas for the Aichi Target 11 coverage goal, and by coordinating the design of a new 2020-2030 public policy for the National System of Protected Areas to strengthen effective management, ecological representativeness, connectivity and completeness. Regarding IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas, I promote its implementation in Colombia with the continuance of the 3 inscribed areas and the nomination of 5 new areas, as well as its implementation in the region, offering direct support to RedParques countries.
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

**Main Goal 2019:** Preparation and realization of the 3rd Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Protected Areas (III CAPLAC).

For the III CAPLAC (14-17 October 2019), I assisted its organization, fundraising and strategic direction. For it to have qualified support personal, I assisted the Congress to receive support from a team of National Natural Parks for its overall organization, logistics and communications and for the preparation of specific areas and events, such as the Strategic Area 3 and 4.

In coordination with WCPA Chair Kathy MacKinnon, I administered IUCN economic support to ethnic and local communities and young professionals to participate at the III CAPLAC throughout my Deputy Chair COF, coordinating a National Natural Parks task force for this purpose. With this, IUCN guaranteed the performance of III CAPLAC activities for both ethnical and local communities and young professionals, such as the Youth Declaration and the Indigenous Maloka, contributing thus to inclusive participation and regional representativeness.

With the COF given for this purpose (CHF 30.000), and the remaining Vice Chair COF which I destined for the III CAPLAC’s support team from National Natural Parks (CHF 4.100), we achieved to finance 36 people from 9 countries as following:

- 14 people from Young professionals
- 13 people from Ethnic and local communities
- 9 people from National Natural Parks of Colombia
- 9 Countries (Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Suriname and Venezuela)

Depending the needs of each person, the support was distributed as following:

- 32 flight tickets
- 33 travel expenses
- 22 inscriptions

Furthermore, I supported several III CAPLAC activities such as the coordination and lecture of the III CAPLAC declaration called “Lima Declaration” and it’s corresponding event (16 Oct. 2019), the Launch of the Spanish translated version of the Protected Area Governance and Management handbook, the IUCN Awards, the Green List events, among others. Regarding the activities related to the CBD Post 2020, I assisted several meetings such as the Post 2020 High-level Dinner with Andrew Rhodes, and made keynote speeches at the events “Productive Sectors, SDGs, Post 2020 and Protected Areas”, “Aichi Target 11 Tendencies and Launch of Alfa 2020”, “Agenda 2020”, among others. For RedParques activities, I assisted the Steering Committee meeting before II I CAPLAC (12-13 Oct. 2019), the launch of the RedParques ALFA 2020 (Alliance framed in CBD to achieve the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan in Latin America and Caribbean) and the Ceremony for the Change of RedParques Coordination.

**Program Area 1: Valuing and conserving nature**

- **Goal 1:** Expand and effectively manage systems of protected areas to achieve the Aichi Targets and SDGs.

In my capacity as Director General of National Natural Parks of Colombia, I fostered the increase the protected area coverage during 2019. For 2010, Colombia covered 10% of its national territory with 490 protected areas, equivalent to 12.602.321 hectares. Currently, Colombia has 15% of its national territory covered with 1.198 protected areas, equivalent to 31.260.179 hectares. The size of the SINAP is comparable to the size of Poland (312.685 km2 approximately). Thanks to the increase during 2019, values are distributed as following:

- Terrestrial and continental coverage waters goal: 16.15% with 18.442.998 hectares of protected areas, vs 15.96% for 2018.

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1 In addition to the WCPA resources, from the National Natural Parks of Colombia Task Force, we coordinated with CAPLAC III Committee to give 13 grants, supporting a total of 35 people with their inscription (22 payed inscriptions with WCPA resources, and 13 grants from CAPLAC III).
- Marine and coastal coverage goal: 13.80% with 12,817.181 hectares of protected areas, vs 13.73% for 2018.

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

In my capacity as Director General of National Natural Parks of Colombia, I coordinated the design of the 2020-2030 public policy for the National System of Protected Areas (SINAP), by which the country will renovate the SINAP 2010-2020 Action Plan. With this policy, the country will ratify its commitment with the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Program of Work on Protected Areas by strengthening coverage, effective management, ecological representativeness, connectivity and completeness. Its diagnose and conceptualization phase took place during 2019, based on extensive workshops at 6 main cities, with stakeholders from ethnic and local communities, private sector, academia, NGO and public authorities. With the diagnose, it is possible to understand the progress on implementing Aichi Targets and the PoWPA between 2010 and 2020 in order to design a public policy based on Colombian experience and the Post 2020 negotiation results.

- **Goal 4:** 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.

From National Natural Parks of Colombia, throughout 2019 I encouraged the use of Green List Guidelines, for which we worked on adjusting the Green List Standard throughout the indicators and verification mechanisms approved by IUCN in 2019. Of the 5 protected areas that were nominated for the Green List on 2018, National Natural Parks of Colombia prioritized two (2) during 2019: 1) Malpelo Flora and Fauna Sanctuary and 2) Chingaza National Natural Park. Both of them count with the verifying mechanisms of COMPASS Platform and the 50 indicators analysis. Currently, SFF Malpelo is running the nomination phase, incorporating the recommendations made by the Green List Committee after its assessment. Meanwhile, PNN Chingaza is running the application phase, working with the Task Force regarding the improvement plan, according to the recommendations made by the Colombian Expert Group. Regarding the Green List Protected Areas, Colombia is documenting and reviewing the Standard for Galeras Fauna and Flora Sanctuary and Gorgona National Natural Park for 15 March 2019.

In addition, I supported the Green List events and activities during the 3rd Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Protected Areas.

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

- **Goal 1:** Mainstreaming protected areas as “natural solutions” in addressing climate change, land degradation, disaster risk reduction, food and water security, and human health and well-being.

- **Goal 2:** WCPA will continue to work with the Rio Conventions to position protected areas as an essential contribution to the objectives of all three conventions, and especially to replicate regional initiatives to incorporate protected areas into climate change and disaster risk strategies and national commitments to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Following and applying IUCN guidelines and recommendations to position Protected Areas as Nature Based Solutions to achieve global commitments such as CBD, UNFCCC and SDGs, from National Natural Parks of Colombia we applied an assessment to determine the role of protected areas achieving international conservation and sustainable development objectives of the Aichi Targets, beyond Target 11, and to the 2030 Agenda SDGs in 2019. As a conclusion, Colombia’s protected areas contribute to 19 Aichi Targets out of 20 and to 14 SDG out of 17. In order to mainstream this result, I made a presentation of Protected Areas, CDB and SDG at the United Nations Environment Program III CAPLAC event “Productive Sectors, SDG, Post 2020 and Protected Areas.

Regarding the commitment with the negotiation of the Post 2020 CBD framework, I engaged in different activities, such as the Post 2020 discussions during the III CAPLAC mentioned before. For Colombian process, I arranged a meeting between Harvey Locke from the “Beyond Aichi Targets Task Force” with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development in Colombia (9 Sept. 2019).
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:**

- Launch of the Spanish translated version of the Protected Area Governance and Management handbook at III CAPLAC, 15 October 2019.

**Presentations:**

- WCPA Steering Committee in Amboseli National Park, Kenya from 9-15 May 2019  
  - WCPA Vice Chair presentation
- Privately Protected Areas Workshop at Vilm Island, Germany from 8-12 April 2019  
  - Colombian Civil Society Natural Reserves as part of the National System of Protected Areas, online presentation
- 3rd Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Protected Areas (III CAPLAC) at Lima, Peru from 14-17 October 2019  
  - “Heritage Colombia Program” presentation, Keynote speech (15 Oct. 2019)
  - Launch of Protected Area Governance and Management handbook (15 Oct. 2019)
  - Launch of Colombian initiative “Parks, how are we going?” (15 Oct. 2019)
  - “Productive Sectors, SDGs, Post 2020 and Protected Areas” UN Environment event, Keynote speech (17 Oct. 2019)

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Support to the strategic stakeholder communications of the III CAPLAC.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Support to the media, website, and newsletter of the III CAPLAC.

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

**Funds Utilised in 2019** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)*

- **Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2019 and use financial report for details)*
  - The total Commission Operating Funds used for CHF $ 49,263,57, corresponding to a total amount of COP $ 161,625,791,62

- **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 2019)*
  - Every day at my work.

- **Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*
  - For IUCN WCPA activities during 2020, such as the World Conservation Congress, CHF 15,000 additional funds would be needed.
## GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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

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## GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

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### Goal 1: Assist and participate at the IUCN World Conservation Congress.

- I will participate at the IUCN World Conservation Congress at Marseille, France from 11-19 June 2020.
Goal 2:
- Make progress with the two (2) prioritized protected areas for the Green List, make progress with the renewal of the three (3) Green List protected areas in Colombia, apply the GLPCA Standard, and make the case for Green List at the regional and local level.

Goal 3:
- Actively participate at the CBD Post 2020 Framework negotiations, positioning protected areas as nature-based solutions that contribute achieving the CBD goals and the UN Conventions, particularly UNFCCC and 2030 Agenda.

Goal 4:
- Deliver CBD Aichi Targets in Colombia and update the National System of Protected Areas public policy 2020-2030 based on the new CBD Post 2020 Framework.

Goal 5:
- Support the region delivering the CBD Aichi Targets by strengthening RedParques, support Mexico as the current Head of RedParques, by implementing the “Latin American Alliance to Strengthen Protected Areas” (Alfa 2020), and by fostering the III CAPLAC Lima Declaration.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- As WCPA, we should capitalize the III CAPLAC results to deliver the CBD Aichi Targets, especially through RedParques and Alfa 2020.
- As WCPA, we should encourage diverse activities to have a participative process regarding the construction of the CBD Post-2020 framework, involving throughout the process IUCN scientific knowledge and experience regarding the accomplishment of Aichi Targets.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
Regions
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Durante este año el trabajo principal de la vicepresidencia se centró en realizar la coordinación técnica del III Congreso Latinoamericano de Áreas Protegidas y la representación de la comisión en el X Congreso de Áreas Protegidas de Cuba y en el día de Parques Nacionales en Costa Rica.

En lo que respecta al III Congreso de Áreas Protegidas de Latinoamérica y el Caribe, la coordinación contempló la definición de Tdr para la selección de responsables de áreas estratégicas y líneas temáticas, la escogencia final de los trabajos que se presentaron en el evento, así como la coordinación con los responsables de moderar y hacer relatorías de cada sesión.

En total coordiné un grupo de 68 personas previo al congreso y cerca de 80 durante el congreso, además se desarrollaron aproximadamente 1000 actividades y se tuvo participación de más de 3000 asistentes.

Por otro lado, asumí temporalmente la coordinación del comité ejecutivo y estuve manteniendo al tanto de los avances a la membresía de la zona, así como tratando de motivar y buscar recursos para que más personas de esta región pudieran participar.

En lo que respecta al Congreso en Cuba, tuve el honor de participar en la conferencia de apertura del mismo y en la actividad del día de parques en Costa Rica solamente acompañar su realización y tener reuniones informales con personal del Sistema de Áreas Protegidas del país.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

- **Goal 1.**
  My first goal for 2019 was to launch the III CAPLAC and to document its lessons learned, facing the construction of public policies related with conservation topics. (3.2, 3.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3). On this Issue we launch the congress and have more 3.000 participants. The lessons learner was document through a general template for all the sessions. The topics development during the congress includes relevant information for all the UICN commissions.

- **Goal 2.**
  My second goal was To implement almost two strategic actions of the plan for the SFCD on Latin America (1.2). On that sense the III CAPLAC includes 2 forums focus on capacity development and one meeting for referents of CD on the Latin America region with the support of RedParques.

- **Goal 3:**
  My third goal was To support the evaluation of almost a Greenlist proposal in Central America(1.1). During 2019 I was supporting the establishment of the EAGL for Monteverde.
Cloud Forest Preserve, a private protected area on Costa Rica trying to be the first private protected area to be recognized as a GL. I participate in 2 meetings and also make evaluation of the professional profiles of the group.

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

- During this year for the first time we design a YP for the region, her name is Jose Pablo Murillo (jp.murillo.cr@gmail.com)

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

- Our membership increase in 13% during 2019, starting on 70 in finish in 80.

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

**Presentations:**

- I made a lecture on the XII International Convention About Environment and Development In Cuba “International Commitments for 2020-2030 for Protected Areas From Latin America and the Caribbean”
- I also made a lecture on the UICN Regional Forum in Antigua Guatemala were I talk about “WCPA, Structure, vision and objectives for the next quadrennial period”

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- During 2019 I prepare 19 communications with our membership, specially focus on technical information share for the Steering committee of WCPA, also related with the IICAPLAC and Inform about important meetings.

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

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**Goal 3:**

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**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- **FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2018 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

2019 was an extremely busy year, with staging of the first Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC) fully occupying every moment of the first half of the year. We held regional meetings to promote the Congress in Pretoria, Southern Africa; Nairobi, East Africa; Douala, Cameroon in Central Africa and in Dakar, Senegal in Western Africa. Other meetings to drum up support for the congress were held at UNEP, Nairobi; African Ambassador’s Forum, Nairobi; Africa’s Protected Areas Directors Meeting, Nairobi and at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It is most unfortunate that the Congress did not take place as planned.

Other activities included hosting the WCPA Steering Committee in May in Amboseli National Park, Kenya, organizing a meeting of the Africa Protected Areas Congress Programme Leaders and the IUCN WCPA Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force in August in Nairobi, Kenya.

WCPA members were also involved in other activities including promoting the New Deal for Nature, reviewing the IUCN Programme 2021-2024, participating in the IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Conservation Forum (RCF) in Johannesburg, South Africa. Other engagements included providing input into the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework and other regional and continent wide forums.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019. Add more lines if needed)

Increasing membership
Membership continued to grow, but at a slower rate than in the previous two years. More effort went into engaging members who were passionate about participating in various conservation activities. For the first time, WCPA members from across the continent started working together to promote the values and benefits of protected areas in Africa for the first time through the opportunity offered by the Africa Protected Areas Congress.

Improving management and governance of protected areas:

The importance of improving the management and governance of protected areas was given great prominence during this period through many forums that that tool took place in Africa and highlighted the centrality of protected areas in the conservation of nature. These includes the campaign for the New Deal for Nature, Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework regional consultations, the 17th African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), among others. In particular, APAC sessions held in various regional capitals, including Nairobi, Kenya; Douala, Cameroon; Dakar, Senegal; Pretoria, South Africa and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and attended by many stakeholder groups communicated the benefits of effectively managed and equitably governed protected areas in conserving nature, safeguarding Africa’s wildlife, supporting sustainable development and
conserving African cultures and traditions.

### Development of partnerships and networks
The issues of protected areas in all African regions, including common challenges and opportunities were discussed through these networks. These collaborations will be strengthened on the Road to APAC 2021.

### Communicating the values and benefits of protected areas
Through the partners mentioned above, WCPA in all African regions had a rare opportunity of bringing together a wide range of conservation NGOs (and their partners) to promote the values and benefits of protected areas and discuss ways of working together to contribute to their well-being. These partners have different mandates, expertise, influence, funding levels and priorities. They used their outlets and networks to communicate the importance of protected areas. In Kenya, for example, the Regional Conservation Directors’ Forum that bring together all the international NGOs operating in Africa with headquarters in Nairobi incorporated the WCPA Regional VC in their monthly meetings. In addition, the Conservation Alliance of Kenya (CAK) comprising dozens of conservation NGOs working in Kenya worked closely with the WCPA Regional VC to address issues related to protected areas in the country. Possibilities of extending similar collaborations to other countries in the region will be explored in 2020.

### Implementing key global commitments
It was a busy year in which members participated in activities related to the CBD Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework, World Heritage, APAC, New Deal for Nature, Aichi Targets and IUCN Programme 2021-2024, among others.

### Develop appropriate guidelines to support PAs, with particular emphasis on PPAs and OECMs
There is an active WCPA group that is pushing for the implementation of IUCN-WCC Resolution 36 on PPAs. A session during APAC 2021 is being planned that will demonstrate the significant contribution of PPAs to biodiversity conservation, livelihoods and ecosystem services and overall conservation of nature.

### Organizing the First African Parks Congress – November 18-23, 2019

The International Steering Committee (ISC) which was chaired by Kathy MacKinnon provided oversight to the COC. ISC members were Trevor Sandwith (IUCN-GPAP), Luther Anukur (IUCN ESARO), Frederick Kumah (WWF Africa), Charlotte Karibuhoye (WCPA Regional VC), Erustus Kanga (Government of Kenya), Director General (KWS), Ali Kaka (IUCN Council), Kaddu Sebunya (AWF),
Impact Africa was hired to help organize the congress. The launch ceremony was held in Nairobi NP on February 14, 2019 and was officiated by Kenya’s Minister of Tourism of Wildlife. It was broadcasted live across Africa and beyond.

Planning for the Congress went on very smoothly. Regional sensitization meetings were held in various capitals, including Nairobi, Pretoria, Addis Ababa, Douala, and Dakar. Support was sought from the African Union, African Ambassadors and High Commissioners in Nairobi, UNEP, USAID, EU, etc.

On March 26, 2019, out of nowhere, and at a time when all committees were working full throttle to deliver what we collectively termed “a landmark forum to position Africa’s protected areas within the broader goals of sustainable development and community well-being”, the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife sent me a letter informing me that the Government had decided not to support the hosting of the Congress in Nairobi. The letter was sent to me as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kenya Wildlife Service, a position I hold as a government appointee. It was not lost to anybody that the day before I received this letter (i.e., on March 25, 2019) the KWS Board had reinstated five KWS staff who had been suspended by the Minister.

A vindictive decision by one individual just for the purpose of “show of might” brought to an abrupt stop the implementation of an idea that was first discussed by the WCPA Steering Committee in Cartagena, Colombia in March 2017 and finalized in Lebanon in April 2018. It frustrated the first Pan-African effort to bring together political and community leaders, protected area practitioners, professionals from diverse fields, scholars, researchers, the youth, and partners and stakeholders from public and private sectors from across the continent to celebrate protected areas for the role they have played and continue to play in conserving nature, safeguarding Africa’s wildlife, delivering vital life-supporting services, supporting sustainable development and conserving Africa’s cultural heritage and traditions. It denied Africa the opportunity to pursue the APAC 2019 objectives to (i) promote the role of protected areas in conserving nature, supporting sustainable development and human well-being, (ii) share experiences and best practices for harmonizing conservation and human development, (iii) set a common agenda and a shared vision for Africa’s protected areas’ contribution to AU Agenda 63 and other relevant regional and global commitments, and (iv) develop a consolidated input for Africa’s protected areas in the development of the Post-2020 Global Framework for Biodiversity. In addition, the decision put to waste thousands of man/woman hours and dollars that had been spent organizing country and regional meetings by many individuals, committees, groups, governments and organizations from across Africa.

Africa is used to this model of governance. It is not surprising that nobody raised a voice to protest this most irrational decision or at least sought clarification why such an arbitrary action was taken on the 11th hour against an important Pan-African initiative.

Post Cancellation

In May 2019, the WCPA Executive Committee and WCPA Steering Committee accepted a proposal by the COC and ISC to reschedule the Congress to 2021. Some of the activities to keep the momentum going included:
(i) Identifying the venue
The IUCN Regional Office for East and Southern Africa, on behalf of the COC, accepted to immediately use its regional influence to find an alternative venue for the Congress. We are now in the 9th month and have not received any concrete information from ESARO despite making many follow-ups on the matter. As a result there is very little planning that the COC can do without having a concrete venue and date.

(ii) Meeting of Stream Leaders
To at least keep the main programme team focused on delivering the congress, we planned a very successful 3-day meeting of the Stream Leaders in Nairobi in August, 2019. The Team was highly motivated during those three days but has not made further progress due to uncertainty about the venue and date.

(iii) APAC WCC Proposal
I put in a proposal entitled “Addressing the emerging post 2020 priorities for Africa’s protected areas” for a session in the 2020 World Conservation Congress. Fortunately, this proposal was among those that were accepted. The Stream Leaders are currently strategizing on how to plan the session.

(iv) Participation in the IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Conservation Forum
The IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Conservation Forum (RCF) was held in Johannesburg, SA in July 2019. Road to APAC 2021 was one of the main sessions. However, the organizers that the session would be led by a person who had not participated in any meeting of APAC. WCPA was not given any prominence during the forum and is not even mentioned in the Report (https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/content/documents/esaro_-_rcf_report-web.pdf). I had made a written request to be given an opportunity to briefly talk about the Commission, a request that was not granted.

(v) Documents for engaging the potential Congress host
I drafted two documents for engaging the potential host country: These include;
   (a) Statement of the Requirements for Hosting the First Africa Protected Areas Congress”, and
   (b) MoU between IUCN and the host country.
I submitted both to the WCPA Chair and the IUCN Regional Director for East and Southern Africa. I have not received any conclusive feedback since September 2019.

(vi) COC Meetings
I have convened several COC meetings over the last months. The last one was on December 10, 2019 and the next one will be on January 14, 2020. This meeting will deliberate on issues related to the 2020 WCC and make a decision on how to go about identifying the venue.

UNDYING HOPE
A meeting held today (January 14, 2020) and attended by majority of the COC members resolved to work closely to deliver a historical congress in 2021.

ORGANIZATION (Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)
The IUCN Regional Office should do more to promote closer collaboration between the various IUCN commissions in the region.

MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)
Total Membership – We have over 179 Commission members, up from 160 last year. There was impressive participation of the youth and women in the region through the APAC process. For example, five of the nine APAC theme leaders are women drawn from different African countries and from different cultural backgrounds (Madagascar, Mozambique, Kenya, CAR, Cameroon, and South Sudan). The women are also leading on heavy congress themes, including biodiversity, climate change, engaging people, technology, conflicts and sustainable financing. The Theme dealing with “People and Protected Areas” has a strong focus on the youth and has held various workshops and social media sessions with the youth from across Africa to strategize on how to effectively engage them in the planning and participating in the Africa Protected Areas Congress in particular, and in conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in general.

Areas of expertise
As pointed out in last year’s report, the expertise in the membership is quite broad, and covers nearly all relevant fields. However, new fields such as health and well-being, high seas, grasslands and marine mammals are underrepresented while tourism, transboundary conservation, governance, management effectiveness and climate change are relatively reasonably covered. What is not clear is how this expertise and capacity is assisting in the management of protected areas. The issue of appropriate deployment of expertise in PAs should be assessed in order to understand how our members are helping to close existing capacity gaps in their countries.

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**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Communicating the value and benefits of PAs to political leaders through meetings, media and other platforms
- Creating a forum for African directors of wildlife organizations to discuss issues of Africa-wide concern and communicating these through various networks
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- Active membership participation in planning the APAC

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**


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My responsibilities in the region include:

i) **RVC**

ii) **Africa Protected Areas Congress**

- Director of the APAC
- Chair of the APAC Programme Committee
- Chair of the APAC Congress Organizing Committee
- Convener of the APAC International Steering Committee

iii) **Member of the World Heritage Panel**

Co-chair of the IUCN Wilderness Specialist Group
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**Below was my reflection during the 2018 Report**

*The determination to hold the first APAC before China 2020 has borne fruit. It has been a difficult agenda to push forward. An African Protected Areas Congress led by Africans for Africa will be helpful in addressing the challenges facing conservation in the continent. A process that brings African together to discuss their wellbeing and common future should be supported because of the potential it has to bring a transformation in Africa’s conservation landscape.*

**Reflections today**

I feel the same as I did when I wrote the words above. The idea itself was broadly accepted across the continent. Within three months after the decision was made in September 2018 to stage the congress in November 2019 in a meeting chaired by Kathy MacKinnon in Nairobi, Kenya, every African region had been mobilized, and strategies to stage a powerful, inclusive and low budget congress agreed on and all the key wheels put in motion. The government of Kenya frustrated this effort for reasons that cannot be put even before a kangaroo court.

The second and most inconceivable observation is that the IUCN ESARO has delayed efforts to kick start the process of planning for the congress in 2021 congress.

These kind of frustrations probably explain why, unlike other regions, Africa has never held a continent-wide protected areas forum to deliberate on issues of common interest and share knowledge, innovations, and experiences, and seek solutions to their unique conservation and developmental challenges in order to secure a sustainable future for protected areas, people and biodiversity. And this is despite Africa experiencing every known challenge to protected areas - loss of biodiversity, habitat loss and fragmentation, active illegal wildlife trade, impacts of climate change, invasive species, weak institutions, poor governance, inadequate human capacity, lack of adequate information to help create appropriate conservation programs, insufficient legislation, declining budgets, paper parks, rapid increase in human populations, unplanned developments, inappropriately located settlements, unsustainable agricultural development, poor land use
practices, widespread rural poverty, insufficient incentives to conserve, escalating human wildlife conflict, and, in some countries, armed conflicts.

A business-as-usual approach to protection and conservation of Africa’s natural resources will continue to undermine our common future, and permanently close the existing window of opportunity for harnessing and bequeathing the social, economic and environmental benefits of protected areas to the children of Africa. Preventing this from happening must be a priority for all.

African leaders, including those heading conservation institutions have witnessed the incredible deterioration of biodiversity in the continent, including in protected areas over the last six decades. The hope to bend the curve is still alive. The challenge is, “where shall we get a champion who has the passion, influence and capacity to make it happen?

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- The main accomplishment of 2019 was to promote Green List in Taiwan. There were two significant workshops on Green List in Taiwan.
- The second accomplishment was to further reinforce PA government network among countries in Asia through Asia Protected Area Partnership (APAP). The partnership has been initiated by Ministry of Environment, Japan and IUCN/ARO since 1st Asia Parks Congress. I had been serving as co-chair of APAP. The co-chair was replaced by a representative of Ministry of Environment, Korea since November 2017 as the position is three years appointment.
- Another achievement was to reach a final conclusion that we will organize the 2nd Asia Parks Congress in Sabha, Malaysia 2021. We had the 1st International Steering Committee for the congress in Bangkok, Thailand.

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

1. Valuing and Conserving Nature
   Goal 1: Promoting Eco-DRR: I have been working with MoE-J and IUCN Japan to promote this as a significant tool to reduce disaster risks and damages which could be incurred by especially weather related natural disasters in Asia. I have received three-year grant to conduct research to accumulate both anecdotal and quantitative data and evidences about correlation between ecosystem services and disaster risk/damage reduction. I have been collecting those data in Japan since 2018.

2. Governing nature’s use and sharing its benefits with equitably
   Goal 1: Enhancing collaboration with national governments and local NPOs/NGOs: I have worked 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. We have established a good rapport among Dept. National Park, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and myself to develop sustainable resource use in the community. We have organized a series of demo classes focusing on “conserving biodiversity” for local school children in the communities.

3. Deploying nature-based solutions to global challenges
   Goal 1: Building capacity to fully understand the roles of ecosystem services to reduce disaster
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## GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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 2019 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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## 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

**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

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

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

## GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

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

### Goal 1: Promoting Eco-DRR

- Promoting Eco-DRR in collaboration with MoE-J and IUCN Asia Regional Office
- Keep conducting a research to accumulate both anecdotal and quotative data/evidences on correlation between ecosystem services and disaster risk reduction/damages

### Goal 2: Enhancing collaboration with national governments and local NGOs/NPOs

- Working closely with IUCN Thailand country office to enhance co-management and sustainable resource use in a Karen tribe community within Keang Krachan Forest Complex in boarder
between Thailand and Myanmar
- Keep working closely with Mongolian government to promote IUCN/WCPA’s presence and roles in conservation

**Goal 3: Promoting Green List**

- Implementing Green List in Taiwan, and keep promoting it in Mongolia

**Goal 4:**

- Closely working with Sabah Parks to organize 2nd Asia Parks Congress

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018**

- China’s involvement for WCPA is a key in East Asia

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Expert advice on protected area standards at country levels.
- Preparation and organization of the IUCN WCPA supported European Parks Academy – high-level training for protected area professionals, July 2019, Klagenfurt (https://e-c-o.at/trainings-en.html).
- Submission of three WCPA Europe supported events for WCC.
- Collaboration with UNESCO and IUCN World Heritage Programme to ensure expertise for coordination of the biggest natural WH nomination *The Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe*.
- Membership of WCPA Europe exceeded 700.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019)

GOALS FOR 2019 for WCPA Europe REGION

**Goal 1: WCPA Europe Strategy**

- Development of organizational scheme and strategy for WCPA in Europe (sub-regions, themes, subgroups) and process of identification of new WCPA Europe leadership for 2020. Done. The proposal for the new organizational scheme and leadership of WCPA in Europe will be left for consideration to the new RVC after Marseille congress.
- Conclusion of the process of appointment of the WCPA national Focal Points in Europe. Partly done. Country FPs mainly identified, their ToRs are still under development.
- Implementation of the WCPA Europe strategy. Done. Contributions secured to all the components of the IUCN Programme, GPAP and other programme and regional offices and WCPA.
- Support to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity / Aichi target 11. Done. Active involvement in the delivery of the T11 in Central and Eastern Europe. Participation at the Biodiversity TF of South East Europe meeting in Tirana, organization of the reginal CBD workshop in Belgrade (November 2019) with participation of several CEE countries. Visit to Ankara (December 2019) resulted in commitment of Turkey to provide substantial info and data on protected areas to WDPA.
- Cooperation with the Klagenfurt university in development and implementation of educational and training programmes for PA professionals. Done. Klagenfurt training and university programmes are key platform for IUCN WCPA expertise to be promoted throughout the region.
- Strengthening cooperation with IUCN constituency, with its European Offices (Brussels,
Belgrade, Malaga), and with IUCN GPAP and Commissions. **Done. Very efficient cooperation resulted in:**
- development of several WCC proposals (motions, events...),
- strengthening regional cooperation (conservation initiatives to improve management of protected areas in Romania, water catchment in Albania, ...),
- development of methodological approach to apply IUCN PA standards in Natura 2000 sites.

- Development of the Management of Conserved and Protected area M.Sc. programme in the “centre of excellence” at Klagenfurt University. **Done. The programme, with strong IUCN WCPA note, will start in February 2020.**
- Preparation, co-organization and implementation of the European Parks Academy high-profile training for PA professionals. **Done. Third edition of E.P.A. took place in July 2019.**

### Goal 2: Capacity building, communication and membership

- In cooperation with the University of Klagenfurt, development and implementation of the “Management of Conserved and Protected areas” M.Sc programme. **See above.**
- In cooperation with E.C.O., preparation, co-organization and implementation of the European Parks Academy high-profile training for PA professionals. **See above.**
- In cooperation with BfN, Isle of Vilm, preparation, co-organisation and implementation of the seminar on WH standards for (WCPA) WH assessors. **Partly done. Proposal for the organization of the seminar prepared, submitted to Vilm and discussed with IUCN WHP, but no follow-up was received by partners.**
- Disseminate information about various learning opportunities and courses on PA management. **Done. Several PA courses and initiatives promoted throughout WCPA network.**
- Regular communication flow between the IUCN WCPA Europe and its members. **Done. WCPA e-newsletter remain the main communication tool. Bi-monthly e-newsletter prepared and distributed. Regular personal communication between the RVC and members were also established.**
- Supporting the process of identification of potential new WCPA members and their inclusion into the Commission’s work. **Done. More than 700 members in Europe by December 2019.**

### Goal 3: Strengthening systematic conservation planning

- Advisory service to GO and NGOs on PA standards for sites, networks and PA systems. **Done and ongoing. Experts advice and missions to several European countries.**
- Contribution to various events / initiatives on PA and Natura 2000 issues and other conservation initiatives in Europe. **Done. Preparation of the Natura 2000 assessments for EC on Natura standards for evaluation of management effectiveness.**
- Continuation of the process of adoption of IUCN GLPCA standards for Natura sites. **Done. IUCN ERO project, with WCPA participation, concluded and presented in Brussels.**
- Promotion of the IUCN GLPCA concept and support in establishing the national IUCN GLPCA national bodies. **Done with limited success. Concept presented and promoted in several European countries, but still slow progress.**

### Goal 4: Knowledge development

- Proposal for developing BPG on monitoring in Protected areas. **Done. Proposal prepared in**
cooperation with ECPA European members and presented to WCPA ExCo for approval.

### Goal 5: 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. **Done.** Expert missions with WCPA members in several European countries (Russia, Montenegro...).
- Involvement in the work of the IUCN World Heritage Outlook working group. **Done.**
  Cooperation with the IUCN WHP and Outlook working group.
- Supporting the process of extension, management and reporting for the biggest serial natural site nomination of the “The Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe”. **Done and ongoing.** Contribution to the WH extension process-communication with the relevant State Parties in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Northern Macedonia.

### GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

*(Indicate draft goals for 2019 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

#### Goal 1: Development and implementation of the WCPA Europe strategy

- Development of new organizational scheme and strategy for WCPA in Europe after the WCC.
- Membership recruitment process after the WCC.
- Definition of key working areas for WCPA Europe: protected area advisory service, WCPA training and learning opportunities, World Heritage convention, post 2020 CBD and EU biodiversity strategy, Green List, Natura 2000.
- Preparation and mobilization of support for the European Parks Congress in 2021.

#### Goal 2: Strengthening systematic conservation planning

- Advisory service to GO and NGOs on PA standards for sites, networks and PA systems.
- Contribution to various initiatives and events on PAs and Natura network.
- PA standards and management effectiveness (IUCN GLPCA).
- Contribution to all major PA and other conservation events in 2020 (WILD, WCC, Europarc Conference, CBD COP...) and cooperation in definition of the post 2020 targets.

#### Goal 3: Contributing to capacity development for effective management of PAs and systems

- Implementation of the WCPA supported Management of Protected and Conserved areas post-graduate study programme at University of Klagenfurt, Austria.
- Preparation and implementation of the European Parks Academy in July 2020.
- More effective use of social media, webinars...

#### Goal 4: Contributing to effective implementation of the World Heritage Convention

- Provision of expertise and pool of experts for the World Heritage assessments and evaluations.
- Assistance in the coordination process for the biggest serial WH natural property: Beech Forests of Europe.

#### Goal 5: Knowledge development

- Continuation of the process of preparation of the BPG on Monitoring.
- Mobilisation of interest and expertise for additional WCPA BP products.

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

- Recruitment progress of WCPA members after WCC, new leadership and strategy.

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

- Membership renewal progress after WCC. Emphasis on offering members more active involvement and participation in delivery of the IUCN WCPA programme.

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

For publications and presentations only references of the RVC are collected.
**Publications:**

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**Presentations:**

- IUCN Working Group for National Committee Development (WGNCD) Europe, North & Central Asia, 16-17 April 2019: presentation of the IUCN WCPA programme.
- Biodiversity Task Force of South and East Europe meeting, Tirana, 21.-27.6.2019: presentation of the WCPA Europe.
- European Parks Academy, Klagenfurt, July 2019: presentations on IUCN WCPA mission and programme, IUCN GLPCA, IUCN PA standards.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Participation and active involvement of WCPA members at all key conservation.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- WCPA European e-newsletter, regular issues, bi-monthly. Contributions for the IUCN GPAP Newsletter.

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

- Participating in the work of the IUCN GLPCA WG for adoption of the standards for Natura 2000.
- Evaluation and assessment of the category status for the Icelandic Wilderness area.

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2019 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)**

| Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2019 and use financial report for details) |
| 5,272.33 CHF |

**Funds raised (Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)**

None.

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

RVC contribution only: Total of 58 work days (8h/day), 42 out of those on travels (meetings, presentations, preparations and reporting).

WCPA RVC Europe is the member of the WCPA ExCo, meeting monthly one phone call plus revision of several working materials.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline**

None.

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020**

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

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

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

1. Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity [X]
2. Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed [X]
3. Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced [X]
4. The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people [X]

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**

1. The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced [X]
2. 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:**

1. Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed [X]
2. Pilot governance assessments conducted

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

1. Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced [X]

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

1. 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**

1. Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated [X]

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2**

1. Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors [X]

**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3**

1. Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled [X]

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019**

- Involvement and management of WCPA Europe into four major conservation events/initiatives in 2020: WILD Conference (India), WCC (France), Europarc Conference (Austria) and CBDCOP (China). Development of the EU biodiversity Strategy
- Preparations for European parks Congress for 2021.
- New organizational scheme for management of the WCPA Europe network in Europe. More than 700 members require more professional coordination.
- Geographical imbalance in mobilization and motivation of WCPA members in Europe: more members from “Western” Europe, but much more active engagement of membership in “Central and Eastern” European Europe. Efforts should be done to enable more active involvement of membership, perhaps also through development of WCPA Europe projects.
- Need to make IUCN (WCPA) portal more “user-friendly”.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- In this year, we have mainly followed up on activities and initiatives that we started in 2018 and started the preparations for the IUCN Congress 2020.
- We have revised the focus of the Green List programme in North Africa to strengthen the collaboration and cooperation between managers and hosted a training workshop of managers of candidate sites with mentors form green listed sites in collaboration with the GL francophone network. During the training we finalized a preliminary assessment of the GL candidate sites in the region and discussed common challenges the sites are facing.
- We also continued the strong communication and social media campaign led by a young WCPA member Rabii Ben Brahim (The Dreamer), we have additional 3 videos of GL candidate sites from Tunisia and Morocco and documented WCPA activities.
- Hosted a subregional consultation on advances on Aichi Target 11 at the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for North Africa hosted in Tunisia and agreed with countries on priorities to accelerate progress until 2020. We also hosted a WCPA events to introduce WCPA work and the Green List to IUCN members.
- We started preparations for a major workshop on OECM in the North African and Eastern Mediterranean Region in collaboration with FAO. The workshop will be hosted in Tunisia on 10 and 11 February.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

- **Goal 1.** Assessing progress on Aichi Target 11 in North Africa, including identification of OECM

We hosted a consultation on priorities to accelerate progress on Aichi Target 11 (AT11) in the region in June 2019 during the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for North Africa. The forum was attended by 60 + participants, including CBD focal points, agencies in charge of protected areas, NGOs and national experts as well as representatives of the Regional Activities Center for Specially Protected areas of the Barcelona Convention. A presentation was made summarizing progress of AT11 to date including commitments under NBSAPs using the Protected Planet Data and data provided by the CBD Secretariat.

During the discussion on immediate priorities to accelerate progress towards achieving AT11 participants agreed on three main points:

a. Updating and harmonizing data on WDPA. The procedure and deadlines for updating the WDPA data was explained to National focal points and they were put in touch with
b. Advancing OECM in the region. Participants agreed that OECMs represent a good opportunity to advance AT11 in particularly in the marine environment, however they were unfamiliar with the details of the CBD decision and adopted definition and criteria. To this effect a special workshop on OECM in the MENA region will be organized on 10 and 11 February 2019 and will have the following objectives:

- Explain and explore CBD Decision 14/8, the IUCN [and FAO?] Technical Report[s].
- Share and discuss examples or case-studies of potential OECMs (both terrestrial and marine) within national contexts in the region.
- Learn about how to apply the ‘OECM Assessment Methodology’ with a view to appropriately recognizing and reporting OECMs.
- Identify an initial list of potential OECMs by country (both terrestrial and marine).
- Discuss ways of reporting OECMs

c. Enhancing the qualitative aspects of AT11. Participants discussed the importance of not only focusing on coverage indicators but also on improving management effectiveness, governance and equity aspects in PA management. The IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas represents a good opportunity and incentive to improve the management effectiveness of PA systems in the region. Four countries in the regions (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and UAE) have already PAs on the Green List. Three countries in North Africa have submitted 7 candidate areas to the Green List. The approach by the North African countries is to use the assessments of these areas as a pilot experience to enhance capacity on the Green List criteria and to review the management procedures in the national protected areas systems. Participants agreed that communicating about the Green List Candidates and their strengths in particular with regards to benefits to communities is needed.

• Goal 2: Supporting GL process in North Africa

Following the lessons learned from the GL process in 2018, in 2019 WCPA activities focused more on strengthening capacities and collaboration between GL candidate sites and GL certified sites.

In this regard, a capacity building workshop was held from the 30th of April to the 2nd of May in the Shouf Biosphere Reserve in Lebanon (Green Listed in 2018) for the seven candidate sites managers and representatives of protected areas administrations in the Maghreb countries (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia).

The workshop was organised by the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation and the World Commission on Protected Areas in collaboration with the IUCN French Committee and Al Shouf Cedar Society. This event enabled the Green List candidate sites managers and the heads of protected areas administrations in the three countries to better understand the Green List process and to start the self-evaluation exercise of their respective sites.

In addition, mentors from Green Listed Sites in France (Parc Marin de la Cote Bleue, Réserve national de chasse et de faune sauvage d’Orlu in the Pyrenees and from Reserve de chasse et de faune sauvage de Donzère-Mondragon in Rhône-Alpes – all Green List sites) and from Shouf Biosphere
Reserve in Lebanon have also participated and shared their experiences and lessons learnt regarding the process as well as particular aspects related to protected areas management.

The self-assessment undertaken by the seven candidate sites against the seventeen criteria of the Green List highlighted common challenges shared by the sites, in particular with regard to co-management arrangements and stakeholder involvement, climate change, visitor management, and monitoring and evaluation.

Representatives of candidate sites have expressed their commitment in addressing these challenges and achieving the Green List Standard. Mentors have also committed to continue providing support throughout the process.
During the three days of the workshop, participants had the chance also to visit several parts of the Shouf Biosphere reserve and to talk with the staff and with the private project holders around the reserve. The participants highlighted the importance of the Green List programme and this workshop in enhancing the management of protected areas in the Maghreb region. The hands-on and collaborative work between site managers and mentors has proven very effective. In addition, the participation of central protected areas agency staff was very valuable as it enabled a reflection on how to use the experience of the current candidate sites and Green List standard to improve management of the entire national system of protected areas.

**Goal 3:** Communicating on the role of PAs in the region and establishing national days for Parks

We have continued with the social media campaign led by @thedreamerwildandfree on the role of protected areas in conserving biodiversity and contributing to development, highlighting in particular GL candidate sites from the region. @thedreamer traveled to and filmed 4 new PAs: The Kuriates islands (Marine park, Tunisia; National Parcs of Ifrane, Toubkal and Souss Massa, Morocco). Due to the latest political developments, the filming of the PAs in Algeria was reported to 2020. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2lhvzpaUEI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2lhvzpaUEI)

We also communicated with PA agencies and partners to establish a Regional day for PAs to celebrate PAs and enhance connection of people and nature. The first edition of this regional day will be held on April 19, 2020 and will mark the celebration of the 60th anniversary of WCPA.

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

- NA

**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)*

**Presentations:**

- Protected areas and their Role in Climate change adaptation: Mediterranean Forest Week (April 2019, Beirut, Lebanon).
- WCPA work and WCPA role in the GL – GL managers training (April 2019 – Shouf Biosphere Reserve, Lebanon)
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- Summary of WCPA work and achievement in North Africa. IUCN Regional Conservation Forum (June 2019, Monastir, Tunisia).
- Advancing AT 11 in the Mediterranean, progress, gaps and priorities. Regional Seas meeting on evaluating contributions to SDGs. (November 2019, Helsinki, Finland)

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Meetings w various key stakeholders on the AT11, WDPA and GL: visits to PA agencies in Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria; Visits to Min of Env Tunisia.
- IUCN National Committees: Tunisia, Morocco, Spain and France.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Series of video on PAs (#Our_Parks_Are_Our_Future [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpMUfQAvZUI&list=PLImbcF1cwGjgJNczhtkHioMnvS1pp7H](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpMUfQAvZUI&list=PLImbcF1cwGjgJNczhtkHioMnvS1pp7H))
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| 50,000 USD (CBD/Japan Fund for Biodiversity) to support progress on AT11 (Managed by IUCN Med) |

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)*

| 100 Days |

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

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- **Goal 3:** Communicating the values of PAs in the Mediterranean and Celebrating WCPA 60th Anniversary in the Region

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

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**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
With the Aichi Target 11 deadline fast approaching ‘By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas ....’ countries have started to pay considerably more attention to this international commitment. According to the UNEP WCMC database, the progress to date is as follow: Canada (10.66% terrestrial; 2.91% marine), 8,254 PAs, with only 59 with management effectiveness evaluations) - Mexico (14.49% terrestrial; 21.55% marine), 1,146 PAs, with only 31 with management effectiveness evaluations) – USA (not a CBD signatory) (12.99% terrestrial; 41.06% marine), 34,075 PAs, with only 75 with management effectiveness evaluations). There are often discrepancies between a country’s national report to the CBD and what is reported in the official UNEP WCMC database. For example, Canada’s 6th national report (2019) revealed progress for marine protected areas as 7.9% rather than the 2.91% in the database. Confusion is further compounded by a government media release which indicated a percentage of 13.81% later in the year. The WCMC data also show that there is a clear need for more attention on the ‘effectively and equitably managed’ aspect of Target 11. The advancement of the Green List in North America, with Mexico being the leader, and interests from California and Quebec, may help to resolve this issue in the future.

The development of guidance for OECMs has made significant progress in Canada for both terrestrial and marine systems. The Canadian Council for Ecological Areas produced the first guidance and decision support tool which was followed by guidelines by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for marine areas. Several terrestrial and marine OECMs have also been established in 2019.

The Canadian government invested $1.3 billion in 2018 to support conservation, including the establishment of Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas. Several large IPCAs were established in 2019. This will be one of the biggest opportunities for the future of PAs in Canada, with the possibility of new government investments.

The journey leading to the CBD COP15 in China has generated substantial interest in what the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework should contain. While Target 11 was view as one of the few areas of progress under the Convention, it remains a challenge to determine if clear and ambitious goals and targets for protected areas and OECMs will be in the new Framework. The WCPA input to this process has been strong and must continue in 2020, with greater engagement of CBD Parties.
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

- **Goals 1 and 3.** 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”

  With input from Canada (Environment Canada, Parks Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, CONANP) and Mexico, participated in the CBD- WCPA workshop in Vilm, Germany to assess the status of achieving Target 11 in North America, as well as other regions of the world. This was followed up with the Parties to ensure their submitted data to the UNEP-WCMC were accurate and up to date. Much work remains on the ‘effectively and equitably managed’ part of Target 11.

  With scientists prompting countries to adopt the new Global Deal for Nature, with a recommendation of having 30% of Earth to be protected and an additional 20% designated as climate stabilization areas, by 2030. [https://advances.sciencemag.org/content/5/4/eaaw2869](https://advances.sciencemag.org/content/5/4/eaaw2869) Canada’s federal Ministers have been tasked to ‘introduce a new ambitious plan to conserve 25 per cent of Canada’s land and 25 per cent of Canada’s oceans by 2025, working toward 30 per cent by 2030. This plan should be grounded in science, Indigenous knowledge and local perspectives. Advocate at international gatherings that countries around the world set a goal of 30 per cent conservation by 2030 as well’.

  The Nature Champions Summit, hosted by Canada, was the first high profile event leading up to CBD COP15 to adopt a new framework for biodiversity governance. The participating government ministers and NGOs saw the summit as an opportunity to build a high ambition coalition of leaders to accelerate nature protection, to promote new solutions and to inspire further integrated actions for nature. [https://sdg.iisd.org/news/nature-champions-summit-calls-for-putting-nature-at-the-center-of-sustainable-development-agenda/](https://sdg.iisd.org/news/nature-champions-summit-calls-for-putting-nature-at-the-center-of-sustainable-development-agenda/)

- **Goal 2:** As follow up to the publication of the IUCN Global Standards for MPAs, and associated video, work with North America WCPA members to ensure “Marine protection towards achieving all aspects of Aichi Target 11 is accelerated”

  To date, Canada has established 14 MPAs under the Oceans Act, three National Marine Conservation Areas, one marine National Wildlife Area, and 59 marine refuges, totally 13.81% of Canada’s marine and coastal areas. [https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/conservation/achievement-realisations/index-eng.html](https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/conservation/achievement-realisations/index-eng.html)

  Additionally, a new policy paper was released in 2019 defining the protection standard for MPAs which will prohibit four industrial activities in all new Canadian MPAs: oil and gas activities; mining; dumping; and bottom trawling. [https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2019/04/backgrounder-new-standards-to-protect-canadas-oceans.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2019/04/backgrounder-new-standards-to-protect-canadas-oceans.html)

- **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”

  See Goal 1.

- **Goal 4:** Communicate the “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.

  Several reports were published on OECMs:
  1) Operational Guidance for Identifying OECMS in Canada’s Marine Environment;
  2) PROTECTED AREAS AND OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES IN CANADA: A GUIDEBOOK FOR THEIR IDENTIFICATION AND FOR THE APPLICATION OF IUCN PROTECTED AREA CATEGORIES;
Some scientists have questioned the employment of fisheries closures as marine refuges.

With Canada’s Nature Fund, 27 new indigenous protected and conserved areas were created in 2019.

**Goal 5:** Work 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”

Parks and protected areas articles make up a significant percentage of the #NatureForAll website. In addition, an integrated crosswalk of the #NFA and the Panorama websites help ensure consistent messaging and development of new partners for both programs.

**Goal 6:** Support the development of a WCPA Communications Strategy with the ad hoc committee for the WCPA 60th anniversary.

See Communications (below)

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

- As a Commission, we need to find avenues to increase engagement of the Parties with our WCPA standards and policy directions in order to develop a strong Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, with ambitious and achievable area-based protected area targets for the next decade.
- For WCPA-North America region’s priorities, there is an ongoing necessity for raising public awareness of current IUCN standards and resolutions and reminding Parties of their commitments to meet them. The IUCN membership needs to be more organized and more vocal of government actions (or inactions) leading up to the 2020 UNCBD COP in China.
- The representatives of the National Committees of the IUCN in Canada and Mexico, and now USA, should coordinate efforts to develop a powerful voice for an aspiring Post 2020 Global Biodiversity framework and for an action oriented IUCN Programme of Work (2020-2023).

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

- The WCPA membership in North America continues to increase, totally 557 to date (Canada: 170; USA 336; and Mexico 51). With more active members coming on board, especially with the engagement of protected area professionals from the MPA field, geographically from Mexico, and new YPs from all 3 countries.
- By continuing to identify specific areas of specialization in the new Membership Portal, Regional Vice Chairs will be able to guide new members to Commission’s priorities, allowing the better alignment of members’ interests. Hopefully, this aspect of the Portal will be functional in 2020.

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

### Publications:

- Commission members have published many articles to the PARKS journal, Protecting the Planet and Panorama, and other IUCN newsletters, resulting in a fair increase in the number of published stories from the North America region. The new #NatureForAll web site also has many new stories on parks and protected areas.
**Presentations:**
- WCPA presentations were given at many venues, including the Canadian Committee of the IUCN, CBD-WCPA workshop (Vilm, Germany), IMPAC5 committee, WCPA Steering Committee, Canadian Parks Conference and to senior delegation from China for the development of their national park system at the Berkeley University’s Parks People and Biodiversity Institute.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- A communications plan, focusing on the WCPA’s 60th anniversary in 2020, was developed by the ad hoc Communications Group and presented to the WCPA Steering Committee for approval. A greater emphasis on social media is recommended, to better disseminate messages, photos and videos to connect with a much larger audience.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- The new (one year old) WCPA website can be a useful tool for information dissemination and engagement of members, yet, it has not received much input from the membership, despite some prompting. Perhaps the WCPA 60th anniversary can help raise awareness with members to create a more vibrant website.
- A 2019 WCPA- North America newsletter was issued as an approach to link up with the membership and to publicize protected area news and events.

**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*
- Vice Chair, WCPA – North America Region
- ad hoc Communication Group for overhauling the Commission website and for drafting communication plan for WCPA 60th anniversary
- Support #NatureForAll initiative including the global survey on “Why I love Parks’
- Canadian Committee of the IUCN
- Steering Committee of IMPAC5
- IUCN Congress Motions Reviewer and Facilitator

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2019** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)*
- All the allocated COF funds were used for WCPA activities, with additional travel and accommodation support from personal sources. The Financial Report has been submitted.

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2019 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)*
- In-kind support from WCPA members for newsletter and meetings.

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)*
- 60 days

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*
- Explored opportunities from CC-IUCN members to fund WCPA activities, such as #NatureForAll, Youth Champions, Protected Planet pavilion, etc...).

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020**
*(There will be a new IUCN Work Programme for 2020-2023. Once finalized and approved by members at the IUCN WCC, new WCPA goals and activities for 2020 can then be established, in collaboration with the new Chair and GPAP)*

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**
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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**
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- While there was some positive news in the North America region in 2019, reports continue to come out regarding the threats to US public lands, and national parks specifically. [https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jan/10/public-lands-reporting-2020-help-raise-1m](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/jan/10/public-lands-reporting-2020-help-raise-1m)

- Much time and effort in 2020 will be dedicated to the development of a robust and effective Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at the CBD preparatory meetings, IUCN WCC, UN Oceans Conference, leading up to COP15. The positions of the WCPA need to be put forward at all these forums and others, to influence the outcome. WCPA should identify and work with Parties, in all regions, whose positions align with those of the Commission, in the CBD negotiations. Further, WCPA must also push back on Party positions which are not science-based and go counter to the goals of the CBD.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019  *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- Due to the health issues I was not able to visit any conferences myself.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS  *(Comment on progress on goals set for 2019. Add more lines if needed)*

- Number of WCPA members in the region is 51. Members represent Governments, NGOs, Academia, National Parks, Nature Reserves.
- 3 newsletters were done. Facebook group was established to deliver information to members faster (25 members, currently).
- Information about IUCN and WCPA activities in the region was announced at the conferences in Sochi and Petrozavodsk, Russia.
- Together with the EcoCenter “Zapovedniks” was organised the conference for the “Friends of PA’s” (children and volunteers who are helping protected areas).
- Members of WCPA in the region took part in the Whole Russian Volunteers congress, and delivered information about what is UICN.
- 3 webinars about the role of volunteers an nature protection development were held.

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)*

- 51 members.

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

**Publications:**

- No data

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Facebook group for faster communication with the WCPA members in the region was established.
- Information about WCPA was placed in the most popular group about Russian protected areas.

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

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### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020

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### FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2019

WCPA Oceania has had a mixed year.

We continue to attract members with around 50 new members in 2019 including growth in both New Zealand and the Pacific Islands. In Australia in particular WCPA Members are prominent in all policy forums and centrally involved in a major conservation issues.

However, particularly in Australia there remains major challenges from political disengagement, from environmental and climate change issues and some regressive steps in protected area policy. 2019 tragically has culminated in the four month bushfire emergency which has engulfed the biodiversity rich forested regions, including many World Heritage Areas. This is a catastrophic event for conservation in this part of the world with massive and likely permanent damage to its ecosystems and unique wildlife. Protected areas have been hard hit and are likely to suffer the reactive and scientifically wrong backlash of populist politics which calls for heavy and frequent burning, forest ‘thinning’ and increased land clearing.

WCPA Oceania is a major distributor of protected areas information across Oceania with 4 substantial newsletters and other posts. These newsletters not only contain items of international, regional and national interest, but set out opportunities for member involvement and reminders of how best to contribute and engage with WCPA. Oceania is well represented in most SGs and TFs but principally from Australia.

Through the year VC has represented WCPA and its goals with many key figures from government and non-government IUCN members. She serves on the IUCN Oceania Valuing and Conserving Nature Technical Advisory Group and the Protected Areas Working Group of the Pacific Islands Roundtable. She plays a role in communicating issues concerning World Heritage to the IUCN World Heritage Unit. The VC plays a significant role in assisting with the convening of meetings on environmental topics.

Major meetings this year have been:

- Feb- March Green List Meeting Brisbane, + WCPA Members Meeting + Meeting with Queensland Environment Minister , Leanne Enoch
- March Brisbane, Participant in ACIUCN CBD 2030 Targets Forum
- Meeting Biodiversity Trust of NSW to discuss funding of private land conservation in NSW
- March, Melbourne Participation in World Protected Areas Leaders Forum with focus on PA Tourism management.
- April Arranged and accompanied WCPA Chair to Tasmania on field trip with Parks Tasmania and Tasmanian Land Trust + held a WCPA members Meeting
- April Meeting with National Parks Foundation CEO Ian Derbyshire.
• May, participated WCPA Steering Committee, Amboseli Kenya.
• June – personal travel
• July, participated in IUCN Oceania Regional Forum in Suva Fiji, presented on WCPA in Oceania
• September, participated in ACIUCN symposium on Healthy People in a Healthy Environment Brisbane.
• August /September Meetings with Australian Conservation Foundation, TNC, Parks Victoria, Melbourne
• October, Attended Australian Private Land Conservation Conference in Adelaide.

The VC is an active member of the SC and takes a leadership role with other RVCs. She serves on the Executive and monitors governance issues, and contributes to Youth mentoring and Communications issues. She successfully nominated the Chair for the prestigious Midori Prize which has received considerable media exposure and flow on benefits to the standing of both the Chair and the Commission

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 6 newsletters. Australians in particular are prominent in many WCPA Specialists and Task Forces there are regular messages urging members to get more involved. Our renewal rate was good and many new members have joined. 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 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 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.

Several WCPA members including the VC were the drafters and editors of the 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.) This persistent championship of the National Reserve System has contributed to a major forum by the Commonwealth on its future.

**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:
• Revueing governance and was primary drafter of the 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

**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

**Presentations:**
- The major events where the VC has presented this year are:
  - March Queensland Members Meeting Brisbane
  - March Biodiversity Trust of NSW
  - April Tasmanian Members Meeting Hobart
  - Steering Committee in Amboseli – Regional Report and Governance issues
  - July IUCN Oceania Regional Forum on WCPA Key directions and value presentation,

**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 New Zealand and the Pacific. In 2019 there were 4 newsletters and a number of other significant posts to our list server.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- My newsletter is sent to Geneva and often stories are picked up. Members are frequently encourage people to contribute to Parks, Panorama and the Protected Planet Newsletter.

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

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

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**Funds raised /**
I have not raised any specific funds in the name of WCPA in 2019.

**In-kind value**
- Effectively I work on WCPA matters as a part time job. I would spend a minimum of 24-32 hours a week. I also donate a good deal of personal costs which I do not claim. Note in 2019 the VC had two periods of lower activity, first in June for family travel and then for the final 3 months of 2019 where her mobility and availability was curtailed by surgery and complications. However she stayed involved to some degree via email and skype.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline**
None at this point
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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 2019 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

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

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(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
REPORT ON GOALS FOR 2019 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

**Goal 1: Continue to strengthen WCPA, especially presence in New Zealand and the Pacific**
- I changed the focal point in NZ and have maintained more frequent communication with focal points for New Zealand and Pacific. However I still retain concerns that they are not adequately representing WCPA and recruiting new members.
- Attendance at the IUCN Regional Forum in Fiji to maintain and strengthen relationships with IUCN ORO and Pacific leaders. The PA community is growing in numbers and vigor in the Pacific which creates a positive momentum which has been lacking in the past. During the meeting the VC vigorously promoted WCPA membership to Pacific and NZ members. I followed up my personal invitations with letters to some 15 people.
- I have been disappointed in the efforts to increase membership in PNG given its immense importance for biodiversity. This will remain a goal in 2020.
- The VC has assiduously continued efforts to recruit new Indigenous members in region with some success.
- The VC maintains regular contact with YP focal point to recruit and mobilise YP members in Oceania – though activity not as vigorous as I would like.

**Goal 2: Further the goal to ensure that ‘The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people’**
- WCPA assisted ACIUCN Parks Victoria, Queensland Parks to organize a major forum on PA social values in mid-2019. It was a very successful meeting and an output will be published in early 2020.
- The VC contributed to the published policy output.

**Goal 3: Continue to press for Australia to lift its entire conservation effort**
- An honest assessment is that WCPA has not been able to make significant progress on conservation policy at the federal government level in Australia. Some states continue to take positive steps such as the achievement of World Heritage status for Budj Bim in Victoria and the closure of the climb on Uluru. The Indigenous PA and private land sectors remain vigorous and are promoting excellent innovative governance models often with state governments. WCPA is a constant champion of these areas distributing their information and promoting their models in all representations. The pursuit of in situ conservation in large fenced enclosures is gaining ground and will be an important tool given the catastrophic loss of wildlife in the fires.

**Goal 4: Continue to champion innovation in new governance and financing models**
- The VC personally and WCPA more generally are strong champions of Indigenous land and sea management in all Oceania precincts and its political and financial support.

**Goal 5: Encourage more subgroups of members to enhance our capacity to put in submissions to important documents**
- I had hoped that WCPA might be more active in making submissions but I have not managed to delegate this task this year.

**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**
- Unfortunately we had little success in Australia with reinvigorating this debate as the federal government has taken a strong climate denial position and media is dominated by climate denial. The Pacific is a different story where climate is a live issue with all PI nations and the natural solution approach is better integrated into PA discussions.
## GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION

### Goal 1: Continue to strengthen WCPA, especially presence in New Zealand and the Pacific
- Urge focal points for New Zealand and Pacific to more actively represent WCPA and recruit new members
- Replace key Pacific focal point with IUCN lead on Protected Areas. Appoint further focal points
- Convene a forum with DOC NZ to promote WCPA Membership and objectives and to interest DOC in Green List application – planned for late February.
- Organise Chair’s role in the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas - a significant nature conservation event for the Pacific Islands region to maintain and strengthen IUCN WCPA relationships with IUCN ORO, SPREP and Pacific leaders.
- Accompany Chair to Meeting to promote WCPA Membership and goals.
- Continue efforts to increase membership in PNG given its immense importance for biodiversity.
- Continue efforts to recruit new Indigenous members in all regions
- Maintain regular contact with YP focal point to recruit and mobilize YP members in Oceania

### Goal 2: Take an active role in defending the interests of the Australian Protected Area system and policy in the wake of the 2019/20 Fire emergency.
- Initially work to strongly counter anti protected area campaign of some forces and proposals to increase environmental destruction like regular burning, forest logging and land clearing which will cause environmental damage.
- Distribute and reinforce the many good scientific papers and commentaries which refute negative messages about protected areas.
- WCPA will mobilise its experts and work with others to convene a forum to produce a science based and rational strategy with clear priorities to maximize the recovery of ecosystems both in PAs and beyond.
- WCPA will make a submission to the Royal Commission into the Australian Fire Disaster of 2019/20
- Develop and distribute widely a published policy output

### Goal 3: Assist in production of World Heritage Outlook
- WCPA Oceania members have been diligent in assisting the Outlook Report. This remains an important role especially in the context of major damage to World Heritage Areas from the fire emergency and other threats such as the potential flooding of areas of the Greater Blue Mountains WHA.

### Goal 4: Continue to champion innovation in new governance and financing models
- Continue to be a strong champion of Indigenous land and sea management and its political and financial support and Private Protected Areas in our region.
- Endeavour to engage better with the iwi of New Zealand and build Maori membership

### Goal 5: 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
- In the wake of the Australian fire disaster we need to reinvigorate our efforts to ensure PAs are understood as vital in mitigation and coping with climate change not as a victim of climate
- Ensure the many Oceania experts on climate change are members of the natural solutions SG.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- Given that there will be a substantial change over in WCPA SC in June I believe an induction package could be developed to assist both the Chair and VCs better understand their roles and undertake their work.
- The Go to Meeting facility is a real asset but more SC members could use the facility to strengthen collegiate exchange.
- The RVCs and SGs are still having difficulties melding their work and tend to work in silos. We need to enhance these linkages perhaps by requesting that SGs notify RVCs when they have accepted a new member and RVCs being explicitly required to look for new recruits to SGs and TFs.
- An explicit focal point within WCPA governance on Indigenous and community controlled PAs would be a great asset.
- The Australian fire disaster raises many issues for advocates of PAs. I would recommend to the new chair that climate change responses might be prioritized in the agenda of the Commission. It may also be better to ‘pull out’ climate change as a stand-alone SG, not just part of Natural Solutions, as it is immense as a topic – this might also attract higher numbers.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT**

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OVERVIEW OF 2018 (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). This was also linked with the preparation of India’s 6th National Report to the CBD, for which extensive consultations were held with a range of stakeholders. India has submitted the NR6 to the CBD in which I have provided substantial inputs.

- 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 868 Protected Areas (104 National Parks, 550 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 87 Conservation Reserves and 127 Community Reserves) covering 1,65,088.10 km² or 5.02% 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” (OECM). 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.

- India has established and institutionalized a process of Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of all its protected areas and network of tiger reserves. In 2019, India completed the 4th cycle of MEE of Tiger Reserves.

- The year also saw the completion of Phase I of the UNDP led Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN). Policy Institutional Review (PIR) and Biodiversity Expenditure Review (BER) were conducted as part of BIOFIN projects, which have provided interesting insights into biodiversity related expenditure being made by India.

- As a representative of RVC, South Asia, Dr. S. Sathyakumar (WII) participated in the WCPA Asia SC meeting held at Bangkok on 27.07.2019 and provided inputs.
**PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS** *(Comment on progress on goals set for 2019. Add more lines if needed)*

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

- The undersigned along with my WII colleague, Dr. S. Sathyakumar provided technical support 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.

- Technical support was provided to Assam, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana State Biodiversity Boards 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

- Further work on developing MEE Framework for Coastal and Marine Protected Areas including Marine World Heritage Sites was undertaken and a draft final version is now ready.

**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 29 applications were received for WCPA membership, which were carefully reviewed and 16 members from India (11), Nepal (5) 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 senior 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.

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

**Publications:**


**Presentations:**

- Strategic Stakeholder Communication

**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.

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

- Technical support for preparation of State of Conservation (SoC) report for Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area in India and Manas World Heritage Sites.

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2018** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2019 and use financial report for details)*
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Efforts were made but these were not successful.

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

I have worked for more than 15 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 2020**

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| IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature |
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| 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 |
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| (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 | 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 |

| 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 |
GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)

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REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- During the reporting period considerable work on natural world heritage conservation was undertaken by u/s for building capacity of professionals engaged in managing protected areas and world heritage sites in the country in the South Asian region, which has given good outcomes. These efforts have to be continued, upscaled and strengthened. Further, efforts will be needed to expand the WCPA membership in the region.

- The undersigned also worked as the Director of UNESCO Category 2 Centre at WII and took up tasks / activities for promoting nature-culture journeys.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Membership of WCPA in South Asia has increased to about 50% for the last 2 years. The Green List process in Malaysia and Vietnam has helped with promotion and recruitment of new members. Additionally, new members also joined WCPA based on recommendation of specialist groups leaders or members. Therefore, it can be expected that the new members will actively participate or contribute to the works of thematic groups or specialist groups of the WCPA.

The works of WCPA on developing criteria for OECM can help promoting WCPA in the region. A capacity building workshop on OECM in the ASEAN context led by the Task Force Leader (Harry Jonas) has been delivered in November 2019 in collaboration with ACB, WWF, and IUCN. Prior to that, in April 2019, the RVC for SE Asia had the opportunity to provide inputs to the regional workshop also held by ACB in Manila aiming to accelerate progress on Aichi Target 11 by ASEAN member countries.

In addition, the fifth APAP (Asia Protected Areas Partnership) technical workshop held in October 2019, Malaysia also promoted the use of the IUCN WCPA Best Practice Guidelines on Tourism and Visitor Management in Protected Areas published in 2018. Under the auspices of APAP, the workshop was generously hosted by Sabah Parks, with the financial support of the Korea National Park Service and the technical assistance of the IUCN WCPA Tourism and Protected Areas Specialist (TAPAS) Group. IUCN Asia Regional Office provided support as the APAP Secretariat.

Looking into the future, such regional workshops will help promoting WCPA and its works in the region.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

- **Goal 1. Support implementation of Green List in Malaysia and Vietnam**

  The EAGL for Malaysia was formed in 2017 consisting of 10 experts from Sabah (7), Peninsular (1), and Sarawak (2). WWF Malaysia has been serving as the secretariat of the Green List process. As of September 2019, it is reported that there 5 sites in Sabah, Malaysia that have registered their interest to be assessed for Green List. They are: Tun Mustapha Park, Sugud Islands Marine Conservation Area, Danum Valley Conservation Area, Sook Lake Forest Reserve and Jagoi Heritage Forest. Additional 3 experts have joined the EAGL since August 2019.

  The EAGL for Vietnam was formed in 2018 consisting of 13 members. IUCN Vietnam Country
Office has been serving as the secretariat. There are 4 potential sites to be assessed for Green List. They are: Van Long, Cat Tien, Con Dao, and Pu Mat.

- **Goal 2. Promote OECM**
  
  Promote conserved areas (OECM) for meeting Aichi Target 11 in ASEAN countries

- **Goal 3. Support the preparation of Asia Park Congress**
  
  Participate in the first International SC meeting.

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

- Total members to date: 104. Green List process in Malaysia and Vietnam contributed to the recruitment of new members.

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

**Publications:**
- None

**Presentations:**
- ACB Regional Workshop on Accelerating Progress Aichi Target 11; Presentation: What can be done until 2020, Manila, 22 April 2019
- IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee Meeting; Presentation: Brief Update on WCPA, Islamabad, 8 August 2019
- IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum; Presentation: Brief Update on WCPA Progress and Plan, Islamabad, 7 November 2019

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- None

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
- Review 1 submitted paper to PARKS

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

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  - None

- **In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)**
  - 15 days (approximately)

- **Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)**
  - None
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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| (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 | 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 |

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 |
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### REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020

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### FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019
(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

A key highlight was the involvement in the initial preparatory process of the African protected areas congress (APAC), that was in the end unfortunately postponed to 2021. Our group actively contributed to key meetings such as the WCPA SC meeting in Amboseli in Kenya, the APAC leaders meeting, the West and Central Africa regional IUCN forum, the “Beyond Aichi target” meeting and to numerous other initiatives aiming at establishing national and regional PAs observatories.

Another highlight in 2019 are the positive developments in marine conservation with the official launching of MPAs establishment in several countries (Togo, Benin, Cote d’Ivoire) which were received the support of WCPA members, following the EBSAs identification and description and also the establishment of the Green list national EAGLE group in Nigeria.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS
(Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1 : Engage in the preparation and organization of the APAC

Highest priority this year was to contribute to the African congress on protected areas initially planned for November 2019. Our regional coordination group was actively involved in the congress promotion, in initial discussions aiming at engaging key stakeholders and decision makers from the region, through the identification of or as thematic leaders and as members of working groups of the international APAC steering committee.

Unfortunately, the congress had to be postponed to 2021, but the group stays motivated to make it a successful congress.

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1 With Florence Palla, Mallé Diagana, Nelly Houts, Youssouph Diedhiou, Yves Olatoundji, Dode H. M. Houehounha
**Goal 2 : Increased communication on the value of Pas and OECMs**

Planned activities under this goal included participating and contributing to the regional conservation forum, organize or contribute to national, regional and international activities and engage in meetings on post 2020 at the regional and international level.

Several WCPA members from West and Central Africa, including representatives of the Young professionals attended the IUCN Regional conservation forum in Bissau from July 8th to 11th 2019 and actively participated to the discussions and contributed to the next quadrennial programme review. A presentation was made on the WCPA’s mission and activities in the region while inciting young leaders to join the commission.

Our group was involved in several other key activities aiming at promoting and strengthening protected areas; including the following:

- **Two members attended the WCPA SC annual meeting in Amboseli, Kenya**
- **A member from our region attended the Meeting for furthering the Global partnership on the Aichi target 11 in Vilm, Germany**
- **Support to the development of a MOOC on MPAs**
  Together with IUCN PAPACO and WCPA marine vice chair, we have been working on the design of the structure and the content of the MOOC and also on the identification of potential key speakers and experts. The MOOC is expected to start on 2020
- **Support the categorization process of protected areas in DRC**
  Within the framework of the Support Programme for the Network of Protected Areas (PARAP), the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN) in collaboration with WWF requested IUCN-PAPACO to support the process of improving the management and governance of these protected areas by the IUCN categorization of the DRC protected areas. It is worth noting that several staff members of ICCN are also WCPA members.
- **Support the process of setting up the West African Biodiversity and Protected Areas Observatory, in the framework of Biopama project**
  The creation of an observatory for protected areas and biodiversity has the main objective of improving the long-term conservation of biodiversity in West Africa. One of the main features of this observatory will be a regional reference information system that will enable better management of scientific data and information to improve policies and decision-making on issues related to biodiversity conservation and protected area management in the region. The establishment of this observatory could be an opportunity for collaboration within the framework of the development of the green list in West African countries. Indeed, the data from the observatory could be used in the analysis of the context of the protected areas involved in the green list and the state of conservation of their major values.
- **Several commission members were involved in the conception, drafting and review of the of the “state of MPAs in West Africa” to be published by the regional network of MPAs (RAMPAGO) in 2020 with the support of Biopama**
• The process of drafting the “state of protected areas in Central Africa” has accelerated for an exit in 2020, also with the support of BIOPAMA

• Support the establishment of an observatory in Diawling National Park in Mauritania. Together with the already existing observatory in Banc d’Arguin national park, this will improve knowledge on the dynamics of the Mauritanian PAs.

• After several trainings on the identification and description of Ecologically or Biologically Marine Significant Areas conducted with the involvement of WCPA members from the region, many sites have been identified and described and management measures defined to establish MPAs, for instance in the "bouche du Roy" in Benin and the “Grand Bereby” in Cote d'Ivoire. In the meantime, capacities are developed in MPA management. In addition, WCPA members contributed to trainings on Marine Spatial Planning and the elaboration of the state of the marine environment (SoME). In the meantime, the initiative to establish transboundary MPA between Togo and Benin is ongoing with technical support of WCPA members.

• Signature of additional protocols to the Abidjan Convention, namely on integrated coastal zone management, mangrove conservation, land-based pollution and environmental norms and standards for off shore oil and gas activities. Most of these protocols approved under this UNEP regional seas program take PAs into account. In addition, a regional policy document and Action plan is developed, leaded by WCPA members, with the support of GRID Arendal.

• Several training sessions on seagrass monitoring and mapping at regional and country level (Senegal, Sierra Leone and Guinea).

• Young professionals have been actively involved in preparatory process of the Registration of the “Basse Vallée de l’Ouémé, Lagune de Porto-Novo, Lac Nokoué” (RAMSAR Site 1018) as UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve.
Goal 3: Promoting and supporting the Green List of Protected Areas and the World Heritage list

Activities under this goal included engagement with the green list executive committee and support the launching of GL process in additional West and Central African countries

- WCPA members, together with the PAPACO, were involved in technical support to the green list process in Côte d’Ivoire and Senegal. More specifically, this made it possible to analyze the state of implementation of the green list process but also to share Kenya’s experience in our region. In Côte d’Ivoire, the capacities of managers in Comoe, Tai national parks and other stakeholders were strengthened in the implementation of the green list process. In Senegal, 14 protected areas have been identified for green-listing for the next five years and the call for applications for the establishment of the Green List Expert Group in Senegal launched. In Nigeria, the national EAGLE members were selected after a lengthy process.

- Following the meeting held in Cogne in July 2019 under the auspices of the BIOPAMA program, it was agreed that the well-established IMET process in Central Africa could connect with the Green List process in order to optimize its promotion in this region.

- Support states parties to prepare new African nominations in the world heritage list

- WCPA members have contributed to this capacity building programme that is supported by the Africa world heritage Fund, in the preparation of new proposals for English-speaking African sites on the World Heritage List. We have provided guidance to States Parties on the principles of justification of outstanding universal value and comparative analysis. Three natural sites participated in this workshop that involved one West African country: Crosse River-KorupTakamanda National Parks (Cameroon and Nigeria), and East-African countries: Balle Mountain National Park (Ethiopia) and Boma-Badingilo Migratory Landscape (South Sudan). At the end of the programme, the capacities of the representatives of these sites were strengthened in terms of Analysis and choice of criteria; Definition and justification of the concept of integrity; Definition and justification of protection and management systems and Comparative analysis of their sites with other similar sites in the African region and other regions of the world.

- In addition, we have strongly contributed to the elaboration process of the third cycle of the World Heritage Periodic Report for the African region, which will be finalized in 2020.

Goal 4: Further strengthen WCPA members communication and networking at national and regional level, including exchanges with other commission regions/ involvement in SG and TF

This included ensuring the regional newsletter is further produced in two languages and shared throughout the region and beyond, Information sharing on a regular basis through emailing list and promoting members meetings in margin of regional and other gatherings

- The regional Newsletter was regularly published (three issues in 2019) with active contribution of members, particularly from young professionals, to promote members efforts and PAs management

- Members were increasingly engaged in networking with some major MEAs country focal points: CBD, UNFCC, UNCCD

- During the West and Central African IUCN regional forum in July, WCPA members called for more involvement of experts and better collaboration among commissions. We also advocated for strong participation of PAs professionals, especially the younger ones, to the next IUCN Congress in Marseille.

- Representatives of Young Professionals were involved in the WCPA’s 60th anniversary organization along with WCPA Chair for the North America Region.
**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

The regional steering team was strengthened through the inclusion of an additional member with strong Green list and world heritage expertise. We maintained regular coordination meetings (monthly or bi-monthly). These meetings allowed the group to be informed on ongoing initiatives within WCPA and to structure our involvement in the activities organized in the region and beyond.

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

New members were recruited from different sectors and countries. The number of WCPA members as of January 2019 is around **200 from 24 countries**; in January 2019 we registered **182 members from 23 countries**. Recruiting members from Mali is still a challenge, due to the difficult political situation in that country. Additional efforts are needed for that, and also to mobilize PAs and biodiversity professionals from Liberia.

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

**Publications:**
- Three issues of the now biannual regional WCPA newsletter in French and English

**Presentations:**
- Diagana M. 2019 and BA T. «le processus EBSAs et enjeux pour la conservation des ressources marines et cotieres. Ateliers de formation sur les EBSAs ; Cotonou, juin 2019.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**
- WCPA members, as national delegates, are fully involved in the Post-2020 process. Attended in the 1st CBD OWEY meeting in Nairobi (August 2019) and involved in the thematic workshop to develop the next global biodiversity framework
- Our group was involved in the process “Beyond Aichi target”. Two members attended the consultation meeting in Kenya to discuss on how national, regional, and pan-African conservation approaches may build into the Post-2020 process under the Convention on Biological Diversity. The meeting allowed to identify key meetings that WCPA members should join to influence post 2020 process.
- WCPA members are leading or co-leading the development of regional Action plans for the implementation of the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Protocol (ICZM), Integrated Ocean Management (IOM) and Mangrove Protocol, in partnership with UNEP-Abidjan convention, WABICC and WACA projects.
The regional WCPA newsletter was regularly issued and considerably contributed to improving communication on the members activities and on protected areas and biodiversity work in the countries, and also on WCPA activities beyond the region. Three issues were published in French and English.

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

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**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 direct funds requested or raised for WCPA activities; however WCPA members are involved in the implementation of several ongoing projects (eg WACA/world bank, EU, IUCN, UNEP Abidjan convention, MAVA Foundation, national and local...) that support protected areas and biodiversity conservation in numerous countries in the region.

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)*

Around 30 days for the RVC
+ 60 days for the 3 other senior members on the regional steering committee (about 20 days each)
+ 30 days for the three YP members of the regional group who are involved in putting the regional newsletter together (15 days for each).

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

**Goals and Activities for 2020**

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 2020 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
IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Implementing Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

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

GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)

Goal 1: Engage in the preparation and organization of the APAC

This remains a top priority (see reflections below): promotion of the congress, support organizers and working groups, engaging key partners and decision makers, experts identification, preparation & supporting partners to attend and contribute to content

Goal 2: Increased communication on the value of and support initiatives to strengthen PAs and OECMs in the countries

Contribute to national, regional and international initiatives to support PAs and OECMs
Further engage in post 2020 process at the regional and international level
### Goal 3: Promoting and supporting the Green List of Protected Areas and the World Heritage list

**Green list**
- Further support GL process in Senegal, Nigeria and launch in Guinea-Bissau
- Contribute to capacity building for EAGLE
- Contribute to the green list executive committee
- Contribute to link IMET process e with Green List

**World Heritage**
- Further support national initiatives to prepare new nominations in the world heritage list

### Goal 4: Further strengthen WCPA members communication and networking at national and regional level, including exchanges with other commission regions/ involvement in SG and TF

- Ensure regular publication and distribution of regional newsletter throughout the region and beyond
- Information sharing on a regular basis through emailing list
- Promote members meetings in margin of regional and other gatherings
- Support communication on and with SG and TF missions and activities

### Goal 5: Support preparation and delivery of key regional and international meetings

- RAMPAO General Assembly in Nouakchott, Mauritania (February 2020) and regional partnership for coastal and marine conservation forum in Bissau, Guinea Bissau (March 2020)
- Abidjan convention conference of Parties in Pointe Noire, Congo (May 2020)
- IUCN Congres in Marseille, France (June 2020)
- Next 2 OEWG on the post 2020 process in China and Colombia.
- Organize or contribute to regional meetings to prepare CBD CoP 15 in Kunming, China, (2020/Date: TBD)

### Reflections, Suggestions and Recommendations for 2020

- Call for support to ensure young professionals’ participation in major global and regional meetings in 2020: IUCN congress, CBD CPOP15, UNFCC COP, ...
- Ensure better preparation of the APAC / there is a need for a new, clear roadmap towards the congress (with venue, dates and themes), with the strong engagement of the host country’s authorities and key decision makers and WCPA members from the region. An update on the APAC preparation will be made in each regional newsletter issue
- Need for continued efforts to improve communication between WCPA regional and thematic (specialist groups/task forces) leaders in order to considerably enhance the commission members involvement and contribution in the relevant SG/TF and better value the regional knowledge and expertise

**Feedback by Commission Chair on report** *(comments will be sent via email)*
Themes
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

The year has been mixed, with some encouraging progress and some setbacks.

We are making great progress on ensuring better capacity support for rangers around the world, including establishing an international coalition of NGOs to support rangers. Our competence work continues to be widely used and Mike Appleton have made well received presentations on professionalisation at a range or events. However, plans to put together a WCPA guide on professionalisation have not come together yet.

Eleanor Sterling and Ryan Finchum have been making great progress on the evaluation work and Alejandra Pero has been highly active with the work on indigenous peoples and local communities. Marianne Carter and colleagues have been leading a big surge of interest in leadership.

The Facebook group is now nearing 5000 members and encourages a lot of good feedback.

We have had some disappointments.

- Despite our best efforts, nothing has come of the work we hoped to do with BIOPAMA. There were unforeseen delays beyond our control and the opportunity has now passed.
- The sudden departure of Jonathan Baillie from National Geographic has put into jeopardy the initiative on online learning for PA management and a global initiative on conservation leadership into which I (and others) had invested a lot of time.
- Most proposals from the group for the WCC were rejected, but a few relevant and very good ones did go through.

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

PROFESSIONALISATION

General

- Progress on the BPG on professionalization has been disappointing, as the authors have either been too busy or have dropped out. We need to revitalize this in 2020
- MA has made keynote addresses on professionalization at conferences in London, Lima and in Nepal
- MA is leading author on a paper on professionalization in conservation to be published in Oryx in 2020

Competence

- The competence register continues to generate a lot of positive feedback. We are planning a global survey of use of the competence register in 2020.
- Following requests at the Latin America Parks Congress, we have found funds for translating the competence register to Spanish and are about to make a contract. Translation to Nepalese has also been completed.
- There have been delays with development of the app for the competence register, but it will be
ready for the WCC

- MA is providing advice for development of similar registers for species recovery management and for the use of SMART conservation software.

**Rangers**

- Good progress has been made on supporting ranger capacity. WCPA is part of a group planning to establish an international coalition of NGOs to support rangers and implement the Chitwan Declaration from the World Ranger Congress.

**Organisational Capacity (Marianne Carter)**

Marianne and Mike attended ‘New Directions in Conservation Leadership’ workshop in Cambridge with 23 different organisations who run conservation leadership programmes attending to discuss future opportunities and needs for capacity building in this area.

Marianne and Mike co-organised/attended global conservation capacity conference in London July/August 2019. Marianne gave the keynote speech, organised the world café session including an organisational development world café table and the market place, which had an organisational development stall amongst many others relevant.

Marianne ran a training session with the Klaus Toepfer fellows on organisational development, drawing on organisational development theory of change developed in Vilm previously.

Marianne submitted a proposal for campus session for WCC in Marseille (which was accepted)- focus on leadership, but includes organisational aspects of that.

In May 2019, Marianne held a networking event attended by seven organisations, giving people the opportunity to discuss and analyse the different approaches and challenges to building the capacity of government conservation organisations, as opposed to with NGOs. With FFI we have now a fully drafted organisational capacity assessment for government conservation oriented organisations (akin to the one developed for NGOs with capacityforconservation.org) - it is ready to trial.

We sent out a survey to identify small, inexpensive things that organisations have done that have helped strengthen their organisational capacity. We received some good responses (over 80) and intend to make cartoons of these and post the best (that would be relevant to the biggest audiences) on social media in 2020.

**EVALUATION OF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (Eleanor Sterling and Ryan Finchum)**

The Working Group on capacity development evaluation continued to make progress towards its goals in 2019.

During the winter semester, Dr. Sterling and colleagues at the American Museum of Natural History worked in collaboration with Colorado State University faculty to facilitate a second consecutive graduate-level course developed around assessing and coding the literature on capacity development evaluation. The initial fall semester class was so successful that the majority of students signed on again for the one-credit class. After the semester ended, several students have continued to collaborate on the project through additional coding, data analysis, and synthesis. In July 2019, members of the group attended the Capacity Building for Conservation Conference in London, hosted by the Zoological Society of London. Dr. Sterling was on the conference’s organizing committee/ Working Group. Together with CBC Biodiversity Specialist Amanda Sigouin, they presented a well-received invited talk on how to evaluate capacity development, and led two interactive “World Café” sessions on the same theme. Dr. Sterling was also invited to moderate a panel with donor representatives on defining and measuring the success of efforts in capacity development in conservation.
The team continues to make progress on a comprehensive review of the available case studies of capacity development evaluation. Members have sifted through over a thousand studies from the peer-reviewed and grey literature to identify those that provide relevant evidence. Ultimately 85 case studies were deemed codeable for which a thematic coding process was used to extract data for 30 different fields, covering general information on each study (geography, sector) as well as information on the capacity development intervention, evaluation methods, types of data and analyses, and outputs and outcomes measured. These results will be distilled into two papers: (i) one providing an overall landscape view of capacity development evaluation; and (ii) one that provides qualitative insights to guide practitioners and organizations looking to improve evaluation of capacity development efforts.

**Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (Alejandra Pero)**

The IPLC Working Group expanded its core membership in 2019. We now have 17 core members and have included the CEESP and CEC chairs as members. There’s been quite a bit of knowledge sharing among the group over the course of the year. When possible, we have posted newsletters and publications received from our core members on the IUCN IPLC resource webpage.

We held two side events cosponsored by IUCN WCPA at the 2019’s Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York

- Mainstreaming the contribution of Traditional Knowledge and Biological and Cultural Diversity for the implementation of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Highlighting Local Approaches to Protecting and Transmitting Indigenous Knowledge

In October 2019 AMNH CBC and WCPA held a webinar series on Indicators of Well-being using the zoom platform- it was a great success and was well-attended. The recording is available here: [http://amnh.org/indicatorswebinar](http://amnh.org/indicatorswebinar).

We were hoping to hold a webinar series on legal capacity and literacy in 2019, however scheduling became a challenge so we hope to move ahead in 2020. We’re working with Jennifer Kelleher (IUCN) and Sandy Paterson from University of Cape Town. The webinar will be hosted through an IUCN platform and co-sponsored by our IPLC group.

At the Montreal-CBD Working Group on Article 8j in November Alejandra Pero made a presentation to plenary: “Contribution of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, and cultural diversity to the post 2020 global biodiversity framework”. We also held a side event: Mainstreaming Biological and Cultural Diversity – Nature and Culture – into the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Unfortunately, the events we proposed to the WCC didn't get approved. We are hoping to find a way to hold them in other venues, which we are exploring through the Equator Initiative.
### ENABLING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
Capacity Group members have been closely involved in several major capacity events in 2019

- **New Directions in Conservation Leadership Seminar.** Cambridge. Mike Appleton and Marianne Carter contributed.
- **Latin America Parks Congress October 2019.** Allan Valverde did a tremendous job as one of the key organisers of the highly successful Congress (he was responsible for the programme). Mike Appleton made a keynote presentation on professionalization. Following the Congress Mike and Allan have been working with a group from REDPARKUES to advance the implementation of the Strategic Framework on Capacity Development in Latin America.
- **World Ranger Congress.** November 2019 Mike Appleton contributed and made a keynote presentation on professionalization and facilitated a workshop.

A lot of time and effort was devoted by Mike Appleton (and also by Nigel Dudley) to the project with ZSL and National Geographic on a comprehensive global online course on PA management. The first course on Biodiversity Conservation was completed and the course on Conservation Action was almost completed too. However, the departure of Jonathan Baillie from NGS in late 2019 has put the whole programme in jeopardy and all action is suspended for the time being. MA has made it clear that the materials that have been produced have not had the final approval of WCPA. It will be a real shame if this initiative now fails. If it does start again, we have learned a lot in the last year and would make a lot of changes to the process for developing any future courses. I imagine this will be in the hands of the new WCPA Chair.

We have continued to promote opportunities for capacity develop through the Facebook group.

### 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)*

We have continued to promote membership of WCPA.

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

**Publications:**
No specific publications this year.

**Presentations:**

- **Capacity for Conservation Conference, London**
  - Key Note address by Marianne Carter.
  - Presentation on Professionalisation by Mike Appleton
  - Presentation of Evaluation by Eleanor Sterling

- **Latin America Parks Congress, Peru**
  - Keynote on professionalisation by Mike Appleton

- **World Ranger Congress, Nepal**
  - Keynote on professionalisation by Mike Appleton

- **Montreal- CBD Working Group on Article 8j.**
  - “Contribution of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, and cultural diversity to the post 2020 global biodiversity framework” by Alejandra Pero.
**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- **Contributions to media, website, newsletter**
  
  The Facebook group PA and Conservation Learning News has continued to thrive and we are now approaching 5000 members (more than double the membership from last year).

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

- None

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2018 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2018 for WCPA activities)**

**Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2018 and use financial report for details)**

Total expenditure from COF in 2019 was as follows:

- Funds available: CHF 5,000 + CHF 1,426 carried over from 2018 = CHF 6426
- Expenditure: CHF 5,438
- Carried over to 2020: CHF 988

**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)**

- Global Wildlife Conservation supported Mike Appleton’s attendance at the Latin America Parks Congress (approx. CHF2500) and the World Ranger Congress (approx. CHF 2,000).
- The value of support from UNDP and others to the work of the IPLC group amounts to at least $5000.
- From the remuneration to Global Wildlife Conservation for the work done by Mike Appleton on the global online protected area training programme, GBP6,500 has been allocated to WCPA.

**In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)**

- Mike Appleton and Eleanor Sterling have each spent around 30-40 days on WCPA issues.
- Other team members have all spent around 10-15 days each.
- Total from the group: 200 days.

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

- None

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**

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 2019 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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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 | 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

(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

**GOALS FOR 2019 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

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

**Goal 1: Professionalisation**

**Competences**

- We will complete and launch the competences App.
- We will complete translations of the competence register into Spanish
- We will conduct a global review of the use of the competence register and hopefully publish a paper on the results.

**Organisational Capacity**

- At the WCC the organizational group will lead a campus session focused on support, courses and resources for conservation capacity & leadership (which will specifically include OD), find ways to promoting connections and networks of support for capacity building at the congress.
- We will trial capacity assessment for government organisations, including willing WCPA members.
- With FFI, we will post cartoons on social media which promote small, inexpensive positive things you can do to improve conservation organisations (gathered from WCPA members amongst others).
- We will be coordinating an (open access) Oryx special issue on capacity building, aiming to be published end 2020 based on some of the work put together for the 2019 global capacity conference.

**Rangers**

We plan to be a partner in the global coalition to support rangers planned for the World Conservation Congress (along with WCPA, members include GWC, ZSL, FFI, Panthera, WWF, Force
for Nature). This will include an action plan for achieving the objectives of the Chitwan Declaration arising from the World Ranger Congress in 2019 and a range of major global and regional initiatives.

**Goal 2: Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities**

In the first half of 2020 we expect to move ahead with: i) the legal literacy webinar, ii) continued information exchange among our members, and iii) attention on WCC.

We’d also like to explore the possibility of a tool/learning resource/case studies - i.e. some kind of output that could emerge from the webinar on legal capacity development which could potentially be launched at the WCC.

**Goal 3: Evaluating Capacity Development**

During the coming year, the team plans to share the results of its work through planned published papers as well as at relevant global conferences such as the World Conservation Congress in Marseilles, France. Additional resources will be sought to share outcomes of this work in other formats as well, such as an open-access online directory highlighting capacity development evaluation case studies, approaches and tools.

**Goal 4: Enabling Capacity Development**

We will continue to support and develop the Facebook group providing access to opportunities for Capacity Development.

We will continue to provide advice and support upon request to programmes providing training on PA management.

Mike Appleton and Eleanor Sterling will be teaching at the Protected Areas Academy course in Austria in July.

We will do what we can to revive the initiative with ZSL and NGS to develop a global online training programme on PA management.

At the WCC, we plan to have a presence throughout at the IUCN PAPACO organised stand on conservation capacity, organising a range of meetings and activities. We will also have a presence at least two major events:

- 3038 - Building resilient and innovative conservation leaders for the future (led by Cambridge Conservation Forum and Others)
- 2397 - Advances in online and blended training in conservation (led by ZSL)

**Goal 5: General/Organisational**

We await the outcome of the election of the new WCPA Chair to determine the future role if the Capacity Group. We are planning a group meeting at the World Conservation Congress.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

As mentioned, this has been a mixed year with some successes and some setbacks. All of the group are full time conservation practitioners and therefore struggle at times to achieve the goals we set ourselves with WCPA. I am not sure this is ever going to change, but we all do our best to integrate WCPA work into our day to day activities, which helps make it relevant and rooted in current conservation practice.

One suggestion we would like to make is that in future the Chair of the International Ranger Federation is given a seat on the WCPA Steering Committee. This would help ensure much better contact with and feedback from grass roots protected area workers.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)**
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Marine Vice chair overview

2019 was another year of solid performance for WCPA – Marine, with many good achievements that have helped drive the global ocean protection and management agenda forwards. But this was set against the intensification of a more challenging delivery environment in IUCN due to increasing bureaucracy significantly (and completely unnecessarily) raising costs, hindering effective and efficient delivery, and stifling innovation and enthusiasm. The focus needs to return to be solidly on delivering conservation outcomes and not predicated on simply meeting internal rules and procedures. Alongside this much time was also absorbed with dealing with IUCN’s motion process and the rejection of many carefully crafted marine motions despite widespread support from IUCN members. Something has clearly gone badly wrong here as IUCN internal processes and it seems individual opinions have precluded democratic debates by our own members on critically important marine issues at the forthcoming IUCN Congress in Marseille later in 2020. Conservation will be all the poorer and less prepared as a result of this exercise.

Alongside our individual WCPA members and IUCN member organizations, we continue to work extremely closely with other Commissions and Secretariat Programs, especially GMPP, whose engagement and support are gratefully acknowledged. Key achievements during the year were many, both direct via my work, but also through the many champions I work with in WCPA – Marine. To all of them and notably the chairs of the marine task forces and working groups I continue to be extremely grateful and continued to be inspired by your energy, commitment and getting things done!

There were several key highlights during the year amongst many other achievements. Further workshops were held with members in the WCPA – Marine series. Altogether five meetings have now been held with a sixth planned for February 2020. The first one held in Washington DC at Pew Charitable Trusts in January 2018 consolidated standards for marine protected areas and IUCN resolutions including the one calling for 30% no-take protected areas in the marine. The second meeting, also held in Washington in 2018 and led by Jane Lubchenco, delved into the nature and degree of effective protection in marine protected areas and the continuum of their implementation. The third held in Paris discussed how much of the marine realm needs protection through area-based conservation measures and began an exploration about the potential usefulness of the three conditions approach to marine conservation. The fourth again held at Pew’s offices in...
Washington DC in February 2019 focussed on marine motions for the World Conservation Congress in Marseille in 2020 and continued exploration of the Three Conditions idea for the marine realm. The fifth held in the autumn of 2019 in Brussels explored the core issues of area-based conservation in the marine realm and the key elements underlying three conditions to underpin delivery of ambitious conservation targets in a post 2020 world.

At the end of the year a sixth workshop was put in place for February 2020. The workshop will be a further step in the post 2020 discussions and consultations which are set in the context of continuing discussions the IUCN WCPA Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force (chaired by Harvey Locke). These discussions have a focus on the shape of the targets the world needs when the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is revisited when once the CBD Aichi Target deadline is reached in 2020. This year will be a key year for setting the biodiversity agenda and the workshop will also allow for essential updates on new guidance, new approaches and also preparation of the World Conservation Congress, which will be held in Marseille in June 2020. The purpose of the workshop is to facilitate idea sharing and is an opportunity for participants to provide input to ideas, products and initiatives. I am deeply grateful to Pew for once again agreeing to host and support this event at their offices.

Alongside this important work with IUCN member organizations another highlight of the year was the launch of the ocean deoxygenation report. This report is a follow up to the hugely successful ocean warming report which is now one of the most downloaded of any report world-wide involving IUCN in recent years (over 50,000 downloads of the main technical report alone). The heating of seawater and progressive acidification are however not the only major global consequences of greenhouse gases emissions in the marine realm. It has been known for some decades that nutrient run-off from agriculture causes oxygen-depleted zones to form in the sea, as life-giving oxygen is used up in the water column and on the sea floor. This phenomenon is called ‘ocean deoxygenation’. Funded by the Government of Sweden and working with 67 scientific experts representing 51 institutes in 17 countries, what is presented in our 588 page technical report is the largest peer-reviewed study conducted so far on ocean deoxygenation. The IUCN Ocean Deoxygenation report was launched on 7 December 2019 during the UNFCCC COP25 in Madrid. The release generated very significant media interest, with articles in quality media outlets such as the New York Times, BBC News, The Guardian or Le Monde (mentioning IUCN prominently), as well as TV and radio interviews with the BBC, Sky News, Al Jazeera, TVE, CBC, Radio France and others. In addition, there was broad coverage by smaller outlets across different languages and regions thanks to pick-up by major news agencies. In total, we estimate that around 540 media articles on ocean deoxygenation were published within a week of the report launch. Such was the scale of impact that within one week the impact of the launch had transformed the search page on Google to prominently feature IUCN’s work at the top. Alongside this, work continued on ocean acidification where we teamed up with regional organisations to hold the second workshop in Zanzibar on developing an ocean acidification regional action plan, this time for east Africa.

Work during the year also prominently focussed on working with members on the development of an ambitious agenda for the post 2020 biodiversity targets, primarily via the WCOPA post 2020 group and also via the 30 x 30 NGO alliance. During the year I worked on a whole range of products and publications to support ambition. These included a publication on ocean priorities in the Journal of Aquatic Conservation which achieved four-figure downloads in just a few weeks after launch. The paper sets at least 30% as one of eight urgent and simultaneous actions needs to recover the ocean.

Laffoley, D, Baxter, JM, Amon, DJ, et al. 2019. Eight urgent, fundamental and simultaneous steps needed to restore ocean health, and the consequences for humanity and the planet of
I also produced a backing paper for Res 50 that explains why it says what is says and the science involved. A close reading will show that ‘at least 30%’ is now at the precautionary side of what is actually needed.

Laffoley, D. 2019 (unpublished). Resolution 50 – supporting information. A short paper is to explain the context to and justification for the ‘at least 30%’ MPA target enshrined in Resolution 50, agreed at the 2016 World Conservation Congress in Hawaii. World Commission on Protected Areas, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland. 5pp. Download Report

Other papers included work with WCPA colleagues on ‘A review of evidence for area-based conservation targets for the post 2020 global biodiversity framework’, as well as advising on IUCN’s new programme and post 2020 agenda. I attended many meetings in connection with the post 2020 agenda including the CBD Thematic Workshop on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held in Montreal 13th to 15th November 2019. Other key work included with Defra and Mania Productions to help them create a short film narrated by Sting that was previewed at COP25 in Madrid and will be released in 2020 on why we need to scale up ocean protection.

More generally at IUCN I supported the motions process for WCC 2020 including as a technical reviewer. This includes discussions with members and providing technical reviews to IUCN. Work continued throughout the year with Jane Lubchenco on the MPA Guide which is working to transform reporting and accountability on MPAs. Much good progress continues to be made on this important work. In the autumn we successfully launched a revision of the marine guidance on the IUCN management categories as well as our OECM guidance, both of which I was heavily involved with. I am particularly grateful to Nigel Dudley and Jon Day for their work on the former guidance and helping get it done.

The expanded structure of WCPA Marine continues to flourish with a diversity of efforts and outcomes recorded around MPAs. Detailed reports are provided by WCPA Marine members of marine activities, and in particular:

- Marine Mammal Marine Protected Area Task Force Achievements
- High Seas Marine Protected Areas Task Force Achievements
- The Large-Scale MPA Task Force Achievements
- WCPA-Marine Green List and Management Effectiveness Task Force Achievements
- CCSG Marine Connectivity Working Group
- Special Issues of Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems

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 — Erich Hoyt & Giuseppe Notarbartolo Di Sciara (full report submitted separately)

- In Jan. 2019, the independent review panel examining the results of the third expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the North East Indian
Ocean and South East Asian Seas region (held in March 2018 and funded by GOBI-IKI) approved 30 IMMAs, while 7 remained as candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs), pending more research, and 33 were identified as areas of interest (AoI). In 2020, more areas will be put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).

- The follow-up from the independent review panel examined the results of the fourth expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the Extended Southern Ocean region (funded by the French Biodiversity Agency through IUCN) but due to insufficient funding this could not be completed in 2019. In 2020, subject to completion of funding, these areas will be put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org) and formally announced in a final report and news stories.

- In December 2019, the independent review panel examining the results of the fifth expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas region (held in March 2019 and funded by GOBI-IKI) approved 37 IMMAs, bringing the total now to 114 IMMAs covering roughly a quarter of the world ocean. In 2020, more areas will be put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).

- In November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs and two experts travelled to southern Mozambique to prepare an IMMA implementation plan for the Bazaruto Archipelago to Inhambane Bay IMMA, working with local stakeholder groups and government. This plan was finalized and distributed in December 2018, and is available on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).

- In December, at World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona, among other Task Force workshops and presentations, the MMPA Task Force co-chairs prepared and chaired a special High Seas series of 7 talks on new strategies and state of the art technologies for obtaining data on the high seas leading to more IMMAs on the high seas. The goal: to stimulate research and fill gaps in marine mammal knowledge on the high seas.

- In October-December 2019, the MMPA Task Force made preparations and sent out 50+ invitations to experts for the February 2020 workshop to be held in Perth, Australia, covering Australia New Zealand and the South East Indian Ocean Region.

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

2019 was yet again a year of excitement and progress for the WCPA High Seas Specialist Group. Significant advances were made towards all four goals: 1) advancing awareness; 2) advancing the UN High Seas treaty negotiations; 3) accelerating existing initiatives to protect key places, and 4) fostering dedicated scientific research, observation and exploration.¹

¹ Goal 1: Advance awareness of the importance and vulnerability of the ocean beyond national boundaries and its connection to the ocean within national jurisdiction.

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, ]; developing joint side event proposal for next intergovernmental negotiating conference.

Goal 3: Advance existing initiatives, tools and approaches to protect key ABNJ ecosystems and species;

Goal 4: Foster dedicated scientific research, observation and exploration.
To advance these four goals in 2019, SG members published several prominent articles (see list below), and presented at workshops, expert meetings, and side events during the second and third United Nations Intergovernmental Conference for negotiating the new treaty on marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (IGC). We continued our Instagram account: @remoteoceanwonders.

With the support of the IUCN Global Marine and Polar Programme, SG members provided their expertise at a workshop on Area-based Management Tools (October, Gland). The Migratory Connectivity in the Ocean (MiCO) interactive website now provides access to information on migratory connectivity for management and policy operated by the Duke University Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab (MGEL).

MGEL, a key SG member, continues to review and digitize the existing information collected through the CBD EBSA workshops to make them more accessible. To advance existing high seas initiatives, SG members are also part of an expert group advising the International Seabed Authority on regional environmental management (from MGEL); on the board of the Sargasso Sea Project to help advance the work of the Sargasso Sea Commission in securing protective measures; and facilitating coordination and information exchange with complementary initiatives including by other members of the High Seas Alliance, GOBI, Dosi, DSCC, IPSO as well as other IUCN WCPA Specialist Groups and Working Groups (e.g. Connectivity, Important Marine Mammal Areas, Beyond Aichi 2020). Two SG members are directly engaged as part of the planning team for the UN Decade of Ocean Science.

The goals for 2020 remain the same, with a focus on advancing scientific understanding and tools to inform key upcoming meetings including the fourth UN Intergovernmental Conferences for a new treaty on high seas biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (March); and UN Ocean Conference in June in Lisbon, the 7th IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille in June, and the Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of Parties in China in 2020 and to increase awareness and support for the UN Decade of Ocean Science.

**Publications include:**

Ortuño Crespo, G et. al., “Beyond static spatial management: scientific and legal considerations for dynamic management in the high seas”, (submitted for special issue of Marine Policy on the BBNJ process)


The Large-Scale MPA Task Force Achievements - ʻAulani Wilhelm, Jon Day, Na’ia Lewis

The Large-Scale MPA Task Force (TF) focused on the following priorities: (1) develop additional best-practice management research initiatives and tools/products that support the long term viability of LSMPAs, (2) develop workshops to promote greater use of Large-Scale Marine Protected Areas: Guidelines for design and management (BPG26), and (3) further peer-learning opportunities that increase the knowledge of LSMPA managers, and strengthen the growing community of practice.

Highlights for 2019, do not include finalized output but rather a significant effort utilized to initiate the conceptual and planning phases of essential initiatives and products—namely: an MPA scorecard customized for LSMPAs; management worksheets to compliment BPG26; furthering the design and creation of sustainable financing mechanisms for LSMPAS; and increasing the use of BPG26.

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

The main focus of the Task Force in 2019 was the development of a motion for the 2020 World Conservation Congress, in collaboration with the WCPA Management Effectiveness Specialist Group, on “Improving management effectiveness in protected and conserved areas”. Unfortunately this was unsuccessful despite the support of over 20 IUCN members and a subsequent appeal. Nevertheless, the IUCN Appeals Body noted in its response that “there is a need for more action on assessing management effectiveness”.

Workshops and meetings attended by members of the task force:

- February 2019 Pew Foundation/WCPA Marine meeting: extensive discussions about the need for and approaches to assessing and improving management effectiveness
- WWF-Indonesia and WWF-US symposium on ‘Improving MPA management effectiveness in the Coral Triangle’; at the International Congress for Conservation Biology, Kuala Lumpur. Brought together university, NGO, government participants from the Coral Triangle region to (i) highlight best practice and (ii) analyze the impacts that projects to build management capacity are having.
- International workshop “Achieving Fairly and Effectively Managed Protected and Conserved Areas, June 2019, Gran Paradiso National Park, organised by IUCN and BIOPAMA (a protected area initiative focused on the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific region). The document “View from Gran Paradiso” summarises the conclusions and will provide important guidance for the future work of the WCPA Marine MPA Task Force – some of the key points are the need to:
  - Build bridges between the different tools and methods for assessing and enhancing management effectiveness (PAME) and governance effectiveness assessment (PAGEA), and find and exploit synergies to achieve greater understanding and impact at scale.
  - Use PAME and PAGEA approaches, including IMET, with enhanced ecological monitoring as stepping-stones towards successful protected and conserved areas as exemplified by the IUCN Green List Standard.
  - Expand the deliberate use of monitoring biodiversity, cultural values, ecosystem services and other natural values as a fundamental component of the decision-making cycle.
  - Systematically incorporate PA Governance and Equity assessment, including in national
and regional contexts, into all protected and conserved area assessments, as a basis for evaluation of priorities and decisions.
  - Document lessons learned and communicate these.
  - Expand reference to the IUCN Green List Standard and commitments towards green listing.

Green List: an increasing number of MPAs are being registered as candidates, including notably the California MPA network which is providing an opportunity to use the Green List methodology and criteria for a network as a whole. Ras Mohammed National Park was among the new MPAs that were added to the Green List.

The Blue Parks (previously GLORES) programme has been significantly developed, with links identified between its awards system and other certification/incentive programmes such as the Green List.

New tools for measuring management effectiveness continue to be developed (e.g. new tool in preparation for Mediterranean MPAs; trial methodology being developed to align management assessment methodologies with Green List criteria).

Priorities for 2020:

- Input into development of the post 2020 Aichi target relating to quality and effectiveness of MPAs
- Promotion of MPA management effectiveness as a priority issue at the WCC in Marseille, through participation in relevant sessions; meeting of members of the Task Force to be arranged
- Collaboration with the WCPA Management Effectiveness Specialist Group and networking across the community of those involved with MPA management effectiveness
- Continued work with the Green List Programme
- Awareness-raising of the role of management effectiveness assessments (including Green List candidature) as a means of improving equitable and effective management of MPAs
- Develop closer collaboration with the following programmes:
  - MPAGuide
  - UNE-WCMC/GD-PAME
  - BIOPAMA
  - Blue Parks

**CCSG Marine Connectivity Working Group - Barbara J. Lausche and Aaron Laur**

The Marine Connectivity Working Group under the IUCN-WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group has been working since 2018 to build collaborative initiatives, share information, and increase knowledge that is crucial to specifically understanding, planning and taking action for marine ecological connectivity. This report summarizes activities undertaken during the year 2019.

- The MCWG’s Terms of Reference and Work Plan were formally approved by the WCPA Marine Thematic Chair in May 2019 to pursue the following objectives:

  **Objective 1: Science** – Monitor scientific developments, disseminate and share information, and provide broadly applicable guidance and principles based on emerging experience and
practice for achieving effective marine and coastal connectivity conservation, including opportunities to use remote-sensing and other technologies and supportive policy tools in furtherance of international commitments and national goals.

Objective 2: Planning – Monitor and disseminate principles and emerging practice for integrating marine connectivity needs and land-sea interconnectivity into marine and coastal spatial planning processes and plans as an integral component of national spatial planning processes and plans across all government levels and sectors.

Objective 3: Governance and participation – Promote active and effective governance and management (including through law and policy) to advance appropriate, science-based marine and coastal connectivity conservation measures supported by community participation and stakeholder involvement.

Objective 4: Communication, technical outreach, and support – Support development of marine connectivity conservation networks, technical outreach, and collaboration on initiatives for the application of marine and coastal connectivity conservation principles and practice within MCWG, CCSG, IUCN generally and its many marine specialists, and with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), the United Nations and related entities, universities, international NGOs, bilateral and regional governance actors, and other relevant fora.

- Appointments were made for a Deputy Chair (Colleen Corrigan) and Executive Committee (Jinfeng Zhou, Jonathan Gardner, Josephine Langley) to fill out leadership structure along with Chair, Barbara Lausche.

- An active membership of over 80 individuals joined over the last eight months who are committed to undertake collaborative initiatives, disseminate information, and advance knowledge about marine connectivity science, planning, management, implementation and supportive policy and other tools for healthy oceans, the land-sea interface and sustainable livelihoods.

- As a first priority output, the MCWG researched, solicited input, assembled review, and delivered a first draft of “Rules of thumb for building connectivity conservation into MPA network design” to inform the Post-2020 Global Framework for Biodiversity and other international and national processes.

- MCWG contributed expertise and text additions to form IUCN’s contributions to the 3rd Intergovernmental Committee meeting on an agreement under UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction.

- Representatives of MCWG participated in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Pre-CoP-25 meeting in San José, Costa Rica, highlighting the interface of ecological connectivity, the marine environment, and climate change. Deputy Chair Colleen Corrigan delivered an invited presentation titled “Increasing Marine Connectivity for Climate Change Adaptation” as part of the side event highlighting marine corridors as an important nature-based
solution for climate change.

- MCWG Members contributed to the marine connectivity-related sections of the sections of “Guidance for Conserving Connectivity Through Ecological Networks and Corridors” that will be published in the IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Areas Guideline Series.

- The group began preparing a draft “Roadmap for Marine Connectivity Conservation” to identify current and emerging marine connectivity conservation issues, highlight best-practices, provide guidance, and generate broadly applicable principles and actions to integrate connectivity into marine conservation initiatives.

- MCWG started involvement in conversations to contribute expertise toward the creation of a suite of indicators for measuring the current extent and change in marine connectivity around the world.

## PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

(Comment on progress on goals set for 2019. Add more lines if needed)

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## ORGANIZATION

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

- No additions to report

## MEMBERSHIP

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

- We are no longer able to track or manage WCPA - Marine membership
COMMUNICATION  
(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)

Publications:

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

A Special Issue of the journal Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems: ‘Building Networks of MPAs: IMPAC4 bringing people and the ocean together’ was published in October 2019 and represents a lasting legacy of the 4th International Marine Protected Areas Congress, in La Serena, Chile, 2017. This special issue comprises a collection of 18 papers representing some of the most comprehensive and innovative scientific articles presented at IMPAC4, covering topics ranging from the development of a marine conservation strategy in Brazil, MPAs in southern China, empowerment of local communities for marine conservation in Rapa Nui, to protecting hydrothermal vents off Canada and protecting surf breaks.

In the first two months since its publication there have been a total of ~6200 downloads of the various papers representing a considerable outreach to the marine protected area community well beyond that which attended the Congress in Chile.

The publication was supported with the generous support of the Government of Canada and Wiley the Publishers who have made the Special Issue free to view on the journal web site.

Other selected other publications by the Vice Chair (see also attached reports)


• Laffoley, D. 2019 (unpublished). *Resolution 50 – supporting information.* A short paper is to explain the context to and justification for the ‘at least 30%’ MPA target enshrined in Resolution 50, agreed at the 2016 World Conservation Congress in Hawaii. World Commission on Protected Areas, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland. Spp. View Article


workshop on Marine Protected Areas in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction. 9 – 11 October, IUCN Headquarters, Gland, Switzerland. Gland, Switzerland: IUCN. 16 pp View Report


Presentations:

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

Strategic Stakeholder Communication

Click to Connect – 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.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

We continue to run successful platforms on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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

None

Funds Utilised in 2019 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)

Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2019 and use financial report for details)

A total allowance of £8,341.96 was available for 2019 to support WCPA Marine work, of which a balance of £1,113.49 remained at the end of the year.

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)

Much of the work reported in this document is funded by additional sources of revenue as the COF only covers basic operating costs and would otherwise run at a very significant loss. Actual significant financial support also comes in via project work which is also used to fund my significant unfunded time I allocate through my company to delivering the WCPA-Marine agenda worldwide. Such support will amount directly and in-kind to over £100k for 2019

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

All year – this Vice Chair role now occupies me full time alongside delivering mutually supportive projects that align with the aims of WCPA.

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

Significant fall-off in the ability to generate proposals to support IUCN and WCPA continued into 2019 due to staff changes, but the taking up of the new GMPP Director role by Minna Epps is a great step in building the portfolio and action moving forwards. It is unclear at this point what new funds will emerge to help support WCPA Marine activities where project objectives align.
**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020**

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 shows where emphasis lies for particular topics

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

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## REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019

- I continue to struggle with no real direct support from the Commission Support Unit which only seems to be directed to generic solutions however welcome they are.

- The IUCN publications process needs to be urgently subjected to a formal investigation based on value-for-money. It is a vast uncusted and significantly expensive program with dubious benefits and certainly no benefits at all for experience publishers. It is highly disrespectful run regarding experienced publishers and is a major deterrent for people to continue to publish through IUCN. The disruption it causes to production processes is both unprofessional and totally unacceptable and it seems that it is about a box ticking process more that any interest at all or support for the publication involved and the production processes and project milestones.

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**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019

The NS specialist group is operating on a 2-year cycle, starting from the CBD COP in 2018 and aiming for the WCC in June 2020 and the CBD COP in October 2020. Our main outputs during this time are aimed at these latter two meetings.

**Highlights:**

**Capacity development:** Completion of text and films for a ZSL/NGS MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) on Conservation Actions, which includes an extensive section on ecosystem services. (Note that the future of the ZSL/NGS link is now in doubt due to the departure of Jonathan Baillie from NGS, but the current course is complete)

**Sustainable Development Goals and Area-Based Conservation:** funds raised, and partners identified for a major report on the role of area-based conservation in addressing critical SDGs – partners include the World Bank, UNDP, TNC, WCS, WWF and the Institute for European Environmental Policy. Writing is ongoing and the report will be released at the WCC and presented again at the CBD COP. Initial mapping of ecosystem services is completed, in association with Kings College London.

**Economic benefits of protected areas:** research ongoing for a CBD report identifying 40-50 case studies of protected areas providing concrete benefits. We have just subcontracted someone to help us with this to ensure that we meet the WCC deadline.

**Protected area benefits assessment tool:** Completion of technical manual

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

- **Goal 1.** Produce a report on the role of protected areas in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals for the CBD COP. As noted, this project is ongoing in cooperation with World Bank, UNDP, TNC, WCS, WWF, the Institute for European Environmental Policy and Kings College London. It is scheduled for publication at the WCC. ADDITIONALLY: text written for a report on SDGs and protected areas produced using information from PANORAMA.

- **Goal 2:** Start a process, continuing to 2020, to ensure that the role of ecosystem services from area-based conservation figure strongly in the post-Aichi targets. Ongoing. Th SDG report will be a major part of this delivery, but in addition we are investigating a small meeting to investigate the opportunities to develop a single measure of ecosystem services as a contribution to the post-2020 targets.
- **Goal 3**: Complete MOOC on management of ecosystem services in protected areas for ZSL (funded and ongoing). Completed. ADDITIONALLY: Note also that the MOOC on ecosystem services from protected areas completed for the IUCN Africa Programme in 2018 has already had 350 graduates and over 2,000 people are enrolled.

- **Goal 4**: Publish revised methodology of the Protected Area Benefits Assessment Tool. The methodology has just gone through its final approval process and is being designed. It will be subject of training sessions at WCC.

- **Goal 5**: Publish CBD technical report on economic benefits from protected areas. Ongoing. This is LATE; it was scheduled for completion during the year. We have just employed someone to help us complete by the WCC. Alison Woodley also produced case studies from North America.

- **Goal 6**: Present natural solutions issues at two regional congresses, in Latin America and Africa. The Africa Congress has been postponed (we had a planning meeting in Nairobi in March). However, we ran a workshop on ecosystem services from lion landscapes, originally planned for the Africa Congress, at the Business of Conservation Congress in Kigale; this has led to ongoing work to prepare capacity building materials on accessing REDD+ funding for area-based conservation. We also attended the LAC Congress and presented in several sessions. Members of the specialist group ran dedicated sessions on climate and protected areas.

- **Goal 7**: Build a stronger team in the group, with bi-monthly calls and better representation of developing countries. We now have representatives from Africa and Europe on the group and are doing regular calls, although not as regular as was hoped! More improvement needed in 2020.

### 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)

- Members to the inner working group recruited in Africa and Europe. Meeting at the LAC Congress to discuss further work in the region. Further meeting in Bangkok before Christmas to discuss options for extending the REDPARQUES declaration into Asia through at PA Partnership coordinated by IUCN – memo prepared and discussions ongoing

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

#### Publications:
- The New Lion Economy – Equilibrium Research with partners – ecosystem services from lion landscapes
- Ecosystem services provided by the habitat of the Jaguar – Kings College and Equilibrium Research for UNDP
- Ensuring Co-benefits for Biodiversity, Climate Change and Sustainable Development – book chapter led by Risa Smith

#### Presentations:
- Business of Conservation Congress – Kigale
- LAC Congress – Lima
- WWF – Singapore
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty annual conference – UK
- Vilm Academy – Germany

#### Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- IUCN Bangkok – extending REDPARQUES declaration
- Key partners in Latin America – at LAC Congress

#### Contributions to media, website, newsletter
- Lion report in the newsletter
**ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN** *(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

- Meeting on protected areas and forest landscape restoration, Banff, Canada
- WCPA steering committee, Amboseli, Kenya
- Advice on design of the revised protected area system in China through IUCN Beijing office
- Post-2020 planning meeting, Vilm, Germany

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- Complete, publish and promote the key messages from the report on SDGs and area-based conservation

**Goal 2:**
- Publish the revised Protected Area benefits Assessment Tool, run a capacity building workshop at the WCC and promote the PA-BAT through associated learning packages

**Goal 3:**
- Publish and promote the set of case studies on economic benefits from protected areas (NOTE – this is a run-over from last year that stalled from lack of time; we’ve got a process to complete)

**Goal 4:**
- Develop concrete proposals for delivery and measurement of ecosystems services from area-based conservation as a contribution to the post-2020 targets

**Goal 5:**
- Develop two more managers’ handbooks on PAs and ecosystem services, on water and fishing, in time for the CBD COP

**Goal 6:**
- PROVISIONAL: Extend the REDPARQUES declaration to Asia protected area agencies. A decision on this will likely be taken in July. Provisional funding has been agreed to help achieve this but delivery depends on decision by the Protected Area Partnership in Asia.

**Goal 7:**
- PROVISIONAL: Continue work on MOOCs with ZSL and NatGeo, depending on decisions relating to the future of this project in the absence of Jonathan Baillie at Nat Geo.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- In the build-up to the WCC and the CBD COP, it will be important to engage with a wider range of stakeholders, particularly in industry. We have discussed ways in which this could be done through major funding proposals, which have so far not succeeded; it would be good to have a discussion within the WCPA SC about other ways of addressing this.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Development and implementation of IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas advanced through contribution to GL Management and Standards Committees, GLPCA SG input to selection of EAGLs, training and capacity building around the world (Taiwan, China, Oceania), management of GLPCA in Australia including the re-listing of existing GL sites in New South Wales. Workshop of setting thresholds held in Australia with guidance being developed for global use. Planning workshop for GL in Gran Paradiso, Italy.
- Contribution to WCPA management through participation in EXCO, SC meeting and coordination of WCPA input to CRM review and management.
- Support for IUCN workshop in Myanmar Tanintharyi region and application of METT in Myanmar
- Presentations and representation on behalf of WCPA at meetings/workshops in UK (IIED re governance assessment), Oceania RCF, China (Nature Conservation Conference), Taiwan (Protected Area conference).
- Representing WCPA Chair in IUCN Mission to China (Nov).
- Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool development in Vanuatu, Ramsar Regional Center for East Asia, Elaboration of Advanced METT tool, METT-SMART meeting in Singapore

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 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
a. Facebook Group for WCPA Science Programme (Science and Management/Science and Biodiversity) established and maintained — used to highlight key scientific papers of relevance to PAs, issues and other topical discussions)
b. Membership of WCPA and Science themes promoted at meetings attended during the year and a number of young scientists encouraged to apply for membership. Note CRM capacity for thematic V-Cs to manage their members effectively is still to be put in place.
c. PARKS journal used to promote role of science in PA management with a number of papers being submitted and published after encouragement by Managing Editor.
d. Reviewer for 2020 WCC Forum proposals

**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
a. Participate in Steering Committee meeting and EXCO
b. 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
c. represent WCPA at Oceania Regional Conservation Forum
d. Representing WCPA Chair in IUCN Mission to China (Nov).
e. Joint work with IUCN Secretariat staff in Asia, Central America, Eastern and Southern Africa, Oceania to provide WCPA input and support for IUCN programmes (esp. BIOPAMA)

**Goal 3:**
1. 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
2. To collaborate and (as appropriate) develop partnerships within IUCN and beyond as part of facilitating the application of science to management of protected areas

a. Participation in workshops including presentations, keynote addresses etc.
   - Myanmar (governance and management effectiveness)
   - South Korea (Ramsar regional training session - METT)
   - Taiwan (management effectiveness and Green List)
   - United Kingdom (METT and governance assessment)
   - Vanuatu (METT)
   - China (PA Restoration, Green List)
   - Singapore (METT)

b. **PARKS** journal publication – 17 papers published in journal in 2019 with many from developing countries and WCPA members.
c. WYSS foundation report on conservation opportunities in Australia prepared (paid consultancy by Potter Foundation) – report being used by Australian Environmental Grantmakers network to inform investments.

**Goal 4:** Manage the WCPA Green List Specialist Group and support GL activities

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b. Proposed meeting in Vilm not held in 2019 but approved by Nature Conservation Academy and will be held in 2020
c. Support provided for operation of the Green List in Australia (in absence of IUCN Secretariat staff to play this supporting role) – NSW sites re-listed, Queensland and Victoria preparing nominations, Northern Territory has expressed interest in joining programme
d. training workshop held in Taiwan – as a results 15 Taiwanese protected area managers and academics visited Australia for a week in November to look at Green List application here, supported by the V-C.
5. Contribute to CA|TS Steering Committee and liaison.

**Goal 5:** Contribute to operation of related Specialist Groups and Task Forces in the WCPA

a. Management Effectiveness Specialist Group Steering Committee has not been active in 2019 but Chair of the SG has been supported in development of WCC motion and Forum proposals.
b. PAME capacity building supported in South Korea, Myanmar, Vanuatu, Caribbean and in development of the METT
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)  

Many young scientists working in PA issues encouraged to apply for membership of WCPA – difficult to track follow-up as he CRM currently has little functionality for Thematic V-Cs.

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

Publications:

Two issues of PARKS published (May and November)

Scientific papers


Reports


Presentations:

- Many presentations at workshops and meeting referred to in this report.
**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Environmental Grantmakers Network re conservation investment opportunities in Australia
- Commonwealth Government Environment Department re post-2020 Biodiversity Framework and targets
- Queensland Minister for Environment (jointly with Regional V-C) re WCPA in Australia
- China Department of Natural Resources and NFGA (as part of IUCN Delegation to China)

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Linked to GPAP website and newsletter and on Science Facebook page. Indexing of papers in Scopus and Google Scholar

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

- IUCN Delegation to China – follow up re provision of advice on PA management through invitation to sit on Council of Research Institute, Hainan Tropical Forest National Park

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

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GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)

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

- Maintain Science Facebook page and use this to actively disseminate science finding relevant to PA management and encourage collaboration amongst WCPA Science theme members
- Develop efficient means to use CRM to build membership and active participation of members in the Science themes in WCPA
- 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 and EXCO (up until WCC Marseille – and after that depending on decisions and structures established by the new WCPA Chair)
- 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
- Continue collaboration with Secretariat staff – especially in Asia, Oceania, Central America, Africa to support IUCN programmes including BIOPAMA, Green List etc
- Co-organise with GPAP and participate in Vilm workshop on metrics for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework
- Forum and WCPA activities at WCC, Marseille
- Contribute to plenary session on Knowledge, Learning, Innovation and Technology for Conservation at the World Conservation Congress, Marseille

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 WCS, WWF, Society for Conservation Biology to encourage involvement of WCPA members in projects and activities were relevant (for example SMART-METT collaboration with WWF and WCS, IIED and PAGE development etc)
- Actively promote the use of PARKS, Panorama and other WCPA and IUCN communication avenues to connect scientists with managers

**Goal 4: Contribute to operation of IUCN Green List and manage the WCPA Green List Specialist Group**

- 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 GL implementation in China with training and capacity building
- Establish GLPCA SG regional coordination including capacity building and planning meeting through GL meeting to be held in Vilm.
- Maintain regular communication amongst GLPCA SG members through appropriate platform
- Encourage GLPCA SG active support of GL programme

**Goal 5: Contribute to operation of related Specialist Groups and Task Forces in the WCPA**

- Develop collaborative programme to link SMART and METT and develop METT 4
- Contribute to Steering Group for Management Effectiveness Specialist Group

**Goal 6**

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- Goals and activities reflect a continuing contribution to WCPA in current areas of activity post WCC but may need to be adjusted depending on priorities and directions of the incoming WCPA Chair.
- During recent years, I have worked more closely with IUCN regional Secretariat staff than in some previous years, in part, as a result of implementation of the IUCN Green List. This collaboration has been very productive and I plan to continue with this in 2020.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

The year was mostly dedicated to support the organisation of the CoalitionWild-WCPA Global mentorship programme and in supporting initiative for mainstreaming youth at the next WCC.

The Global Mentorship Programme offers young professionals access to the guidance, advice, and support they are searching for while giving seasoned conservationists the opportunity to guide and empower the next generation and gain new insights and energy into their work.

To effectively carry out my work as the YP Vice Chair a working group made of YP regional focal points was established. This worked very well in some regions and not at all in others. Some of the YP regional focal points worked 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. A new Young Professionals representative for Costa Rica was recruited as YP focal point and started labours in October.

- I worked with the South America YP regional focal point to organize the YP presence and related activities for the Latin America Protected Areas Congress
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- I worked with the North America YP regional focal point and regional Vice Chair to develop and organize the CoalitionWild-WCPA Global mentorship programme.
- I worked with IUCN secretariat for the organization of the youth/YP presence at WCC

A proposal for youth engagement in the World Conservation Congress and beyond was submitted to the IUCN in August. The main objectives of the Youth Integration and Empowerment Team were to develop strong structural foundations that bring together all youth programming; create additional and strategic inclusion where none exist; coordinate between all youth groups, Youth Champions, and the IUCN; and spark new involvement from youth before, during, and after the Congress. After multiple email exchanges and conference calls, it was decided in October that the youth engagement would be solely managed by Nature 4 All and a seconded youth representative.
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**ORGANIZATION**  
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Many YP regional focal points delivered very well on this thank also to the collaborative approach of the regional Vice Chairs. However, other Vice chair were completely unresponsive to initiative of collaborations (or even introduction) of their respective YP regional focal point.

This is an issue that I planned to fully address in 2019 but I didn’t succeed.

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

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

  **Publications:**

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  **Presentations:**

  - Young professionals from West and Central Africa participated to IUCN Regional conservation forum in Bissau from July 8th to 11th 2019, where they have shared activities of the group while inciting young leaders to join the commission.
  - The vice chair mentioned WCPA and the YP Network during many presentations throughout the year

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

Together with other members of WCPA we started developing a communication strategy and a communication campaign 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 the YP google groups, direct emails and our online presence.

- Young professionnals from West and Central Africa participated in strategic consultation meeting to discuss how national, regional, and pan-African conservation approaches may build into the Post-2020 process under the Convention on Biological Diversity. The meeting was firstly to discuss on ideas emerging for the Post-2020 Protected Area Targets. Secondly it was to discuss about how the African Protected Areas Congress (APAC) can generate momentum in rolling out an ambitious protected area programme Post -2020. A programme Committee for APAC organization and YPs are represented.

- YPs from West and Central Africa have been involved in coordination regular meetings with the Vice-Chair team. These meetings allowed them to be informed and involved in the activities organized in the region.
## Contributions to media, website, newsletter

Social media profile for WCPA on twitter, Facebook and Instagram were created
- Several YP regional focal points contributed to the development and editing of regional newsletters including contribution to the drafting of Central and West Africa newsletter. 3 newsletters published during the year.
- 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 2,039 members.

## ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN

*Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted*

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## GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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Goal 5: Support preparation and delivery of regional meetings
- Support work of Regional Focal points in developing and implementing actions plans for their regions, identify new focal points for the region

Goal 6
- Facilitate, support and monitor progress of the Global Mentorship Programme

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)

REPORT 2019
SOUTH AMERICA YP FOCAL POINT (Vilisa Morón Zambrano)
This 2019 was a wonderful year for all the members of the regional WCPA and specially for the young because we have the opportunity to meet at the III Latinamerican and caribbean congress of protected areas (III CAPLAC). The congress occupied all my attention during this year and the initiative that was born during the IIICAPLAC: RELLAC-Joven. During 2020 I hope to consolidate the South America Young professional blog that initiate during 2018, now we have more members and the compromise of all because of the bonds created during the congress.
I organized three activities and co-organizate one with Colombia National Parks`s
- “A new leadership for our heritage: weaving networks among young leaders” was a workshop where 17 young professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean convened to strengthen their leadership and protected area management skills through a mentor-mentee scheme divided in virtual (on-line class and activities) and presencial (3 days leadership training workshop before the CAPLAC) meetings. Several members from the YP IUCN-WCPA commissions participated with their expertise and knowledge and we achieved the following objectives: (1) recognise and communicate the work and achievements these young professionals do to contribute towards the effectiveness of Protected Areas, (2) improve the involvement of the YPG’s members within the different WCPA regional commissions and their members, strengthening intergenerational collaboration and the transfer of skills, and (3) improve capacity in the areas of conservation communication, protected areas and nature-based education of the Latin America and Caribbean YPG network.
- Noche 20x20 (Pechakucha): was a dedicated session for the YPG within the Congress’ program, planned to showcase the work and lessons learnt of six young professionals from the region. This session was a unique opportunity for young professionals to show their projects in an inspirational way and connect with the public.
- “Boca del Jaguar” (jaguar’s mouth), was a dynamic and fresh type of presentation to get feedback from Protected Areas technicians, practitioners, researchers and government officials of the projects and initiative developed during the workshop.
- Young Declaration: with the support of Colombia National Parks we worked on the development of a Young Declaration during the Congress.
- Alliance for the realization of activities: I got funds for two young bolivians through IUCN-Netherlands. I got support from SPDA for the funds management. All the activities where possible thanks to the support of SERNANP, Parques Nacionales de Colombia and the Congress Organizer Committee.

During the leadership workshop we organise in a young leaders’ network RELLAC-JOVEN, because we felt the necessity of work together with non professional youngs to visibilize and enforcement the role of the young in guarantee the effective and participated management of protected and conserved areas. I lead this initiative as YP-Focal Point of WCPA and I promote the registration as WCPA members. We are on the consolidation of the young network, our goal is to show the role of young on PA and enforcement our initiative and participation on the decision making. Becasue of that, we organized a side event during the SAPIS- ELAPIS (RECIFE-BRASIL): “Haciéndose eco de la red de jóvenes líderes en áreas protegidas y conservadas de América Latina y el Caribe” with the aim of invite the young from local and extractives communities, and after the SAPIS we had strategic planning meeting for 2020.

Central America
The new representative together with Allan Valverde, the World Commission on Protected Areas vice chair for Central America, identified the work priorities for the region and the country. This priorities include:

- Creating a profile of the tasks that being a focal point for the WCPA YP entail
- Identifying focal points in each country
- Creating a template for a newsletter for the region and releasing a newsletter by mid 2020
- Build a database of the directors of protected areas in each country and compile what their position entail.
- Identify possible avenues of cooperation with the IUCN regional office located in Costa Rica.
- Make a small report about the current state of protected areas in the region relying on the focal points of each country to inform contributors who interested in the region.
- The possibility of generating an online course to introduce the WCPA and its importance to interested parties.

Mr. Valverde and Mr. Murillo started creating a workplan and strategy for the year 2020 that incorporates the priorities they identified together. The result will be shared and consulted with Mariasole Bianco for review and comments, before the implementation begins.

Oceania

**Key highlights for WPCA Oceania Young Professional (YP) Regional Focal Point – James Hattam**

- Jason Jacobi (General Manager Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania) and I also hosted an international delegation of protected area leaders on a trip visiting key protected areas around Tasmania including Skullbone Plains and the Vale of Belvoir reserves protected and managed by the Tasmanian Land Conservancy (Privately Protected Areas). It was great to showcase the Tasmanian reserve estate to Kathy McKinnon the International Chair of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Penny Figgis the Regional Vice-Chair for Oceania (WCPA). The delegation also visited key areas of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

- Attendance and participation in a range of regional events and forums including National Private Land Conservation Conference held in Adelaide, South Australia through the Australian Land Conservation Alliance, which is building a greater voice for privately and indigenous protected areas in Australia. The PALRC fosters excellence in governance and management in Australia, Asia, and the Pacific. Although Australia is part of the Pacific, we specifically refer to Australia as the PALRC was founded in Australia, which is well-placed to facilitate and support capacity building for protected areas management and governance for the Asia Pacific region.
Penny made a call out in the regional WCPA newsletter for YPs to notify us to build a better understanding of YPs across the region. Unfortunately, only three individuals came forward. We will continue to look for opportunities to connect with YPs in the region, but this remains an ongoing challenge.

West and Central Africa

- During IUCN Regional conservation forum in Bissau from July 8th to 11th 2019, Young professionals from West and Central Africa have actively participated to the discussions and contributed to the next quadrennial programme review.
- In Benin, Young professionals from West and Central Africa have been actively involved in a process of preparation of the Registration of RAMSAR Site 1018 as UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve.
- They have also been involved in WCPA’s 60th anniversary organization along with WCPA Chair for the North America Region.
- In West and Central Africa, YPs are less represented in conservation organizations, and it’s quite difficult to materialize their commitment on the field. We suggest to promote/facilitate collaboration and involvement of YPs in WCPA taskforce group to enhance their commitment.
- It also could be interesting to promote and support more synergies between WCPA YPS so that the efforts could be joined for more impact.

North America

The CoalitionWILD Global Mentorship Programme has continued to be a success with positive feedback consistently received from participants. The programme hosts 28 pairs/56 participants who are encouraged to meet monthly and are given monthly topics and optional tasks to follow and complete to help guide their discussions. Topics are based upon the Growing Our Reach handbook, which each participants gains access to. Participants have completed a mid-program feedback survey which received overwhelming support and praise for the program and encouragement for more growth. The program will officially wrap up in February 2020, with a final wrap up call taking place with the group at the end of January 2020. Feedback surveys will also be administered to participants and results analyzed to better understand areas for improvement or amendment going forward.
Task Forces
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

In 2019, the Task Force continued to actively consult experts from around the world to achieve its goals. Members of the Task Force attended and hosted a wide-range of meetings to facilitate and participate in conservations around the post-2020 process. These meetings have been geographically and thematically diverse. The Task Force had close interaction with the development of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Post-2020 Strategic Plan. It has attended the meetings of the Open Ended Working Group and post-2020 consultations and thematic workshops hosted by the CBD. For a full list of meetings see Goal 3.

The Task Force helped publish a manuscript introducing the Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use framework. A series of maps were also created, featuring each country and region, and the information was disseminated in 7 languages (naturebeyond2020.com/3conditions). For more details on this project see Goal 4.

The Three Conditions approach was also tested through a case-study in Germany, commissioned by the Task Force. The case study analysis led to a clearer understanding of how the three conditions, as mapped by the global framework, would translate to the domestic context of Germany and give insight into how it could apply in other highly developed countries.

This year, the results of an extensive global survey of conservation scientists was published in PARKS, as well as “A Review of Evidence for Area-based Conservation Targets for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”. These papers are key precursors to ambitious action on biodiversity loss as they provide an important base for consensus.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1. Reach more IUCN members and organizations
- Co-hosted a consultation with IUCN’s global Forest and Climate Change Programme in January 2019. Task Force members connected with WCPA Marine through a workshop in Washington DC. We interacted with many other IUCN members at meetings we attended (see list below in Goal 3).
- Convention on Migratory Species – the Task Force Chair worked with interim secretary of CMS, CMS Scientific Advisory Body and WCPA Connectivity Specialist Group to hold a series of meetings in Canada and Bonn, Germany that led to an agreed definition of connectivity and to influencing CMS submission on connectivity to the CBD process. It also served as an important consultative step for proposed WCPA guidelines relating ecological connectivity networks. Subsequently, a paper was published about connectivity across the Three Conditions (see Belote et al, 2019, full reference in Goal 4 below).

Goal 2: Communications: Website creation, better dissemination of info/reports
- A Task Force website was developed (naturebeyond2020.com) and launched. It hosts information about Task Force activities, the post-2020 process, news and reports, and house the
Three Conditions project and maps. We are building a newsletter list.

- We updated our Task Force profile on the IUCN website. We added more information about the Three Conditions and added links to other resources and published papers. We also linked to naturebeyond2020.com and this website links back the IUCN website.

**Goal 3: Host consultations and attend meetings**

**Meetings hosted or co-hosted**
- Forest landscape Restoration and Protected Areas Consultation, Banff, Canada (January)
- WCPA - Marine workshop to discuss post 2020 targets and WCC Resolutions, Washington DC, USA (February)
- Technical Meeting to discuss the Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation, Cambridge, UK (February)
- Convention on Migratory Species and Connectivity meeting, Banff, Canada (April)
- Meeting of the Africa Protected Areas Congress Programme Leaders and the IUCN WCPA Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force, Nairobi, Kenya (August)
- III Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Protected Areas Lima, Peru (September)
- Consultation on the Three Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use framework in the marine realm, Brussels, Belgium (November)
- Second Informal Meeting on Connectivity, Bonn, Germany (November)
- SBSTTA23 Side-event: Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use: An implementation Framework for the CBD, Montreal, Canada (November)

**Meetings attended:**
- World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland (January)
- Regional Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for the Western Europe and Others Group, Bonn, Germany (March)
- Nature Champions Summit, Montreal, Canada (April)
- Chinese Academy of Sciences-National Geographic Society meeting, Beijing, China (June)
- First meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Nairobi, Kenya (August)
- Meetings with the Environment Minister of Peru and the Environment Vice Minister of Colombia (September)
- United Nations General Assembly 74th Session, New York, USA (September)
- 6th ASEAN Heritage Parks Conference, Pakse, Laos (October)
- Canadian Parks Conference, Quebec City, Canada
- World Forum on Nature Conservation, Shenzhen, China (October)
- Briefing of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Montreal, Canada (November)
- 23rd Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice SBSTTA23, Montreal, Canada (November)
- Thematic workshop on area-based conservation measures for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, Montreal, Canada (December)
- Two meetings of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED)

**Goal 4: Disseminate Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use Framework**

- Over the last two years, the Task Force has been conducting research and consulting with experts to develop the Three Global Conditions framework. In February 2019, the Task Force
hosted a meeting in Cambridge, UK with experts from around the world to begin to develop a manuscript.

- This paper introduces the Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use framework and was published in early September, 2019 in the National Science Review. Upon publication, a piece by two of my co-authors, Erle Ellis and James Watson, was featured in the Conversation ([https://theconversation.com/3-global-conditions-and-a-map-for-saving-nature-and-using-it-wisely-124063](https://theconversation.com/3-global-conditions-and-a-map-for-saving-nature-and-using-it-wisely-124063)).

- Since its publication, the Three Global Conditions paper has been by several papers including:

- The co-authors, in partnership with Google Earth, also developed an interactive map to illustrate the framework. The map can be viewed on the Task Force website at [naturebeyond2020.com/3conditions](https://naturebeyond2020.com/3conditions). We also produced a map of the Three Conditions of each country and made them available for download on the website.

- To further disseminate the Three Global Conditions idea, we created flyers in 7 different languages on which we could feature different regions of the world using the Three Conditions. This enabled us to tailor the Three Conditions to different regional audiences and meeting attendees.

- The Task Force also commissioned a case study of the Three Conditions in Germany to determine how the approach would work at the national level. This case study report, by Luciana Zedda, Nicole Nöske, Malte Timpte, Jana Edelmann and Axel Paulsch, is available online here: [shorturl.at/LNO79](https://shorturl.at/LNO79)

- The datasets used in the Three Conditions analysis are publically available on the Harvard Dataverse.

Goal 5: Participate in Convention on Biological Diversity process leading up to 2020

The Task Force has closely engaged with the post-2020 process by attending meetings and contributing input to reports and positions of the WCPA to the CBD.

Attended:

- Regional Consultation Workshop on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for the Western Europe and Others Group, Bonn, Germany
- The First meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Nairobi, Kenya
- SBSTTA23 in Montreal in November
- Briefing of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group in Montreal in November

**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)

- Nothing to report

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

**Publications:**

Peer-reviewed publications:
Harvey Locke, Erle C Ellis, Oscar Venter, Richard Schuster, Keping Ma, Xiaoli Shen, Stephen Woodley, Naomi Kingston, Nina Bhola, Bernardo B N Strassburg, Axel Paulsch, Brooke Williams, James E M Watson, Three Global Conditions for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use: an


Other reports:
ZEDDA, L., NÖSKE, N., TIMPTE, M., EDEL Mann, J., & PAULSCH, A. Case study—“How would the Three Conditions-Approach work for the German National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?”.

Presentations:
- Side events
  - The Task Force hosted a side event at the SBSTTA23 meeting featuring the Three Conditions framework. The panel was geographically diverse and reflected on the value of the Three Conditions framework for use in the post-2020 Strategic Plan of the CBD
- Other presentations
  - Harvey spoke at the III Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Protected Areas
  - Task Force members, Stephen Woodley and Alison Woodley, hosted a panel at the Canadian Parks Conference in Quebec City, Canada to highlight the post-2020 process and the Three Conditions framework
  - Harvey was a keynote speaker at a session at the World Forum on Nature Conservation, Shenzhen, China
  - Harvey spoke at the Nature Champions Summit, an international summit of leaders from around the world, hosted by Canada
- Many other meetings were attended by the Task Force where members either presented or offered their perspective. Please see the list of meetings under Goal 3 above.

Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- Contributions to media, website, newsletter
  - A piece by two of my co-authors, Erle Ellis and James Watson, introducing the Three Conditions was featured in the Conversation (https://theconversation.com/3-global-conditions-and-a-map-for-saving-nature-and-using-it-wisely-124063).
  - We have begun to develop a newsletter list to which we send weekly news updates on international conservation developments and also quarterly updates about the Task Force and the post-2020 process.

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)
1. Survey of conservation scientists
   - The conservation scientist survey - was completed in 3 languages, sent to the global chapters of the Society for Conservation Biology. It contained 15 questions and received responses from 363 scientists from 81 countries. The results of the survey have been presented at
Convention on Biological Diversity side events and have now been published in PARKS (Nov 2019).

   - This paper reviewed the evidence for large-scale percentage area conservation targets. The research underpinning this paper was commissioned by the Task Force. It was published in PARKS (Nov 2019)

**FUNDS UTILISED IN 2019** *(Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2019 and use financial report for details)*
No commission operating funds used.

**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)*
Gordon and Betty Moore - $490,000
Resource Legacy Fund – $10,000

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)*
No meeting participants were paid by the Task Force at any of the consultations or workshops.

**Funding proposals in the pipeline** *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*
Confirmed multi-year funding from Betty and Gordon Moore Foundation until August 2021.
No other grants in the pipeline currently.

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020**

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 2020 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:**
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(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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### GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1:** Continue to participate in Convention on Biological Diversity post-2020 process, ensuring targets are meaningful

- Continue to attend CBD post-2020 meetings, including the OEWG meetings. The Task Force chair will be attending the next OEWG meeting in Kunming in February.
- Contribute with written feedback to the zero-draft and other documents as the process continues to build

**Goal 2:** Continue to attend key international and regional meetings and host meetings if necessary

- Seek to use existing meetings to hold consultations where possible unless there is a perceived gap or particular need for another meeting
- Ensure there is a range of perspectives represented in post-2020 discussions (terrestrial and marine, scientific and indigenous etc.)

Planned events and meetings:
- Engage global indigenous and traditional cultural perspectives through participation and workshop at Reconciling Ways of Knowing Conference in May.
- Help curate and run sessions as co-sponsor of the post-2020 pavilion at Marseille World Conservation Congress in June

**Goal 3:** Ongoing development and communication of the Three Conditions framework

- Continue to develop a marine Three Conditions framework with Dan Laffoley and other experts. A meeting is planned to take place in Washington, DC in early February.

**Goal 4:** Strengthen communications about the Task Force and post-2020 process

- Communicate through the new Task Force website, earned media, and through face-to-face meetings in key areas of the world

**Goal 5:**

**Goal 6**

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** (comments will be sent via email)
This year I worked in the following areas:

1. Helped develop the WCPA and IUCN position on the post 2020 agenda of the Convention on Biological Diversity, working closely with the Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force.
2. Worked with Wildlife Conservation Society Canada and others to identity Key Biodiversity areas in Canada, where the Federal Government has provided significant financial support.
3. Represented the WCPA on the Key Biodiversity Areas Partnership.
4. Part of the authorship team for the Guideline “Guidance for Conserving Connectivity through Ecological Networks and Corridors”, completed and scheduled for launch at WCC in Marseilles, working the Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group
5. Chair of the Green List Standards Committee, which met 7 times and reviewed 10 countries adaptations.
6. Represented the WCPA on IUCN projects to a) upgrade the biodiversity elements of the Aluminum Stewardship Initiative; b) develop biodiversity standards for the placement of solar and wind energy
7. Authorship team of the “Recognising And Reporting Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures”
8. Part of the IUCN delegation to the CBD SBSTTA, including theme facilitator for the Open-Ended Working Group thematic meeting on areas based conservation.
9. Worked to bring developing scientific information to the commission and IUCN, including published 6 peer reviewed papers.
10. Worked closely with the Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force and the Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

Goal 1. To foster membership and active participation of the IUCN WCPA Science and Management programme in order to better connect science and management relevant to management of protected areas by promoting the conduct of management-relevant science by scientists and evidence-based decision making by managers. Ongoing
   ✓ Recruited key scientists into the program
   ✓ Participated in a range of scientific meetings (Chinese Academy, WCMC, Canadian Parks Congress, Romanian Connectivity) and the CBD SBSTTA process
   ✓ Has scientific review projects with several universities and the institutions – on representivity and connectivity
   ✓ Reviewer for 2020 WCC Forum proposals
   ✓ Facilitator for WCC motions

Goal 2: To promote global awareness of the importance of application of science to protected area
management through participation in or organisation of workshops, conferences, electronic media; targeted printed information and other appropriate methods. **Ongoing**
- Contributions to WCPA Science Facebook created by Marc Hockings
- Published 5 peer reviewed journal articles
- Lectured in Universities

**Goal 3:** To collaborate and (as appropriate) develop partnerships within IUCN and beyond as part of facilitating the application of science to management of protected areas (**Ongoing**)
- Chaired the Green List standards committee
- Represented WCPA on the Key Biodiversity Partnership
- Science advisor to Canadian Post-Doctoral Fellow Programme (Liber Ero) with post docs working on a range of Canadian conservation challenges in conjunction with Universities and ENGOS

**Goal 4:** Communicate gained understanding of what drives protected areas biodiversity outcomes and extend linkages between PAME and conservation outcome measures for PAs to inform global and regional PA priorities and provide guidance on improved PA monitoring processes and procedures (**Completed**)
- Published 2 peer reviewed papers completing the work of the WCPA-SSC Joint Task Force on Biodiversity and Protected Areas

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

   **a)** Connectivity Conservation Areas – provide assistance and assistance with the public consultation and development of the CCA standard – **Completed**
   - Guidance document on connectivity completed and submitted for publication for launch in Marsailles
   - See report form the Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group

   **b)** Beyond Aichi Targets – provide assistance and assistance with development of new Task Force in beyond Aichi, building on the outcomes of WCP Stream 1 – **Completed and Ongoing**
   - Close ongoing work with the Task Force. Participation at meetings in Banff, Brussels, Bonn Washington and regular phone calls
   - Published a survey of conservation scientists and a review of evidence for large areas based conservation targets

   **c)** Invasive Alien Species – help assess the needs and gaps for protected areas guidance and action on the management of invasive species, and assess the possibility of corporative work with the SSC. – **Not completed – not enough time**

**Goal 6:** *Provide Science Focus to meeting the Aichi Targets* – Working with the CBD secretariat, the GEF and other WCPA program leads to provide direction and support countries working to meet Aichi Target 11, in particular:

   **a.** Providing science guidance to the OECM process – **Completed** –
   - Guidelines Published

   **b.** Acting as WCPA representative on the KBA partnership committee and promoting the national application of the IUCN KBA standard – **Completed and Ongoing**
   - Attended 2 meetings and acted as a member of the Standards and Appeals Committee

   **c.** Assisting with IUCN participation in CBD SBSTTAs and COPs - **Completed and Ongoing**
   - attended SBSTTA meeting, organized side events and help developed IUCN position

**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)*
- Recruited and wrote letters of support for 12 new members

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


IUCN-WCPA Task Force on OECMs, (2019). Recognizing and reporting other effective area-based conservation measures. Gland, Switzerland: IUCN. (core writing team)

**Presentations:**

- Co-Organized a session and presented at the Canadian Parks Congress on bold conservation targets with Alison Woodley and Jonathan Baillie
- Lecture on WCPA research in 3 classes at the University of Ottawa
- Organized and presented at 2 side events at the CBS SBSTTA on Beyond the Aichi Targets

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Restoration workshop - Banff – worked with forest restoration team from IUCN Secretariat.
- Met with the new CEO pf Parks Canada and Vice President of Parks Canada to explain IUCN-WCPA interests and linkages
- Advisory Committee for Gatineau Park, a high profile Federal Protected Area

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Media backgrounder for National Geographic Society of percent area targets and biodiversity

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

- I sit on the biodiversity committee to upgrade the biodiversity elements of the Aluminum Stewardship Initiative, with a focus no-go for bauxite mining in protected areas.
- I participate in a project under run by the IUCN Business and Biodiversity Unit to develop biodiversity standards for the placement of solar and wind energy

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- Used 7000 CHF of the COP for Travel.

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**GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**  
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**Goal 1:** Focus on the CBD process to develop strong and meaningful protected area targets in the next generation of conservation targets

**Goal 2:** Launch the connectivity conservation guidelines and work to ensure their widespread use

**Goal 3:** With partners, complete the identification of the majority of KBAs in Canada by 2022

**Goal 4:** With partners, develop a global methodology for the identification of KBA Criterion C – ecological integrity

**Goal 5:** Provide science support for the WCPA on a range of issues

**Goal 6**

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- Suggest the development of national WCPA committees to engage members and encourage countries to upgrade conservation using protected areas and OECMs
- Develop a tracking program for the implementation of OECMs

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
## OVERVIEW OF 2019

**Insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year**

- In Jan. 2019, the independent review panel examining the results of the third expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the North East Indian Ocean and South East Asian Seas region (held in March 2018 and funded by GOBI-IKI) approved 30 IMMAs, while 7 remained as candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs), pending more research, and 33 were identified as areas of interest (AoI). In 2020, more areas will be put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).

- The follow-up from the independent review panel examined the results of the fourth expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the Extended Southern Ocean region (funded by the French Biodiversity Agency through IUCN) but due to insufficient funding this could not be completed in 2019. In 2020, subject to completion of funding, these areas will be put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org) and formally announced in a final report and news stories.

- In December 2019, the independent review panel examining the results of the fifth expert workshop to identify Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas region (held in March 2019 and funded by GOBI-IKI) approved 37 IMMAs, bringing the total now to 114 IMMAs covering roughly a quarter of the world ocean. In 2020, more areas will be put on the IMMA e-Atlas on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).

- In November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs and two experts travelled to southern Mozambique to prepare an IMMA implementation plan for the Bazaruto Archipelago to Inhambane Bay IMMA, working with local stakeholder groups and government. This plan was finalized and distributed in December 2018, and is available on the MMPA Task Force website (marinemammalhabitat.org).

- In December, at World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona, among other Task Force workshops and presentations, the MMPA Task Force co-chairs prepared and chaired a special High Seas series of 7 talks on new strategies and state of the art technologies for obtaining data on the high seas leading to more IMMAs on the high seas. The goal: to stimulate research and fill gaps in marine mammal knowledge on the high seas.

- In October-December 2019, the MMPA Task Force made preparations and sent out 50+ invitations to experts for the February 2020 workshop to be held in Perth, Australia, covering Australia New Zealand and the South East Indian Ocean Region.
### 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 Western Indian Ocean & Arabian Seas Region

The goal was ACHIEVED when:

- The Fifth IMMA Workshop, organized in Salalah, Oman, March 2018, selected 54 candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs) in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas Region.

**Goal 2:** To gain final approval from review panel for IMMAs in the Western Indian Ocean & Arabian Seas Region

The goal was ACHIEVED when:

- In October 2019, the independent review board announced the approval of 37 IMMAs in the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas Region, while 3 remained as candidate IMMAs (cIMMAs), pending more research, and 23 were identified as areas of interest (AoI).

**Goal 3:** To start to prepare for IMMA workshop in the Western Indian Ocean & Arabian Seas Region

The goal was ACHIEVED when:

- Invitation letters were sent out to prospective experts and to the host country’s (Oman) national authorities, and logistical issues were solved.

#### 2. Governing Nature’s Use and Sharing its Benefits Equitably

**Goal 1:** To Implement one IMMA as a conservation initiative in the North East Indian Ocean & South East Asian Seas Region

The goal was ACHIEVED when:

- In November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs and two other experts travelled to the Andaman Islands to prepare an IMMA and AoI implementation plan with a local stakeholder group. This plan was finalized and distributed in December 2018. Further updates in 2019 verify steady progress.

**Goal 2:** To continue to work to help implement one IMMA as a conservation initiative in the Pacific Islands Region

The goal was NOT ACHIEVED when:

- Circumstances in Palau (main contact moving to Hawaii) created a situation that made communication difficult. Lesson learned: continuous local engagement with multiple contacts will be necessary to ensure success.

**Goal 3:** To finalize the IMMA Toolkit to standardize the process of IMMA identification, informed by the first three workshops.

The goal was PARTLY ACHIEVED when:

The testing of the IMMA Toolkit was undertaken during the IMMA workshops from an updated version was completed in 2018.

**Goal 4:** To set up a regional group in the Western Indian Ocean & Arabian Seas Region for workshop follow-up actions, as a regional expert body in support of IMMAs and their implementation.
The goal was ACHIEVED when:

- The fifth regional group was set up with 3 co-coordinators from the workshop. Along with the Mediterranean, Pacific Islands and North East Indian Ocean and Extended Southern Ocean co-ordinators and regional groups, the Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas Region co-ordinators and 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. The groups met and strategized efforts at the ICMMPA 5 conference in Greece in April 2019.

3. Deploying Nature-based solutions to Global Challenges

Goal 1: To spread the adoption of IMMAs more widely through CMS, IUCN and CBD, as well as to other countries and government to gain support and interest in implementation.

The goal was ACHIEVED when:

- Attendance at meetings, symposia and conferences solidified the adoption of IMMAs more widely through CMS, IUCN and CBD, as well as to certain other countries. CMS has adopted an IMMA resolution engaging all the parties to utilise the IMMA tool; Task Force co-chair Notarbartolo di Sciara is CMS Cetacean Councillor. The CBD ecologically or biologically significant areas (EBSA) process has embraced IMMAs as a route to identification and further refinement of the EBSAs; at the same time EBSAs are used in the IMMA process as areas of interest (AoI) considered in the IMMA workshop 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 5 members for this coming triennium, to a total of 45. These members comprised males and females, scientists and MPA policy people, from various regions around the world including 18 countries.

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

Publications:


Presentations:

- March, multiple presentations and running week long IMMA Expert Workshop for Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas, with 45 experts and observers, Salalah, Oman
- April, two presentations on IMMAs at joint IUCN MMPA Task Force-International Whaling Commission (IWC)-CMS ACCOBAMS workshop on using IMMAs for Identifying Ship Strike Areas, Messinia, Greece.
- April, eight presentations on IMMAs (Mediterranean waters, beaked whales, uses of IMMAs, regional Task Force planning, etc.) at International Committee on Marine Mammal Protected Areas (ICMMPA 5) in Messinia, Greece.
- September, public talk in Seattle, USA on whales, marine protected areas and IMMAs sponsored by The Whale Trail
- September, public talk in Friday Harbor, USA on whales, marine protected areas and IMMAs sponsored by The Whale Museum
- September, public talk in Saturna Island, BC, Canada on whales, marine protected areas and IMMAs at Community Centre sponsored by the Saturna Island Marine Research & Education Society (SIMRES).
- Oct., Task Force co-chairs both attended and participated actively in the IUCN SSC Leaders meeting in Abu Dhabi, with many leads and follow-ups.
- Nov., presentation on IMMAs at the MedPAN workshops in Akyaka, Turkey.
- Nov., running 8-day stakeholder IMMA Implementation work and meetings with government officials regarding the Bazaruto Archipelago to Inhambane Bay IMMA (Vilanculos, Inhassoro and Maputo, Mozambique).
- Dec., talk in Bridport, Dorset, UK on whales, marine protected areas and IMMAs at Literary and Scientific Institute
- Dec., workshop on new strategies for obtaining areas of interest (AoI) leading to IMMAs at the World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona
- Dec., presentation (main talk) on IMMAs at the World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona
- Dec., series of 7 talks on new strategies and state of the art technologies for obtaining data on the high seas leading to more IMMAs on the high seas (at World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona).

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- In November, MMPA Task Force co-chairs travelled to Bazaruto Archipelago to Inhambane Bay IMMA, in southern Mozambique, to prepare an IMMA implementation plan for threatened dugong (last viable East African population) and endangered Indian Ocean humpback dolphins with local researchers and stakeholder groups, as well as government in Maputo. An action plan was finalized and distributed in December 2019, and is available on the Task Force website for download (marinemammalhabitat.org).
- Throughout the year, multiple stakeholder communications were organized and provided by the Task Force through its regional coordinators in the various regions where IMMA workshops have taken place since 2016, including the Mediterranean, Pacific Islands, North East Indian Ocean and South East Asian Seas, Western Indian Ocean and Arabian Seas, and Southern Ocean.

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Numerous news stories, publication downloads, and e-Atlas additions for the MMPA Task Force website have been posted on marinemammalhabitat.org. News released sent out.
- News stories were distributed through the MMPA Task Force Twitter and FaceBook page and shared widely.
- Several blogs reported on MMPA Task Force and IMMA work such as on WDC whales.org pages, as well as cetaceanhabitat.org and erichhoyt.com.
- MMPA Task Force news was presented through MPA News stories, as well as in the GOBI newsletter.
- Presentation to news and feature media at World Marine Mammal Conference in Barcelona with multiple follow-ups.

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

- Most of the points listed here were on behalf of IUCN, to use and promote IUCN products.

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2018 (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)

The French Biodiversity Agency (AFB) provided some funds for the Southern Ocean Workshop paid through IUCN (Global Marine and Polar Programme).

#### In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2018)

Giuseppe Notarbartolo di Sciara: 180 days
Erich Hoyt: 90 days
**Funding proposals in the pipeline (for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)**

Nothing definite.

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019**

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**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

**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

(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

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WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3

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

GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)

1. Valuing and Conserving Nature

Goal 1:

• To hold IMMA workshop to identify candidate IMMAs in Australia-New Zealand and the South East Indian Ocean Region.

Goal 2:

• To gain final approval from review panel for IMMAs in Australia-New Zealand and the South East Indian Ocean Region

Goal 3:

• To start to prepare for and hold IMMA workshop in Eastern Tropical and Temperate Pacific Region
Goal 1:
• To complete reporting work on IMMAs in the Extended Southern Ocean Region

2. Governing Nature’s Use and Sharing its Benefits Equitably

Goal 1:
• To implement one IMMA as a conservation initiative in the Western Indian Ocean & Arabian Seas Region

Goal 2:
• To continue to work to help implement one IMMA as a conservation initiative in the Western Indian Ocean & Arabian Seas Region: the Bazaruto Archipelago to Inhambane Bay Important Marine Mammal Area (IMMA)

Goal 3:
• To continue to fine-tune the IMMA Guidance and Toolkit to standardize the process of IMMA identification, informed by the first five workshops.

Goal 4:
• To set up regional groups and coordinators in Australia-New Zealand and the South East Indian Ocean Region and the Eastern Temperate and Tropical Pacific Region for workshop follow-up actions, as regional expert bodies in support of IMMAs and their implementation.

3. Deploying Nature-based solutions to Global Challenges

Goal 1:
• To spread the adoption of IMMAs more widely through IUCN, CMS (including ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS), IWC, CCAMLR, IMO and CBD, as well as to other countries and government departments to gain support and interest in implementation.

Goal 2:
• To further explore the application of the IMMA tool to address the impact of ship-strikes on marine mammals, through follow-up to the IUCN MMPA Task Force-IWC-ACCOBAMS workshop and recommendations presented through the International Conference on Marine Mammal Protected Areas (ICMMPA 5) in Greece.

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018

• We hope that IUCN will continue to support and help facilitate the incorporation of the IMMA tool in mainstream international marine conservation processes. The MMPA Task Force has support from the French Biodiversity Agency, GOBI, the MAVA Foundation, the International Committee on Marine Mammal Protected Areas, the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Society for Marine Mammalogy, NOAA, MarViva, Tethys Research Institute, Whale and Dolphin Conservation, Animal Welfare Institute, Marine Mammal Commission, and others, all of whom are supporting and helping us to fulfill these goals.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
OVERVIEW OF 2019

Technical Report: 2019 began in the context of Parties to the CBD adopting Decision 14/8 containing the definition of an OECM and related criteria. The Task Force focused on revising the draft guidelines (that supported the CBD process). The draft was updated and sent to CBD National Focal Points and Task Force members. Inputs were integrated and the publication was published in November 2019: Recognising and reporting OECMs.

Methodology: In parallel, the Task Force drew on work by BirdLife South Africa to develop an assessment methodology. A draft produced by BirdLife colleagues was the subject of a workshop (Vilm, June 2019) and was circulated to Task Force members in December 2019.

Training: The co-chairs worked with BfN to raise funds to develop a range of training materials. We also held the first OECM training session in the Philippines in November 2019, co-hosted with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity and WWF International. We plan further trainings in 2020 in North Africa and for a broader group of Asian states.

Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Protected Areas: Task Force members organized two events on OECMs at the ‘CAPLAC 3’.

WCC planning: The Task Force spent some of 2019 planning for the WCC and we have had a motion and a ‘conservation campus’ event accepted.

FAO: Task Force members have been engaging with colleagues at FAO as they develop fishery-focused guidance.

Green List: In addition: I am a member of the Malaysian EAGL.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

Goal 1: The Task Force has published the Technical Report

Goal 2: The Task Force has circulated a v1.0 version of the methodology

Goal 3: The Task Force has started to run trainings and has submitted a proposal to support that work in 2020

Goal 4: An OECM-related motion and conservation campus event have been accepted for the WCC

ORGANIZATION

• No major changes
MEMBERSHIP (Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)

- There are now 123 members of the Task Force

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

Publications:

- Recognising and reporting OECMs (2019) [https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48773](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48773)

Presentations:

- Vilm workshop (June 2019)
- Meeting of the Asia Protected Areas Programme (July 2019)
- Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Protected Areas (October 2019)
- ASEAN Heritage Parks Congress (October 2019)
- Area-based conservation measures workshop (November 2019)

Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- We communicated the Vilm workshop and the publication of the Technical Report through the IUCN Protected Planet Newsletter

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- We have maintained an up to date webpage

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

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FUND USE (Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)

Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2019 and use financial report for details)

- Commission Operating Funds used: c.CHF 1000.

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 are raising funds from BfN to support work on developing training materials: E53,139

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)

- 80

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

- As above: we have applied to BfN for E53,139 to develop training materials.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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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

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

(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 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

*(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**Goal 1:** Integrate inputs to the methodology and put online for use

**Goal 2:** Produce a range of training materials by the WCC

**Goal 3:** Secure a resolution on OECMs and run a conservation campus at the WCC

**Goal 4:** Run training sessions in North Africa and Asia

**Goal 5:** Support collation of case studies on early recognition and reporting of OECMs

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- 2020 will be a very important year for OECMs. We want to ensure the integrity of the concept in its implementation and plan to do this by supporting training and communication of good practice

- We will be tracking OECMs in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
Specialist Groups
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

2019 was a busy year for PACCSG, with presentations at several key international meetings (CBD SBSTTA, UNFCCC Pre-COP and COP25, New York Climate Change Summit, the addition of two new members of the core group, from Australia and South Africa, publication of the Climate Vulnerability Index, completion of various publications, preparations for World Conservation Congress including proposals for two forums, one on financial mechanisms for conservation and the other on the CVI (both accepted), and motion on climate change and oceans (accepted).

Most members of the core group participate in national and regional climate change and protected areas exercises, which has ensured a global perspective to our work. In particular, we were involved in preparations and participation in the Latin American and the Caribbean Protected Areas Congress, preparatory work for the African Parks Congress (which was postponed to 2021), and the steering committee for Nature Climate Summit in Canada (to be held Feb 5-6 2020). Due to resource constraints, we did not have a face-to-face work planning meeting for 2019. It will be important to find some space, hopefully at the WCC to have a specialist group meeting as it is difficult to keep up the momentum without some ability to meet each other. However, the group met 6 times throughout the year via video conference to discuss progress on implementation of our 2019 work plan.

For 2019 we appointed a new co-chair, Oscar Guevara from WWF Colombia. Oscar’s considerable experience with the CBD, climate change and WHC has added new perspectives and leadership to the group.

We expanded our partnerships to include ICOMOS and O. Guevara has agreed to be the co-lead for an update on WHC Climate Change Policy. We will also be taking a leadership role, on behalf of WCPA, at WCC on the climate change theme.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2018 ( Add more lines if needed)

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Goal 2: Mainstream the concept of PAs as natural solutions to climate change into national development plans, communication and financial strategies, for natural and social resilience.

- Options paper started for incorporating natural solutions into Canada’s NDC update to Paris Agreement with Metcalf Foundation Climate Landscapes Program and Nature Conservancy Canada in preparation (R. Smith).
- Working with government of Colombia to develop the UNFCCC- Talanoa Dialogue, and produce a statement about the need for an integrated biodiversity and climate change approach that maximized the role and contribution of the national protected areas system. (O. Guevara)
- Leadership role on climate change stream at Latin American and the Caribbean Protected Areas Congress, October 2019, Peru (Andrew Rhodes, Oscar Guevara, Valeria Petrone, Pilar Jacobo)
- Steering Committee for a Nature Climate Summit in Canada (work in 2019; Summit in 2020) (R. Smith)
- Leadership role on climate change stream for African Parks Congress, which has been deferred to 2021 (H. H. Rakotondrazafy)
- Development of a Commission for Environmental Cooperation (N. America) work program to Strengthen Resilience of MPAs (V. Petrone and L. Wenzel)
- Updated Framework for Protected Area Management in Colombia and development of a concept note – approved – for the Green Climate Fund on Protected Areas and Climate Change (O. Guevara)
- WWF Peru and Colombia working on enhancing the contribution of protected areas to national climate agendas in Peru and Colombia through a resilient landscapes approach (O. Guevara)

Goal 3: Enhance adaptation and mitigation strategies within and outside PA boundaries through carbon management, long term monitoring, and integrated landscape connectivity.

- Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) continued development – following up on a successful 2018 workshop in Shark Bay (Australia), J. Day and his colleagues continued development of the CVI with workshops in Orkney WHA (Scotland), and preparations for workshops in Wadden Sea, Vega (Norway) and another Australian WHA (TBC) in 2020. Discussions are underway for possible CVI assessments in Belize, Palau and Indigenous ‘sea country’ in the Great Barrier Reef.
- Participated in National Adaptation Forum to present case studies on climate adaptation experiences and tools in U.S., Mexico and Canada (L. Wenzel, V. Petrone)
- Climate Change Adaptation Programs for Protected Areas in Mexico. Eight new programs were released during 2019, providing ecosystem based adaptation measures as a result of a participatory and inclusive process of design (1800 persons participated). The EbA measure are ready to implement in protected areas and their connectivity zones (P. Jacobo & V. Petrone leads)

Goal 4: Engage new thinking in planning and management to ensure equitable participation from society, including youth, women and indigenous and local communities.

- All national work that PACC SG has been involved in (see Goal 2) includes engagement of youth, women and indigenous and local communities
Goal 5: Adopt and apply adaptation measures to ensure that in the face of transformative climatic change PAs can continue providing the full array of values, functions, and services for people and nature.

- Lead at UNFCCC COP25 on protected areas/forests/climate change (V. Young)
- Taking lead on Protected Areas for Nature Climate Summit in Canada (R. Smith)

Goal 6: Form and strengthen partnerships to protect and connect landscapes and seascapes as they transform and adapt to climate, especially coalitions in the polar regions that are experiencing the most rapid change.

- Through the Arctic Council’s Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment Working Group, began project to prepare Arctic-wide fact sheets (short white papers) on Climate Change and MPAs and on Climate Change and Indigenous People (L. Wenzel).
- Provided feedback to Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna, biodiversity working group of the Arctic Council, by R. Smith

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

- Oscar Guevara has replaced Andrew Rhodes as co-Chair. Risa Smith remains Chair. The specialist group met 6 times throughout the year via internet video calls.

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

- We have reached out to expand our membership through distribution of an invitation to WCPA members and direct requests. This has resulted in 2 new core group members from Australia (Virginia Young) and South Africa (Melissa de Kock). We have also received interest from EuroParcs and some members in Asia but no one confirmed members yet.

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

**Publications:**


- Day J. Heron, S. Markham, A. 2020 Assessing the climate vulnerability of the world’s natural and cultural heritage. *Parks Stewardship Forum* 36(1) 144-153 [https://escholarship.org/uc/psf](https://escholarship.org/uc/psf)

- Smith, R wrote chapter introduction – several authors for chapter (In Preparation). Chapter III: Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Change) In: Trevor Sandwith & Marie Fischborn (eds). Protected and conserved areas providing multiple societal benefits – lessons from a global portfolio of case studies. IUCN, Gland Switzerland


- WWF 2019. Enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions Through Protected Areas (O.
Guevara participated)
- WWF 2019. Wildlife Protection Assessment: A national habitat crisis (O. Guevara participated)
- Review of Draft IUCN Nature-Based Solutions Standards (V. Young, R. Smith, O. Guevara, N. Dudley)

### Presentations:
- UNFCCC side-event: Science Behind Why the World Needs 30% Protected by 2030. Forum Sponsored by High Ambition Coalition (R.Smith)
- The learning process to strengthen the adaptation process. Presented in Protected Areas in Latin America and the Caribbean Protected Areas Congress (P. Jacobo)
- Synthetic Biology Principles – Webinar in preparation of WCC – Canadian Committee for IUCN (R.Smith)
- Nature-Based Solutions to Climate Change – Speaker Series Galiano Community Library (R. Smith)
- Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) – various successful presentations and briefings were made during the 43rd World Heritage Committee meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan (J. Day).

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

#### Contributions to media, website, newsletter
- The Facebook page remains active. In 2019 there were 148 posts, with 254 page likes. The cumulative likes since we started our Facebook page in 2017 are 1571. Although we did not have any paid posts, as we did in 2018, our per week statistics actually improved over 2018 with 47 page views/week.
- Valeria Petrone, who manages our Facebook page, has gone back to graduate school but continues to manage the page on a volunteer basis
- Two online articles in *The Conversation* during 2019:
  - Fraser, Sequeira, Burns, Walker, Day & Heron (2019). *Shark Bay: A World Heritage site at catastrophic risk*, 7 Feb 2019
  - Heron and Day (2019). *From Shark Bay seagrass to Stone Age Scotland; we can now assess climate risks to World Heritage*. July 2019

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN (Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)
- Task Force on Climate Change – participated in regular meetings and development of motion for WCC
- Task Force on Synthetic Biology – technical report finished; draft policy framework completed, development of motion and forum for WCC. Participated in two face-to-face working meetings in 2019 and work of the Task Force was completed and will be presented
at WCC.

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5000 CHF

#### Funds raised
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N/A

#### In-kind value
*(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)*

Estimate for group: 350 days

### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

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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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## 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 2019 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2019 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1:** Bring into international conventions and treaties, the full recognition of biodiversity, ecosystems, and PAs to enable countries to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Prepare paper for publication on Climate Change Mitigation in Protected Areas
- Participate in COP15 for CBD, UNFCCC COP26, UNFCCC SBSTA, WHC
- Extensive participation in WCC (2 forums leading; participation in SynBio forum)
- R. Smith and O. Guevara commission reps to WCC climate change theme
- Prepare a chapter on Climate Change and Protected Areas in Encyclopedia of Sustainable Development Goals – Goal 13 Climate Action

**Goal 2:** Mainstream the concept of PAs as natural solutions to climate change into national development plans, communication and financial strategies, for natural and social resilience.
- Continue to enhance Facebook Page
- Complete options for Canada to include Nature-Based Solutions in revisions to its NDCs
- Pursue nature-based solutions in Colombia’s NDCs
- Nature Climate Summit in Canada – steering committee and lead on Protected Areas breakout

**Goal 3:** Enhance adaptation and mitigation strategies within and outside PA boundaries through carbon management, long term monitoring, and integrated landscape connectivity.
- Explore development of an assessment on “Impacts of Climate Change on Protected Areas”

**Goal 4:** Engage new thinking in planning and management to ensure equitable participation from society, including youth, women and indigenous and local communities.
- Incorporate role Indigenous Conservation Areas into publication on climate change mitigation and protected areas
- Continue development of Climate Vulnerability Index

**Goal 5:** Adopt and apply adaptation measures to ensure that in the face of transformative climatic change PAs can continue providing the full array of values, functions, and services for people and nature.
- Facebook Page will continue to be enhanced with a goal of doubling the ‘likes’
- Also continue to be active on twitter
- Explore development of a MOOC specific to climate change and protected areas

**Goal 6:** Form and strengthen partnerships to protect and connect landscapes and seascapes as they transform and adapt to climate, especially coalitions in the polar regions that are experiencing the most rapid change.
- Promote collaboration between IUCN entities and other institutions to connect adaptation and mitigation strategies
- Continue to pursue collaborations with other IUCN commissions
- Continue to pursue partnership with CBDE, UNCCD and Paris Agreement
- Prepare a brochure on PACCSG

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- 2019 was a very busy year and 2020 is shaping up to be even busier with several important meetings on climate change and biodiversity
- PACCSG will be very engaged in WCC as well as other important meetings and continue to work on publications, as this seems to be a way to garner attention and provides material to draw on for various presentations
- The CVI has been very successful and will continue its expansion into other areas
- Continue collaborative approach with climate change specialist groups in other commissions and enhancing participation in climate change activities of IUCN Secretariat.

- Annual work planning meeting in Alaska was key to successes for 2017 – once a year face-to-face allows deeper discussion on completing commitments and adding new ones. Small face-to-face was conducted on margins of CBD/SBSTTA meeting July 2018 although only 4 core group members were able to attend in person. A larger face-to-face core group meeting did not happen in 2019 but hopefully there will be an opportunity, at the 2020 WCC to have a specialist group face-to-face.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** (*comments will be sent via email*)
The Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group (CCSG) - now in its third full year of operations – grew to 910+ members in 80+ countries in 2019. Efforts were primarily focused on advancing the draft IUCN “Guidance for Conserving Connectivity through Ecological Networks and Corridors” for publication in 2020. This included a global online consultation from July-September 2019, external peer review, and proofreading, and also served to enhance visibility and requests for CCSG’s expertise within IUCN, from intergovernmental institutions, and in specific countries. Subsequently, CCSG was asked to provide input to IUCN positions for:

- CBD’s 1st Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
- The 3rd Intergovernmental Committee meeting on an agreement under UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction;
- Developing an operational framework for engagement on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 – 2030; and
- Participating in the 10th Meeting of the IUCN-SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group.

Further international developments in 2019 offered opportunities for CCSG involvement, including:

- The Convention on Migratory Species inviting CCSG contributions to a “2nd Informal Meeting on Connectivity”;
- A featured presentation during the 4th Meeting of its Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council;
- Joined and participated in the formal “Working Group on the development of the CMS Family Contributions to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”;
- The Convention on Biological Diversity seeking contributions to prepare its 5th Global Biodiversity Outlook.

Membership interactions continue through the collaborative online site “Basecamp” where a 102 new individual discussions and more than 41 scientific articles, monographs, and other publications were shared over the year. Specialized thematic groups continued to engage members’ in priority initiatives through the Transport Working Group (TWG), Asian Elephant Transport Working Group (AsETWG), Latin American and Caribbean Transport Working Group (LACTWG), and Marine Connectivity Working Group (MCWG). Establishment of CCSG chapters at national and regional levels, especially in India, Eastern Europe, and Southeastern Africa, remains an ambition yet to receive enough attention and commitment.
Goal 1: Serve as the global hub for connectivity practitioners, NGOs, governments, multilateral institutions, and businesses that advance international, national, and subnational policy and practice for connectivity conservation and ecological networks

- Continued to build a strong and active membership and partnerships to facilitate understanding, recognition, establishment, spatial delineation, and effective management of ecological corridors and networks globally.
- Continued to contribute expertise and input on how connectivity conservation reinforces global commitments and investments in place-based and species-specific conservation that enhances the long-term integrity of formal protected and conserved areas.
- Continued to implement IUCN World Conservation Congress Resolution 2016-087 “Awareness of connectivity conservation definition and guidelines”:
  - Operated a global online consultation from 1 July through 30 September 2019. Reaching over 1,000 individuals, 110 people from 30 countries provided formal feedback to gather diverse input, ensure broad applicability, and rally support for embedding ecological connectivity solutions squarely within more ambitious conservation targets and actions around the world. Through the contributions of many CCSG members and other experts, “Guidance for Conserving Connectivity Through Ecological Networks and Corridors,” including 30 case studies, is now set for publication in the WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines series during early 2020. This Guidance is anticipated to serve as the leading resource for advancing best-practices to protect ecological corridors and networks that maintain, enhance, and restore ecological connectivity across both intact and human-dominated systems. Overarching objectives include:
    - Began to facilitate the piloting, case study, and evaluation of ecological corridors and networks, including contributing to biodiversity conservation for KBAs, World Heritage Properties, Ramsar sites, and terrestrial and marine protected areas around the world, including
      - Conducted the first pilot project in the form of a workshop held from 4-6 November, 2019 in Poiana Brașov, Romania. Titled “Ecological Connectivity Conservation Workshop: Guiding the Carpathian Region,” the meeting was attended by over 50 scientists, conservationists, land managers, and policy-makers from 13 countries. Convened under the leadership of the BearConnect Project Research Consortium, the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, and CCSG, the workshop brought together diverse stakeholders to participate in the first-ever ground-testing exercise of the forthcoming Guidance. This was reinforced with indispensable high-quality field data and results from spatial and ecological analyses. In total, three breakout sessions were punctuated by plenary sessions, where all participants had the opportunity to review progress and contribute to summarizing discussions. Eventually, each group prepared an explicit set of recommendations for their ecological corridor of focus by organizing the outcomes under the broad categories of design, governance, and management.

The specific outcomes from the meeting will be detailed in a report planned for release in early 2020 that is intended for use across Romania to inform productive conversations among local, regional, and national authorities. Furthermore, conclusions of this groundbreaking exercise are anticipated to motivate action beyond national borders, as Romania increases its leadership.
toward achieving connectivity conservation across Europe, and globally. The partners look forward to continuing collaboration for the Carpathian Mountains, and replicating ground-testing the IUCN Guidance to ensure delivery of consistent connectivity practices effectively tailored to specific context around the world.

**Goal 2: Contribute to the implementation of the IUCN Programme, The IUCN Promise of Sydney, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the Convention on Biological Diversity’s 2011-2020 Strategic Plan, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the development of the Post-2020 Framework for Biodiversity through coordination and support at IUCN, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), the United Nations and other related entities, international NGOs, bilateral and regional governance actors, and related fora.**

- Continued to support implementation of Decision 14/8 “Protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures” adopted by the 14th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity by providing expertise to support the application of connectivity-related measures.
- Provided input to IUCN’s position for CBD’s 1st Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Contributed science, policy, and management inputs in preparation for the 5th Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-5), providing the knowledge-base for connectivity conservation to be well-considered by Parties when adopting decisions regarding the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Engaged with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) to:
  - Support implementation of Resolution 12.26 “Improving Ways of Addressing Connectivity Conservation of Migratory Species” adopted by the 12th Conference of the Parties, and Resolution 11.25 “Advancing Ecological Networks to Address the Needs of Migratory Species” adopted by the 11th Conference of the Parties;
  - Lead conversations at the Convention’s 1st and 2nd “Informal Meetings on Connectivity”;
  - Join and then participate in meetings of the formal “Working Group on the Development of CMS Family Contributions to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework” that:
    - Formally endorsed the definition of “Ecological Connectivity is the unimpeded movement of species and the flow of natural processes that sustain life on Earth”;
    - Is seeking ongoing support to illustrate features of the specific contexts applicable to individual Multilateral Environmental Agreements; and
    - Is making proposals of options for featuring ecological connectivity as a “standalone” target in the Post-2020 Framework, and to be complemented by its inclusion in other targets and sub-targets; and
  - Deliver a presentation titled “Nature Undivided” to the 4th Meeting of its Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council.
- Provided input to IUCN’s development of an operational framework for engagement on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 – 2030.
- Began preparations to co-convene connectivity-related side events at key meetings including the 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (February 2020, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India), the 2020 IUCN World Conservation Congress (June 2020, Marseille, France), and the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (October 2020, Kunming, China).
Goal 3: Operate the CCSG Transport Working Group (TWG)

- Supported 100+ members to advance expertise, synthesis, integration, capacity-building, practical guidance, and best-practice that provides tools and resources for mitigating threats to ecological connectivity posed by linear transportation infrastructure, especially in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, to pursue objectives related to policy, science, finance, culture, practice, and resilience.

- Mobilized a 30+ road ecologists, engineers, transportation planners, academics, infrastructure financiers, and other interested parties to author forthcoming “Guidance for connectivity conservation impacted by linear transportation infrastructure” as part of WCPA’s “Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series” with objectives of:
  - Uniting policy, research, technology, and public involvement to serve the transportation needs of local communities while preserving essential ecosystem services, natural capital, and biodiversity;
  - Increasing the number, quality, and rate of linear transportation infrastructure projects that maintain, enhance, and restore ecological connectivity; and
  - Decreasing habitat fragmentation and inadvertent impacts on biodiversity movement and mortality, while increasing transportation safety from reduced vehicle collisions.

- Contributed to infrastructure development-related sections of “Guidance for Conserving Connectivity Through Ecological Networks and Corridors” that will be published in the IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Areas Guideline Series.

- Furthered work of the Asian Elephant Transport Working Group (AsETWG) in collaboration with the SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group
  - Convened the 1st Meeting of the Asian Elephant Transport Working Group (AsETWG) on 8 April, 2019, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and formally adopted the Working Group’s Terms of Reference (ToR) and Work Plan for 2020-2021 with subsequent work including:
    - Increasing recruitment of additional members and corresponding experts;
    - Establishing a documentation collection of existing case studies, literature, research, and mitigation studies, plans, and designs; and
    - Creating a set of reporting templates, and beginning standardized collection and sharing of information for case studies, infrastructure projects, and mitigation measures across all 13 range states.
  - Participating in the 10th Meeting of the IUCN-SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group, including delivering a 30-minute presentation highlighting recent progress by CCS and activities of AsETWG over the past year, such as:
    - Increasing recruitment of additional members and corresponding experts;
    - Establishing a documentation collection of existing case studies, literature, research, and mitigation studies, plans, and designs; and
    - Creating a set of reporting templates, and beginning standardized collection and sharing of information for case studies, infrastructure projects, and mitigation measures across all 13 range states.

- Formed the Latin American and Caribbean Transport Working Group (LACTWG) – Terms of Reference currently awaiting final approval
  - Garnered commitment of 20+ individuals to join, including enthusiasm to begin work on an online presence, which can be viewed in its beta version here: [http://latinamericatransportationecology.org/](http://latinamericatransportationecology.org/).
  - Chaired by Dr. Tony Clevenger, current participants of the group are mainly biologists and transport practitioners at a diversity of ministries, agencies, academic institutions, and NGOs, as well as specialists at lending institutions that are working to implement solutions that avoid and mitigate impacts of roads, railways, and canals, on ecological connectivity.
  - Primary focus is on devoting expertise toward providing science, policy, and proven solutions that maintain, enhance, and restore ecological connectivity by:
Reducing wildlife mortality due to fragmentation and wildlife-vehicle collisions;  
Making transportation systems more permeable and avoiding barriers to wildlife movement; and  
Developing and applying cutting edge science and technology to limit human-wildlife conflict throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

- Prepared for linear transportation infrastructure and connectivity-related side events at key meetings, including the:
  - Infrastructure and Ecology Network Europe (IENE) 2020 International Conference (April 2020, Evora, Portugal);  
  - 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (February 2020, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India);  
  - 2020 IUCN World Conservation Congress (June 2020, Marseille, France); and  
  - 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (October 2020, Kunming, China).

Goal 4: Finalize formation and begin operation of the Marine Connectivity Working Group (MCWG)

- The MCWG’s Terms of Reference and Work Plan were formally approved by the WCPA Marine Thematic Chair in May 2019 to pursue the following objectives:
  - **Objective 1: Science** – Monitor scientific developments, disseminate and share information, and provide broadly applicable guidance and principles based on emerging experience and practice for achieving effective marine and coastal connectivity conservation, including opportunities to use remote-sensing and other technologies and supportive policy tools in furtherance of international commitments and national goals.
  - **Objective 2: Planning** – Monitor and disseminate principles and emerging practice for integrating marine connectivity needs and land-sea interconnectivity into marine and coastal spatial planning processes and plans as an integral component of national spatial planning processes and plans across all government levels and sectors.
  - **Objective 3: Governance and participation** – Promote active and effective governance and management (including through law and policy) to advance appropriate, science-based marine and coastal connectivity conservation measures supported by community participation and stakeholder involvement.
  - **Objective 4: Communication, technical outreach, and support** – Support development of marine connectivity conservation networks, technical outreach, and collaboration on initiatives for the application of marine and coastal connectivity conservation principles and practice within MCWG, CCWG, IUCN generally and its many marine specialists, and with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), the United Nations and related entities, universities, international NGOs, bilateral and regional governance actors, and other relevant fora.

- Appointed a Deputy Chair (Colleen Corrigan) and Executive Committee (Jinfeng Zhou, Jonathan Gardner, Josephine Langley) to fill out leadership structure along with Chair, Barbara Lausche.
- An active membership of over 80 individuals has joined over the last eight months who are committed to undertake collaborative initiatives, disseminate information, and advance knowledge about marine connectivity science, planning, management, implementation and supportive policy and other tools for healthy oceans, the land-sea interface and sustainable livelihoods.
- As a first priority output, researched, solicited input, assembled review, and delivered a first draft of "Rules of thumb for building connectivity conservation into MPA network design" to inform the Post-2020 Global Framework for Biodiversity and other international and national
- Contributed expertise and text to form IUCN’s contributions to the 3rd Intergovernmental Committee meeting on an agreement under UNCLOS on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
- Participated in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Pre-CoP 25 meeting in San José, Costa Rica, highlighting the interface of ecological connectivity, the marine environment, and climate change. Deputy Chair Colleen Corrigan delivered an invited presentation titled “Increasing Marine Connectivity for Climate Change Adaptation” as part of the side event highlighting marine corridors as an important nature-based solution for climate change.
- Contributed to the marine connectivity-related sections of the sections of “Guidance for Conserving Connectivity Through Ecological Networks and Corridors” that will be published in the IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Areas Guideline Series.
- Began preparing a draft “Roadmap for Marine Connectivity Conservation” to identify current and emerging marine connectivity conservation issues, highlight best-practices, provide guidance, and generate broadly applicable principles and actions to integrate connectivity into marine conservation initiatives.
- Started conversations to contribute expertise toward the creation of a suite of indicators for measuring the current extent and change in marine connectivity around the world.

**Goal 5: Prepare a series of meetings during IUCN Regional Fora to coordinate a connectivity conservation stream of side events and secure adoption of a resolution at the 2020 IUCN World Conservation Congress (Marseille 2020)**

- CCSG Members attended IUCN Regional Conservation Fora held in:
  - Washington, D.C (USA);
  - Ottawa (Canada);
  - Rotterdam (The Netherlands); and
  - Islamabad (Pakistan).
- Consulted with IUCN Members to prepare motions to the Congress, including
  - Motion 041 - Ecological integrity in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
  - Motion 086 - Wildlife-friendly linear infrastructure;
  - Motion 088 “Ecological connectivity conservation in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework: From local to international levels”; and
  - Motion 096 - Strengthening national spatial planning to ensure the global persistence of biodiversity
- Co-produced - with 10 IUCN-affiliated entities and four additional partners - a two-hour Forum Event titled “Corridors and Crossings: Mainstreaming ecological connectivity into existing and planned infrastructure” that will include representatives of government, NGOs, the private sector, and research centres focusing on the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity conservation requirements into infrastructure development that maintain, enhance, and restore ecological connectivity.
- Began preparations for holding additional connectivity-related side meetings and Forum Pavilion events to include connectivity conservation presentations, panels, and materials.

**Goal 6: Hold and participate in consultations, workshops, conferences, presentations, and webinars on all aspects of connectivity conservation**

- Participated and presented at over 23 international meetings, workshops, and conferences (see list below)
**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

- CCSG Chair: Gary Tabor; CCSG Deputy Chair: Jodi Hilty
- CCSG Transport Working Group Co-Chairs: Rob Ament and Rodney van der Ree
- CCSG Marine Connectivity Working Group Chair: Barbara Lausche; Deputy Chair: Colleen Corrigan; Executive Committee: Jinfeng Zhou, Jonathan Gardner, Josephine Langley
- Previously identified leaders for geographic and thematic areas requires renewed outreach and identification of tasks

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

- 914 members from 80+ countries are recorded in the IUCN Union Portal.
- 531 members have completed the official CCSG registration survey.

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

### Publications:

- CCSG participated in data collection for the following peer-reviewed evidence-based publication (which took two years to produce):
- Ongoing development in 2019:
  - “Guidance for Conserving Connectivity through Ecological Networks and Corridors” to be published early 2020 under the direction of the CCSG; and
  - “Guidance for connectivity conservation impacted by linear transportation infrastructure” planned for pre-publication release in mid-2020, under the auspices of the CCSG Transport Working Group.

### Presentations:

Select CCSG-led engagements in 2019 include:

1) 3-6 January: 3rd Central Indian Landscape Symposium “Actionable Science for Conservation, Livelihoods, and Development”
   Represented and presentation by CCSG Chair Gary Tabor

   Represented by TWG Co-Chairs Rob Ament and Rodney van der Ree and CCSG Members Sandra Jacobson and Melly Reuling with additional CCSG and TWG Members

3) 8 April: 1st Meeting of the Asian Elephant Transport Working Group (AsETWG), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
   Represented by TWG Co-Chairs Rob Ament and Rodney van der Ree, TWG Member Tony Clevenger, and CCSG Executive Officer Aaron Laur

4) 9-10 April: “Road Ecology: Transportation Infrastructure & Wildlife Conservation” organized by the Association of Consulting Engineers of Malaysia (ACEM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

5) 24-25 April: Canadian Maritimes Ecological Connectivity Forum, Dalhousie University
Represented and presentation by CCSG Chair Gary Tabor (keynote on CCSG and connectivity work around the world)

6) 24-25 June
   - 24 June: IUCN U.S. National Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C.
   - 25 June: IUCN Regional Conservation Forum
   Represented and presentation by CCSG Executive Officer Aaron Laur

7) 1-3 July: IUCN Regional Conservation Forum - Europe, North and Central Asia (Rotterdam, the Netherlands)
   Represented and presentation by CCSG Europe Rep. Ancuta Fedorca

   Joint abstract with CBCGDF (China NGO)
   Represented and presentation by Ancuta Fedorca, Paul Beier, and other CCSG Members

9) 22-26 July: Species on the Move Conference, Kruger NP, South Africa;
   Represented and presentation by CCSG Member Kathleen Carroll
   - ½ day workshop: “Advancing Connectivity Conservation in Changing Climates: Tools for Ecological Network Design”
   - Presentation abstract: Connectivity Conservation for Resilience in Changing Climates

10) 22-26 September: 2019 International Conference on Ecology & Transportation (ICOET), Sacramento, California;
    Represented by Rob Ament, and CCSG Members Renee Callahan, Liz Fairbank, and Rachel Caldwell

11) 28 September: Global Landscape Forum “GLF New York 2019: Restore the Earth” (New York, NY)
    Represented by CCSG Chair Gary Tabor and CCSG Member Deb Davidson

12) 7-10 October: Canadian Parks Conference (Quebec City)
    Represented by CCSG Member Alison Woodley

13) 8-10 October: Marine Corridors and Climate Change at UNFCCC Preparatory Meeting, Costa Rica;
    Represented and presentation by MCWG Deputy Chair Colleen Corrigan

14) 22-23 October: CBD post-2020 global biodiversity framework: Stocktaking between OEWG 1 and SBSTTA 23: (Bonn, Germany): Organized by the Institute for Biodiversity-Network (ibn) on behalf of the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) for European stakeholders
    Represented by CCSG Europe Rep. Ancuta Fedorca

15) 30 October – 1 November: First World Forum on Nature Conservation – China – 2019 “Protected Areas and Green Development in the Context of Ecological Civilization” (Shenzhen-China)
    Represented by CCSG Member Renee Callahan

16) 4-6 November: Ecological Connectivity Conservation Workshop: Guiding the Carpathian Region (Brasov, Romania)
    Co-convened by CCSG; Represented and presentations by CCSG Chair Gary Tabor, CCSG Deputy Chair Jodi Hilty, CCSG Member Stephen Woodley, CCSG Europe Re. Ancuta Fedorca, CCSG Member Deb Davidson, and CCSG Secretariat support from Aaron Laur, Zack Wurtzebach, and Gabriel Oppler

17) 4-8 November: IUCN Regional Conservation Forum – South and East Asia (Islamabad, Pakistan)
    Represented by Srijana Joshi Rijal at partner organization International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

18) 11 November: 2nd Informal Meeting on Connectivity – hosted by the Secretariat of the
19) 12-15 November: Scientific Council of the Convention on Migratory Species (Bonn, Germany)
Represented by CCSG Chair Gary Tabor and CCSG Executive Officer Aaron Laur

20) 13-15 November: Thematic Workshop on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework” (Montreal, Canada)
Represented by CCSG Member Stephen Woodley

21) 25 - 29 November 2019: 23rd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (Montreal, Canada)
Represented by CCSG Member Stephen Woodley

22) 28-30 November: Ibero-American Conference on Biodiversity and Infrastructure (Medellin, Colombia)
Represented by TWG Member Tony Clevenger

23) 1-3 December: Thematic Workshop on Area-based Conservation Measures for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Montreal, Canada)
Represented by Stephen Woodley

24) 4-6 December: Steering Committee of the SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group (Sabah, Malaysia)
Represented by Rob Ament and AsETWG Members Sandeep Tiwari, Nilanga Jayasinghe, Ee Phin Wong, and Becky Shu Chen, and Shermine de Silva

Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- CCSG Membership communication through E-mail and Basecamp with 102 individual discussions and more than 41 scientific articles, monographs, and other publications shared over the year.
- Presentations and CCSG representation at 24 international meetings (see above)
- Outreach to focal points at the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on Migratory Species, and partners

Contributions to media, website, newsletter
- Ongoing development for future website, newsletter, and media contributions

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2019 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)

Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2019 and use financial report for details)

N/A: CCSG did not receive any WCPA funds in 2019

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: No funds were raised and managed solely in the name of IUCN and/or WCPA. The Center for Large Landscape Conservation included CCSG as one of a number of components in work under its “International Connectivity Program”, including for membership coordination, consultations, presentations, and the support of minor travel and registration fees. The key sponsor of this joint work is the Center for Large Landscape Conservation and its general unrestricted funds. Other modest funding comes from grant writing. Funding received toward CCSG activities is less than $50,000.
In-kind value *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)*

~ 60 days for Gary Tabor plus 40 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)*

All activities will be proposed as joint activities, with opportunities for CCSG to be one of a number of contributors. There are no proposals in the pipeline at the time of this submission.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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 2020 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

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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

(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 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

*Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair*

**Goal 1:** Foster the membership of CCSG and its partnerships to advance science, international, national, and subnational policy, and management and practice that maintains, enhances, and restores ecological connectivity around the world.

**Goal 2:** Contribute ecological connectivity conservation expertise toward implementation of the IUCN Programme, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, the Convention on Biological Diversity’s 2011-2020 Strategic Plan and its development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, the Convention on Migratory Species, the Ramsar Convention and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals through coordination across IUCN, MEAs, the UN system and related entities, national and international NGOS, bilateral and regional actors, and other related fora.

**Goal 3:** Operate the CCSG Transport Working Group, including subgroups Asian Elephant Transport Working Group and Latin American and Caribbean Transport Working Group.

**Goal 4:** Operate the Marine Connectivity Working Group.

**Goal 5:** Lead events, meetings, presentations, and discussions throughout the 2020 IUCN World Conservation Congress to bring specific focus to ecological connectivity conservation that further commitments, coordination, and actions across the Union.

**Goal 6:** Organize and participate in consultations, workshops, conferences, presentations, webinars etc. regarding all aspects of ecological connectivity conservation

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- Connectivity continues to rise as conservation strategy around the world and the CCSG is trying to service this need. As OECMs and KBAs have now been given much attention and reached greater success, the CCSG hopes connectivity conservation can be enthusiastically championed in 2020 and beyond.

- CCSG hopes the WCPA can support more conversation and coordination amongst its SGs. Annual WCPA SC meetings can be done inexpensively using Zoom calls and other remote links...and can be more inclusive.

- CCSG looks forward to better communication and coordination with the activities of the Beyond Aichi Task Force.

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
2019 SUMMARY OF GSG ACTIVITIES, PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Toward the Key Geoheritage Area Programme (KGA) in IUCN: GSG aims to achieve the goal of KGA as a new IUCN programme in 2024. Various promotion activities have been carried out including several presentations at conferences. GSG made an mutual agreement with IUCN officers about basic approach and activities for its goal. GSG is now looking for sponsoring organization for KGA programme.

Link to Study: https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48448
Tom Casadevall, U.S. Geological Survey and the North American Focal Point of the GSG, completed his tenure as Lead Author on the World Heritage Volcanoes Thematic Study (3 year project with Dan Tormey & Jessica Roberts). IUCN has been distributing the publication globally. In addition to the report, Tom assembled a PPT presentation to use at global meetings in order to promote the information and geoheritage within the report.

The Volcanoes Thematic Study provides a limited list of volcanic sites with strong potential for inscription on the World Heritage List. This is presented by region in two categories: i) iconic sites (18) with clear high potential to meet criterion (viii); and ii) additional sites (17) that may be further considered for the potential to meet criterion (viii), but where justification of the criteria would require further study. The presentation of sites with a focus on criterion (viii), is not exhaustive and has not attempted to analyse whether these suggested locations meet the necessary conditions of integrity or their level of protection and management. Both considerations are elements of Outstanding Universal Value required for the possibility of nomination. Certainly for the additional sites and possibly for the iconic list, State Parties may alternatively consider evaluating the options of nomination as Global Geoparks or Biosphere Reserves in the event they do not fully exhibit OUV, or if these other designations are better adapted to the goals of the State Party than is World Heritage. In all cases, State Parties are recommended to seek advice from UNESCO and IUCN prior to beginning work on nominations for sites covered in the present study.

The study also provides advice to States Parties on the use of the classification system and features identified in the study to strengthen the nomination of volcanic sites under criterion (viii), including a checklist that can also be used by the reviewers of a nomination. The advice also describes a method
for developing a comprehensive global comparative analysis to support a nomination. The global comparative analysis is central to the application and review process in establishing the evidence-based justification for Outstanding Universal Value. Although the scope of the study is the World Heritage List, the analysis in the report also includes properties listed in the UNESCO Global Geoparks Programme and sites listed in the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme (Biosphere Reserves).

Preparation of the Guidelines on Geoconservation in Protected Areas in the IUCN Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series continues. The comments of independent reviewers have been taken on board and more work done to make the draft as up to date and relevant as possible for the targeted users. The draft has been signed off by the lead team of Roger Crofts, John Gordon, Murray Gray, Dan Tormey and Graeme Worboys with the help and input of many others. It is now being reviewed by the WCPA Editorial Team, principally the WCPA Chair, Kathy MacKinnon, and the Head of the Global Protected Areas Programme at IUCN, Trevor Sandwith. Their comments are awaited. It is planned to launch the Guidelines at the World Conservation Congress in Marseilles in June 2020.

Representing the Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG), seven key members visited China in October 2019 at the invitation of Professor Dongying Wei of Beijing Normal University and the International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks. All seven members had accepted invitations to write papers for the journal and all presented papers at an International Symposium on National Parks and Natural Heritage Protection. Kyung-Sik Woo (South Korea), Chair of the GSG, presented a keynote address on the topic of 'Key Geoheritage Areas (KGAs)', a priority project of the GSG. Tom Casadevall (USA) spoke on 'Geoconservation programmes in the USA'; Dan Tormey outlined the recently published 'Volcanoes World Heritage Report'; John Gordon (UK) described 'Protected Area management planning'; Murray Gray (UK) spoke on 'Geodiversity, Geoheritage and Geoconservation for Society'; and Vic Semeniuk and Margaret Brocx (Australia) gave a case study presentation on two geosites in Western Australia. Papers from these presentations are currently in press in the International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks.

The GSG Caves & Karst Working Group (CKWG) is in the process of undertaking a review of the 1997 IUCN-WCPA 'Guidelines for Cave and Karst Protection' (https://www.iucn.org/content/guidelines-cave-and-karst-protection-0) Professor David Gillieson, one of the co-authors of the 1997 document, is taking this forward with support from other CKWG members.

The Caves & Karst Working Group is considering producing a report on Caves and Karst in International Protected Areas, other than World Heritage Sites, and specifically in Global Geoparks, MAB Biosphere Reserves and Ramsar sites. Databases have been compiled listing all known cave and karst sites in WHS, Global Geoparks, MAB Biosphere Reserves and Ramsar sites. These are being reviewed and progress will be reported at the UNESCO Karst 2020 conference in Kentucky, USA which will be attended by many members of CKWG.

The GSG is still navigating administration of the new WCPA Membership Application Process, which was launched in April 2019, and how to navigate the GSG membership recruitment through this new process. The WCPA membership process has been confusing with so many steps to become a WCPA member, and then a GSG member. The GSG Chair, GSG Administration Coordinator, and Caves & Karst Working Group leaders are working internally with Claire Santer at IUCN (claire.santer@iucn.org) and Laksith Fernando (Laksith.FERNANDO@iucn.org) on resolving the confusing path and how to give clear direction to invited specialists to join.
PROGRESS TOWARD WORK PLAN:

Progress toward goals are listed within other sections of this report. ALL goals were moved forward in progress this calendar year, and our goals are the clear focus within the GSG.

GSG four-year programme activities and goals include:

- Develop a Key Geoheritage Areas scoping document;
- Publish a Best Practice Guideline on Geoheritage Conservation and Management in Protected Areas;
- Support and advise to the IUCN World Heritage Programme regarding World Heritage criterion viii;
- Integrate the Caves and Karst Working Group (CKWG) into GSG programme and activities;
- Implement IUCN Resolutions on geoheritage;
- Link geoconservation to the wider conservation agenda;

Build partnerships to promote geodiversity and specifically geoheritage conservation;

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

The GSG Administration Coordinator (Wesley Hill) is working with the GSG Caves & Karst Working Group Secretary (Bärbel Vogel) and Chair (John Gunn) to update the Caves & Karst Webpage.

GSG STEERING GROUP:

A separate document with the Steering Group Members is also attached as an individual file.

IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG)
Committee Structure
2018 – 2020 (updated January 2020)

GSG Steering Group:

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*IAVCEI (International Association of Volcanology & Chemistry of the Earth’s Interior),
*GGN (Global Geoparks Network),
*ProGEO (European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage),
*UGGp (UNESCO Global Geopark Council),
*UIS (International Union of Speleology),
*IUGS (International Union of Geological Sciences)

RELATED MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, SPONSORED SESSIONS:

• GSG leadership members attended a meeting in China in October 2019 at the invitation of Professor Dongying Wei of Beijing Normal University and the International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks. Kyung-Sik Woo (South Korea), Chair of the GSG, presented a keynote address on the topic of 'Key Geoheritage Areas (KGAs)', a priority project of the GSG. Tom Casadevall (USA) spoke on 'Geoconservation programmes in the USA'; Dan Tormey outlined the recently published 'Volcanoes World Heritage Report'; John Gordon (UK) described 'Protected Area management planning'; Murray Gray (UK) spoke on 'Geodiversity, Geoheritage and Geoconservation for Society'; and Vic Semeniuk and Margaret Brocx (Australia) gave a case study presentation on two geosites in Western Australia. Papers from these presentations are currently in press in the International Journal of Geoheritage and Parks. All members had accepted invitations to write papers for the journal and all presented papers at an International Symposium on National Parks and Natural Heritage Protection.
The 2020 Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG) Steering Group Leadership Meeting (and meeting with strategic partners such as IUGS, ProGEO, and Associated Societies) will be during the 10th International ProGEO Symposium to be held in Segovia, Spain, on 9 June 2020. The theme of the ProGEO meeting is 'Building connections for global geoconservation'. GSG Leaders are asking for travel support for GSG Steering Group Members from developing countries in order to attend our internal leadership meeting.

GSG Steering Committee members (Josè Brilha, Benjamin van Wyk de Vris, and Kyung-Sik Woo) are involved in organizing a Session on Geodiversity, Geoheritage and Geoconservation at 38th International Geological Congress (IGC) which will be held in Dehli, India from March 1 to 8 2020.

2017 – 2020 IUCN PROGRAMME

The GSG goals continue to 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 Steering Committee is gathering our input and comments to deliver to Kathy McKinnon for the Proposed IUCN Work Programme for the next quadrennial.

GSG STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

GSG members participated in preparations for WCC June 2020 in Marseille. All GSG initiatives had the same common aim: promotion of geodiversity and geoheritage topics within IUCN. Two draft motions were presented at IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for Europe, North and Central Asia, in Rotterdam: “Conservation of natural diversity and natural heritage in mining areas” and “Geoheritage, protected areas and Key Geoheritage Areas”, in addition to the participation in some other parallel events. IUCN members and the IUCN Council submitted more than 200 motions for the Congress. In the final list of 128 accepted motions, there are two (2) main motions related to geodiversity and geoheritage: Motion No. 89 “Geoheritage and protected areas” which resulted from the merging done by the Motions Working Group of three other motions, and Motion No. 104 “The conservation of natural diversity and the natural heritage in mining environments”. Among other requests, Motion No. 89 asks the IUCN Director General and WCPA to “support the development of a detailed study envisaging the establishment of a future IUCN initiative on Key Geoheritage Areas, as a complement to the existing Key Biodiversity Areas programme, in order to protect geoheritage sites of global conservation significance and move towards more integrated nature conservation”. The Key Geoheritage Areas initiative is one of the main topics included in the GSG action plan for the coming years.

Several members of IUCN (SGE, ProGEO) as well as GSG have contacted WCEL several times by e-mail regarding the implementation of Resolution WCC-2016-Res-083, and still there has been no response to date. WCEL counseling on the implementation of the international regulations is needed, particularly since the process may be similar to that previously developed for the CITES, and we are requesting a response so that we can start with implementation.
Several strategic meetings and conference calls took place between Tim Badman and Tom Casadevall (and his team members) in 2019 regarding the publication of the *Volcanic Thematic Report* and preparing the related PPT presentation. Such meetings, calls, and related costs were shared directly and in-kind by IUCN and the US Geological Survey.

Seven (7) members of the GSG Steering Group, Kyung Sik Woo (GSG Chair), José Brilha, John Gordon, Piotr Migoń, Paul Williams, Murray Gray, and Tom Casadevall, met at IUCN HQ in Gland, Switzerland in August 2019. The meeting was convened by Tim Badman of IUCN and led by Patrick McKeever (Northern Ireland) and Guy Narbonne (Canada). The objective of the meeting was to strategize the update and revision of the 2005 IUCN report ‘*Geological World Heritage: A Global Framework*’ by Paul Dingwall, T. Weighell, and Tim Badman. A revised and updated report is being prepared for publication in 2020.

Enrique Díaz Martínez and the ProGEO Leadership Committee is hosting our next GSG Executive Leadership Meeting 9 June 2020 in Segovia Spain where GSG Leadership will discuss progress on our program goals, scoping the Key Geoheritage Areas, and meeting with strategic geoconservation partners.

The GSG Steering Group gave strategic input and comments to the Proposed IUCN Work Programme for the next quadrennial.

A GSG Newsletter was emailed to all GSG Steering Committee, members, and strategic partners. A CKWG Newsletter was emailed to all CKWG members.

GSG has continued to correspond with Kathy McKinnon (WCPA Chair) to draw her attention for special in WCPA. This was also emphasized in 2019 IUCN European Regional Fora in Rotterdam (Netherlands).

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

Several GSG members (Kyung-Sik Woo, Josè Brilha, Piotr Migon, Paul Williams and Thomas Casadevall were invited by IUCN to join the team who would work on ‘Thematic Study on Revision of Criterion (viii) for World Heritage’. The first IUCN meeting of the team was in Gland in 2019.

**FUNDS UTILIZED IN 2019**

**GSG Operating Funds Used (Indicate total used and use financial report for details)**

In-kind travel funds to various meetings and conferences

IUCN Funds, Korean Government (Cultural Heritage Administration) funds, and In-Kind Support from the US Geological Survey: ‘Volcanoes Thematic Study’ working group meetings: Thomas Casadevall (team leader), Dan Tormey, and Jessica Roberts (co-authors).
Funds Raised 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 the *World Heritage Volcanoes Thematic Study* which is being carried out by IUCN in collaboration with WCPA GSG.

Consideration for funding support for the ‘Key Geoheritage Areas’ scoping discussions and report: GSG has been communicated with Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources for potential funding for ‘Key Geoheritage Area’ Programme in IUCN. Also various funding sources (i.e., China) have been searched by GSG Steering Committee members.

In-Kind Support

In collaboration with ProGEO (European Association for the conservation of the geological heritage) who is an IUCN member, GSS assisted ProGEO to prepare the motion for the potential new IUCN Programme (Key Geoheritage Area). This new concept is included in the Motion 089 for 2020 WCC in Marseille, France.

Significant volunteer, travel funds, and salary time was given on all work projects, presentations given, and meetings attended.

Funding proposals in the pipeline 2019 - 2020 *(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)*

Three years of funding provided by Cultural Heritage Administration (Korea) to IUCN (2018-2020) due to GSG Chair fundraising efforts.

Funding support will be needed for the next GSG Steering meeting in 2020 Spain 9 June.

PREPARATIONS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

The International Union of Speleology (UIS) has declared 2021 as the International Year of Caves & Karst in a major effort to make the world aware of how caves and karst are valuable to all people. To make this possible, the UIS is calling on all of its member countries and other organizations to begin planning a series of public lectures, programs, demonstration of techniques, and others activities for 2021. The IYCK website is now launched at [http://www.iyck2021.org/](http://www.iyck2021.org/). It is designed to teach the public about caves and karst, and so it has a great amount of educational information. It also has information on how to become involved in the IYCK.

The GSG is one of the UIS partners, and members of our Caves and Karst Working Group are presently considering how we can best mark the year, what activities, and how GSG will be involved.

Next Meeting of GSG Caves and Karst Working Group (CKWG)

The GSG CKWG is one of the sponsors of UNESCO Karst 2020 (Conservation of Fragile Karst Resources: A Workshop on Sustainability and Community) which is being held at the Mammoth Cave Area Biosphere Reserve, Kentucky, USA from 18-22 May 2020 [see [https://unescokarst2020.com/](https://unescokarst2020.com/)]. This promises to be a very interesting meeting with participation.
from international groups and organisations that have an interest in cave and karst conservation.

### REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM IUCN / WCPA FOR 2020

- **GSG Chair is asking for travel support of $500 USD** for steering group members from developing countries to attend the GSG Steering Committee Leadership Meeting in June 2020 Spain:
  - Regional Focal Point for Arabic Countries & Africa (Ezzoura Errami, Morocco)

- We are asking for continued support from IUCN & WCPA regarding smoothing out the new application process for geoheritage invited experts to become a member of WCPA and GSG, and clear support and direction internally within IUCN to make this process less taxing on invited experts. There has been much frustration with invited experts regarding the process.

- We are in need of support for the Caves and Karst Working Group (within the GSG) as to who is their members? There needs to be a system to view a list of the members of the CKWG and currently within the new membership database and system, there is not. It is very confusing with the current system and needs to be clear, concise, and easy to access the member list.

- GSG has contacted WCEL several times by e-mail regarding the implementation of Resolution WCC-2016-Res-083, and still there has been no response to date. WCEL counseling on the implementation of the international regulations is needed, particularly since the process may be similar to that previously developed for the CITES, and we are requesting a response so that we can start with implementation.

- GSG is asking for more strategic support concerning Geoheritage and Geodiversity within the WCPA. Our Specialist Group has been trying very hard to be recognized more largely within WCPA, however most support for programmes within ‘nature’ still appear heavily dominated by Biodiveristy / Ecosystem projects, programmes, and funding. It must be emphasized that Biodiversity is underpinned by Geodiversity everywhere in the world and the two are interconnected. We are asking for a higher profile and more opportunities for higher visibility and a platform to explain and educate protected area managers and leaders within IUCN and WCPA the importance of the interconnectedness.

### FEEDBACK / RESPONSE FROM IUCN WCPA ON GSG 2019 ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING REQUEST (the response can be sent to GSG Chair wooks@kangwon.ac.kr)

Please email a response toward our requests above.

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Appendix A

IUCN WCPA: Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG)
GOALS & WORK PLAN
2018 - 2020

GSG Purpose

The IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group (GSG) facilitates the conservation and effective management of protected area geoheritage, provides specialist advice on aspects of geoconservation and recognition in relation to protected areas and their management, and develops links between geodiversity and the wider conservation agenda.

GSG Work Programme Goals:

(1) Develop Key Geoheritage Areas scoping document

Outcomes: definition of aims, principles, methods, partners for a new initiative ‘Key Geoheritage Areas’ (precise name to be decided as part of scoping study)

Target audience: IUCN (including IUCN Government, Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples’ Organisation members) and partners (IAG, IUGS, ProGEO and others)

Leads: Kyung Sik Woo and José Brilha

Key IUCN contributors: GSG members, WCPA SC members, IUCN WHP, KBA and GPAP, Jane Smart, Tom Brooks and IUCN Key Biodiversity Areas programme, Graeme Worboys

Potential Partner Organizations: ProGEO, IUGS and others

Timescales: first draft of scoping study by end 2018

(2) Publish Best Practice Guideline on Geoheritage Conservation and Management in Protected Areas

Outcomes: Guideline in WCPA Best Practice Series

Target audience: PA managers and staff; PA advisers and consultants

Lead: Roger Crofts

Contributors: key section leads Graeme Worboys, Nigel Dudley, John Gordon, Murray Gray, Enrique Diaz-Martinez, Dan Tormey plus contributions from many GSG members

Potential Partner Organizations: UNESCO

Funding requirements and availability: funding for English version obtained from Culture Heritage Administration, Republic of Korea via IUCN WHP. Offers of translation for free accepted from Farzana Perveen, Pakistan: Urdu; Christof Ellger: German; Aqeel Al-Zubaidi and AfkarHadi, Iran: Arabic. Enrique and Jose will explore Spanish translator. Meng Wang will explore Chinese translator.
(3) Support and advice to IUCN World Heritage Programme regarding World Heritage criterion viii on

(a) World Heritage Volcanoes:

**Outcomes:** thematic report to meet request from World Heritage Committee Decision 37 COM 88.15 adopted at the 37th session Phnom Penh 2013

**Target audience:** UNESCO WH Committee and States Parties, geoheritage community

**Lead:** Thomas Casadevall (commissioned by IUCN WHP)

**Contributors:** Dan Tormey and Jessica Roberts (co-authors). Many reviewers have inputted.

**Potential Partner Organizations:** RoK government, UNESCO, IAVCEI

**Funding requirements and availability:** funding for English version obtained from Culture Heritage Administration, Republic of Korea

**Timescales:** draft for completion by July 2018, final report completed by early 2019

(b) Geological World Heritage:

**Outcomes:** response to request from World Heritage Committee Decision 37 COM 88.15 adopted at the 37th session Phnom Penh 2013

**Target audience:** UNESCO World Heritage Committee and States Parties, geoheritage community.

**Lead:** Tim Badman (lead for project is IUCN WHP)

**Contributors:** to be determined

**Potential Partner Organizations:** RoK government, UNESCO

**Funding requirements and availability:** funding for English version obtained from Culture Heritage Administration, Republic of Korea, via IUCN WHP

**Timescales:** goal is completed report for June 2019.

(4) Fully integrate Caves and Karst Working Group (CKWG) into GSG programme and activities

**Outcomes:** full integration and undertake specific work activities. Current proposals for development are:

(a) revision of IUCN Guidelines for Cave and Karst Protection first published 1997
(b) consider producing report on Caves and Karst in international protected areas other than WHS, specifically Global Geoparks, MAB Biosphere Reserves and Ramsar sites

**Target audience:** UNESCO WHC and Committee and national committees, PA managers and staff, advisers and consultants on PAs

**Lead:** John Gunn and Baerbel Vogel

**Contributors:** members of Caves and Karst Working Group of GSG

**Potential Partner Organizations:** IUS, IUCN SSC Cave Invertebrate Specialist Group

**Funding requirements and availability:** none

**Timescales:** proposals for (a) and (b) by end of 2018 following consultation with key individuals for (a) and key parties for (b)

### (5) Implementation of IUCN Resolutions on geoheritage

**Outcomes:** promote the implementation of IUCN Resolutions on geoconservation (5.048 and 6.083), including support and advice to WCPA and CEL, as well as the development of guidelines for stakeholders.

**Target audience:** IUCN Secretariat, Commissions and Members, international organisations related to trade of natural products and its control, especially UNESCO

**Lead:** Enrique Diaz-Martinez

**Contributors:** GSG members, Vincent Santucci, Colin McFadyen

**Potential Partner Organizations:** IUGS, ProGEO, UGGp, UNESCO

**Funding requirements and availability:** not necessary for scoping study but fundraising is necessary if going to move forward

**Timescales:** progress review before next IUCN General Assembly in 2020. Ongoing afterwards

### (6) Linking geoconservation to the wider conservation agenda

**Outcome:** headline is mainstreaming geoconservation into wider conservation agendas within IUCN and beyond linking to delivery of the Promise of Sydney and the IUCN Protected Areas programme. Specifically, linking geoconservation into the wider nature conservation agenda so that the values and relevance of geodiversity and its synergies with biodiversity are recognised within relevant IUCN programmes, strategies and guidance in areas such as conserving nature's stage, ecosystem services, climate change, natural solutions, cultural heritage, human well-being and connecting people to nature (multi-cultural approaches), and marine conservation.
The first step is to prepare an initial scoping paper with horizon scanning to identify priorities and opportunities to contribute to consultations or IUCN programmes in these areas in the short, medium and longer terms.

**Project Leads:** John Gordon, Murray Gray, and biodiversity WCPA SG representative (contact Stephen and Nigel for suggestions)

**Contributors:** GSG members, WCPA programmes, Protected Areas Programme

**Partners:** other IUCN WGs

**Potential Partner Organizations:**

**Target audience:** Geological Surveys, natural science and conservation policy communities within and outside IUCN, IUCN commissions and WGs, policy makers.

**Timescale:** scoping paper by mid-2019; ongoing beyond 2020

**Finance:** not required for scoping stage

7. **Building partnerships to promote geodiversity and specifically geoheritage conservation**

**Outcomes:** input into the IUCN Programme 2020-24; establish links with other IUCN Commissions; establish links with IUCN Members directly related or not to geodiversity/geoheritage conservation; establish links with other partners: IUGS, IAG, IAVCEI, EFG, IGU, ProGEO etc; consider possibility of an International Day of Geoheritage Conservation; support for UIS proposal of UNESCO International Day of Caves and Karst (lead Nadja Zupan Hajna); develop links with other IUCN groups involved in caves and karst (lead Baerbel Vogel).

**Target audience:** IUCN and partners

**Leads:** Kyung Sik Woo and José Brilha

**Contributors:** first step GSG members and WCPA members.

**Potential Partner Organizations:** see under outcomes

**Funding requirements and availability:** not necessary at first step

**Timescales:** 2018- onwards beyond this programme
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

1. In response to the IUCN 2016 WCC Resolution 6.030, in July 2018 the WCPA Executive Committee approved the WCPA Protected Areas Best Practice Guidelines (BPG) series volume entitled Recognizing and Respecting the Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCs) Overlapped by Protected Areas. The SG co-leads have been working closely with Stan Stevens and other SG members to identify case studies/source material, including a series of workshop discussions and side events held at the CBD COP14 in Egypt (Nov 2018) and III Latin American Congress of Protected Areas (CAPLAC) in Lima, Peru (Oct 2019). The WCPA BPG is expected to be completed either in time for the IUCN WCC in Marseille, France, (June 2020) or CBD COP15 in Kunming, China (Oct 2020).

2. Over the reporting period, the rapid assessment on the governance of Protected Area Systems in Latin America, organized within the framework of the programme on Inputs for a Strategic Approach to Biodiversity Conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by the European Union (EU), was completed. The assessment was complemented with visits to national Protected Area authorities (i.e. Uruguay, Brazil), extending the network of LAC specialists working on governance of PAs/CAs within the region. A regional workshop of the ICCA Consortium was organized back-to-back with the CAPLAC in Peru (Oct 2019).

3. Collaboration between the SG and the OECMs Task Force (Harry Jonas and Kathy McKinnon) has been ongoing with regards to the field testing of the CBD guidelines on OECMs/conserved areas. A number of national field-testing initiatives are underway in partnership with GIZ and the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) including in Colombia (presented at the CAPLAC in Peru in Oct 2019) and Malaysia. The SG co-lead from the GEF SGP has worked with the CBD Secretariat, UNU and UNDP to secure funding ($500,000) from the Government of Japan Satoyama Initiative for ground-truthing of Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes (SEPLs) as a contribution to the CBD Aichi Targets in 2020.

4. The SG has been collaborating with the UNDP Global Programme on Nature for Development, and Lincoln Institute with respect to global survey on IUCN PA Governance Type C, Private Protected Areas (PPAs), and land policies relevant to ecological connectivity. The collaboration has contributed to the launch of the UN Biodiversity Lab, an interactive mapping platform designed to solve biodiversity conservation and development challenges. The UN Biodiversity Lab provides spatial data through a free, cloud-based tool to support Parties to the CBD in reporting on their achievements and to inform their conservation decision making. National policymakers and planners will be able to upload and utilize existing national-level data in their analyses. Over the course of 2020, collaboration between the UN Biodiversity Lab is planned to conduct a series of national government-CSO-indigenous peoples dialogues on the post-2020
CBD new deal for Nature to be agreed in Kunming, China, in Oct 2020.

**PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS** *(Comment on progress on goals set for 2018. 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

In April 2019, a series of ongoing consultations were held during the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) with WWF International (i.e. High Impact Initiative on IPLCs contributions to the CBD 2020 Aichi targets), indigenous peoples networks, and partner organizations pertaining to the role of conserved areas (CAs) as a priority for state party reporting to the CBD during the period 2019-2020, as well as part of the emerging post-2020 framework.

The SG co-lead has been central to the organization of the Thematic Line on governance of protected areas as part of the **III Congress of Protected Areas in Latin America and the Caribbean**, held in Lima, Peru, in Oct 2019. The CAPLAC informed and influenced future directions of the status of governance in the national systems of Protected Areas in other continents, including Africa, which is planning a regional PAs Congress in 2021 (TBD).

**Goal 2:** Strengthen the implementation of existing policies and agreements relevant for governance for the conservation of nature

Over the course of 2019, SG members contributed to a Working Group meeting of the Natural Resource Governance Framework (NRGF), an IUCN initiative created to provide a robust, inclusive, and credible approach to assessing and strengthening natural resource governance, at multiple levels. Engagement between the SG and NRGF is expected to contribute to the extension of the network of engaged specialists, including supporting materials to provide technical advice on PAs/CAs to support the implementation of SG activities.

**Goal 3:** Highlight, support and diffuse models of well-governed protected and conserved areas that exemplify sustainable, equitable and satisfying local economies and societies.

The SG has collaborated with the UNDP Global Programme on Nature for Development, Lincoln Institute, with respect to a global survey on IUCN PA Governance Type C, Private Protected Areas (PPAs) and land policies relevant to ecological connectivity. With regards to network analysis models to assess social capital and network vitality of governance at the landscape/seascape level, ongoing coordination is taking place with the Rights & Resources Initiative (RRI), World Resources Institute (WRI), and National Geographic (i.e. pertaining to the WRI Global Landmark project; carbon accounting in IPLCs lands with RRI; as well as public outreach with Nat Geo on PA/CA governance communications).

Global policy advocacy has been ongoing with the Global ICCA Consortium through the development of Policy Briefs including on ICCAs including a Glossary of Terms (finalized at the ICCA Consortium General Assembly in Udaipur, India, in Dec 2019), as well as connections to the UN 2030 SDGs and relevant indicators. Related work has been ongoing with ICCA Consortium member organizations with regards to the self-strengthening of ICCAs (translated into French, English and Spanish, and widely disseminated), as well as measures on governance vitality relevant to IUCN Governance Type D.
**ORGANIZATION** *(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)*

Building on reporting from the previous WCPA cycle, the SG has been strengthening the network of specialists resulting from the IUCN WPC Stream 6 on PA/CA governance. Coordination work is ongoing with the WCPA Vice-Chair for PA Governance, Thora Ahmed, including face-to-face meetings and bilateral discussions with WCPA members at the CAPLAC (Oct 2019) and ICCA Consortium GA (Dec 2019).

**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, including connections with the WCPA SG on youth, PPAs, OECMs and other IUCN inter-commission efforts (i.e. SIPEH).

**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 was presented during the III Latin American PA Congress (Oct 2019);

- 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 (ICCA) Overlapped by Protected Area* is in the process of elaboration, with case studies from different regions of the world.

**Presentations:**

- Collaboration with WWF International for the design principles of the new WWF High Impact Initiative (HII) on ‘People Protected Landscapes’ including ambitious spatial targets to be included in the New Deal for Nature by the CBD COP15 in 2020 – co-design workshop with WWF, ICCA Consortium and WCPA partners in Bali, Indonesia (Jan 2019);

- Outreach in Brazil including national workshop on ICCAs and their contribution to Nature Conservation (Aug 2019) and coordination with Claudio Maretti (WCPA Regional Vice-Chair) on legal status of ICCAs and community conservation in Brazil;

- Sponsorship of the Indigenous Peoples’ Maloca working with FENAMAD (national IPs network in Peru) during the III CAPLAC in Lima, Peru (Oct 2019) – including a series of over 30 sessions and speaking events for indigenous peoples and local communities during the regional PAs conference;

- *PA/CA governance as part of territorial planning for buen vivir* during the CAPLAC in Lima, Peru, resulting from a strategic project of $150,000 to map and register a territorial corridor as an ICCA/OECM to the WCMC Global ICCA Registry;

- *Support to the GEF7 programme on Inclusive Conservation* organized with the GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) during the UNPFII (April 2019) and UN General Assembly Climate Week (Sept 2019), resulting in the approval of a Joint Conservation International-IUCN programme of $25 million at the GEF Council (Dec 2019) – the Inclusive Conservation
programme will be co-designed through a series of IPLC consultations as part of the PPG Phase in 2020 (i.e. IUCN WCC, June 2020, and other key regional consultations).

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

E-mail exchanges with new and prospective WCPA SG members have been ongoing with regards to improving the system of regional focal points. Options include the use of a new platform for communications (such as MailChimp), as well as blog platforms (including WordPress), have been under review.

### Contributions to media, website, newsletter

Activities of the SG have been included in the newsletters of IUCN GPAP, and the Global ICCA Support Initiative. 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*

No specific assignments in the name of the WCPA Specialist Group, using WCPA Operating funds, have been completed during the reporting period. Coordination work has nonetheless been ongoing with the IUCN World Heritage programme and UNESCO WH Centre (WHC) with respect to the governance arrangements in target WHS and PAs, including inter alia: Parc W, Niger; Pendjari, Benin; Okovango Delta, Botswana; Tri-National Sangha (TNS), Central African Republic/Congo Brazzaville/Cameroon; Simien NP, Ethiopia; Malot-Draensberg, Lesotho/South Africa; Kaeng Krachan NP, Thailand; East Rennell, Solomon Islands).

### FUNDS UTILISED IN 2019

*(Indicate the total of funds used in 2018 for WCPA activities)*

**Commission Operating Funds used** *(Indicate total used in 2018 and use financial report for details)*

No WCPA Operating funds have been provided or used in the name of IUCN WCPA Specialist Group during the reporting period. Activities have been self-financed by members of the SG, leveraging existing programmes and initiatives as relevant. Opportunities for the SG to access financial resources form the WCPA in 2019 would be useful to consider.

**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 have been mobilized using the name of IUCN WCPA during the reporting period. The SG co-lead from the GEF SGP has nevertheless worked with the CBD Secretariat, UNU and UNDP to secure funding ($500,000) from the Government of Japan Satoyama Initiative for ground-truthing of Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes (SEPLs) as a contribution to the CBD Aichi Targets. A coordination group on OECMs implementation, linking together UNEP WCMC, FAO, UNDP, WCPA, various international NGOs, and other agencies has continued to organize regular coordination calls and meetings – including potential to prepare a submission to the GEF7 (under enabling activities) or other bilateral donors (i.e. BMU IKI).
In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2018)

The collective contribution of SG members to WCPA issues during the reporting period in 2019 is estimated to be at least 100 days (SG co-leads, members). These include a range of activities including the research on the governance situation of PAs in LAC, Africa, and Asia; participation in events in different countries; preparation of presentations at international meetings; numerous days in the evaluation of proposals presented towards the Thematic Line on Governance and models of private and participative management during the III LAC Congress of Protected Areas in Oct 2019.

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

As part of the GEF7 replenishment period (2018-2022), the GEF Secretariat invited inputs into the design of the programme on ‘Inclusive Conservation’ (under the biodiversity focal area). The Inclusive Conservation programme, alongside the draft STAP guidance on ‘Local Commons for global benefits’, opens up significant opportunities for collaboration between GEF-accredited agencies, including IUCN, as part of the design of the Inclusive Conservation programme over the course of 2020.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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(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 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP
(Indicate draft goals for 2019 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 guidance on vitality of governance with specific reference to indicators and assessment processes, including with reference to the GEF7 replenishment period (2018-2022) and other relevant frameworks;
- Develop improved guidance on quality of governance with specific reference to equity and effectiveness standards and their integration in the IUCN Green List of PAs/CAs;
- 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 PAs/CAs;
- Evaluate the application of recommendations emerging from the World Park Congress (WPC) in Sydney regarding the governance of PAs/CAs, at the time of the CAPLAC in Lima (Oct 2019).

Goal 2: Strengthen the implementation of existing policies and agreements relevant for governance for the conservation of nature

- Assist the CBD Secretariat and relevant partners to field test guidance on recognizing and monitoring conserved areas (“other effective area-based conservation measures”) and on
assessing the “equitable management” dimension of Aichi Target 11;

- 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 (i.e. national provisions to implement CBD’s PoWPA, NBSAPs, initiatives to achieve all Aichi Targets by 2020, and New Deal for Nature as part of the CBD post-2020 Framework);
- Strengthen governance capacities via regional learning networks that focus 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 (i.e. community forests, locally managed marine areas) to the national level (i.e. fisheries in a marine economic exclusive zone), from the regional level (i.e. migratory wildlife) to the global level (i.e. atmosphere and climate);
- Identify, review, analyze and draw lessons and inspiration from several cases where well-governed PAs/CAs deliver food & water sovereignty, and sustainable human development;
- Develop and apply a communications strategy to promote the lessons learned in well-governed PAs/CAs that exemplify sustainable, equitable and satisfying local economies and societies, including through platforms such as the expanded IUCN Panorama: Inspiring PA Solutions launched at the CBOP14 in Sharm el Sheikh in Nov 2018, including collaboration between IUCN, UNDP and other WCPA members as part of Panorama Solutions.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

During the IUCN WCC in Marseille, France, (June 2020) and CBD COP15 in China (Oct 2019), where a number of WCPA SG members were in attendance, a major theme of the negotiations revolved around the reporting of states parties to the CBD under the Aichi Target 11 partnership. The remaining months in 2020 presents an important window of opportunity with regards to states parties reporting on their CBD Aichi targets in the build-up to the COP15 in China in 2020 – in particular with respect to the expanded guidance on OECMs as “conserved areas” as part of the Target 11, as well as in the negotiation of the post-2020 ‘New Deal for Nature’ under the CBD. Governance considerations will be square and central to these negotiations and IUCN GPAP will require significant back-up support from the WCPA, including the SG on governance of PAs/CAs, and other concerned SGs.

Over the course of 2020, ongoing work will continue with the WCPA Task Force on OECMs (outside of the official IUCN Governance Types A—B-C-D), as well as SG on Governance of PAs/CAs in order to pilot and field test the Guidance on OECMs, 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. Coordination is also being conducted with CEESP with regards to the new PA/CA category for IPLCs (discussed as part of Stream 5 at the WPC) as part of the preparations towards the
2020 IUCN WCC in Marseille, France. The WCPA SG will also focus efforts on inputs to the CBD Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on CBD post-2020 (Feb 2020) and SBSTTA (June 2020) on the Target 11 Partnership announced in Sharm el Sheikh in Nov 2018), and preparations towards the CBD COP15 in Kunming.

During the period 2020, priority will be placed in mobilizing WCPA SG members, and other contributing authors, for the proposed WCPA Protected Areas Best Practice Guidelines Series Recognizing and Respecting the Territories and Areas Conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCAs) Overlapped by Protected Areas, responding to the IUCN WCC Resolution 6.030, approved by the IUCN Executive Committee. Coordination will be ongoing with IUCN and CI and GEF Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group (IPAG) as part of PPG phase for the co-design of the $25 million GEF7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative.

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

SPECIALIST GROUP ON PRIVATELY PROTECTED AREAS
AND NATURE STEWARDSHIP

BRENT A. MITCHELL

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019

**OVERVIEW OF 2019**

We continue to build on the 2018 achievement of producing IUCN Guidelines for Privately Protected Areas by bringing the material out to wider audiences. This is taking the form of offering training events, developing online training materials (scheduled to go live in 2020), translating the Guidelines into multiple languages, and providing advice on PPAs to governments, NGOs, landholders and others on request. This has contributed to growth in the capacity for and extent of PPAs. The term "privately protected area"—formalized in the 2016 resolution—continues to grow in acceptance.

We convened a workshop to develop training materials and strategy, based on the PPA Guidelines, on Vilm Island in April, 2019, hosted by Bundesamt für Naturschutz. As part of the resulting project, we offered a full-day training on privately protected areas, based on the 2018 IUCN Guidelines for Privately Protected Areas, at the 3rd Latin American and Caribbean Protected Areas Congress, Lima, Peru, October 2019. (We also organized a related workshop in the main program of the Congress, and launched a Spanish translation of the Guidelines.)

**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.**

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**Objective 2: Explore enhanced role of privately protected areas in connecting people with nature.**

Minimally pursued through communications and publications, e.g., newsletter.

**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.**

Encouraged attendees in Vilm, April 2019, to provide data to the WDPA. This resulted in the submission of 4,500 PPAs in New Zealand, which will be added to the WDPA following government-verification. Held training on reporting PPAs to the WDPA in Lima, October 2019. Ongoing engagement with UNEP-WCMC to ensure that improving PPA data remains a priority.
### Objective 4: Improve understanding of best practices in privately protected areas and PPA systems by translating Best Practice Guidelines in 2019.

With support of Fundación Mar Adentro, new IUCN member from Chile, we translated the PPA Guidelines to Spanish. Launched at 3rd Latin American and Caribbean Protected Areas Congress. Translations to French and Portuguese are undergoing peer review; French version to be launched at 2020 World Conservation Congress.

### Objective 5: Improve the enabling environment globally and nationally for designation and support of privately protected areas, chiefly through promoting the IUCN definition of PPAs.

Responded to individual requests for information towards, guidance on and review of legislation related to private conservation. Expanded access to guidance for national governments through translation of the Guidelines.

### Objective 6: Create or strengthen national PPA associations to assess performance, provide training and develop data collection systems

Nature Conservancy Canada with the support of the Max Bell Foundation has been working to develop a formal network of PPA/POECMs in Canada. Held 3 in person meetings to socialize the concept of the network. Expect to formally announce the network in early 2020. (from Lisa McLaughlin)

### Objective 7: Integrate privately protected areas into global frameworks (e.g., CBD)

Drafted a statement on PPAs in the post-2020 biodiversity framework to be finalized in 2020.

Commented extensively on OECM guidance as it relates to private conservation.

### Objective 8: Continue to analyze the contribution of privately protected areas to nature-based solutions.

This remains on the agenda for 2020.

### ORGANIZATION

n/a

### MEMBERSHIP

- 439 members listed in the “Network” on the IUCN Portal, from all regions
- 1,079 subscribers to the occasional newsletter, The Stivardr
- 390 participants on active email discussion list
- 9 core members, “PPA Strategists,” meet monthly

### COMMUNICATION

**Publications:**


### Presentations:

Brent A. Mitchell. Privately protected areas and regional collaborations: Inernational examples, challenges and lessons. Keynote address to Congress on Mountain Parks of the Metropolitan Region, Santiago, Chile 21 June 2020


Presentations at the Conservation Campus on Privately Protected Areas, 3rd Latin American and Caribbean Protected Areas Congress, 14 October 2019, San Isidro, Lima, Peru

1. Brent A. Mitchell, Establishing PPAs
2. Nigel Dudley, Issues Relating to PPA Subtypes
3. Sue Stolton, Managing PPAs
4. Pedro Solano, The Role of PPA Networks
5. Cristina Lazaro, Recording PPAs, including in the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA)
6. Bruno Monteferrì, Incentives for PPAs
7. Carlos Chacón, Ensuring PPA Permanence

### Strategic Stakeholder Communication

Two issues of The Stivardr

Growing engagement on email discussion list. For example, currently there is an active discussion of how to get more PPA data into the WDPA, with concrete examples from a number of countries.

Responding to requests for information or advice from dozens of countries. For example, responded to a recent request for input to new national PA legislation as it relates to PPAs.
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**Funds raised**  

€55,000 from BfN for 2019 and 2020 training activities; ~US$15,000 from FMA for Spanish translation of the PPA Guidelines

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)*  

60?

**Funding proposals in the pipeline**  

None pending

### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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**WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3**  

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## GOALS FOR 2020

**Objective 1: Integrate privately protected areas into global frameworks (e.g., CBD)**
- Prepare a two-page paper on the role of PPAs in post-2020 biodiversity frameworks, to be self-published
- Publish a high-level policy piece on PPAs post-2020 in a major journal
- We continue to aspire to provide regional workshops on governance, in partnership with CBD and others, and are looking for support.
- Participate in key meetings, including:
  - pre-CoP CBD meeting in Kunming, Feb. 2020
  - SBSTTA, Montreal, May 2020 (proposing PPA workshop)
  - World Conservation Congress, June 2020
  - Conference of the Parties, Kunming, Oct. 2020
- Explore integration with other conventions and frameworks beyond CBD.

**Objective 2: Explore enhanced role of privately protected areas in connecting people with nature.**
- Illumination of case studies through various media and best practice guidelines.
  - follow-up with IUCN and develop clear instructions to PPA community re adding material
- Prepare Conservation Campus at 2020 World Conservation Congress
- Encourage scientific study by publishing a research agenda for PPAs

**Objective 3: Refine estimates of the extent of privately protected areas (quantitative, spatial**
Objective 3: Encourage structures and incentives to report on PPAs both nationally and to the WDPA.
- Assist UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre in operationalizing revised protocols for accepting data from non-government sources to the World Database on Protected Areas.
- Assist UNEP WCMC in obtaining new data sets on PPAs, following example from New Zealand
- Contribute to 2020 Protected Planet report
- Build toward a major report specifically on PPA spatial data: current knowledge, gaps, how to fill, opportunities

Objective 4: Improve understanding of best practices in privately protected areas and PPA systems by continuing to translate Best Practice Guidelines in 2020.
- Versions of Guidelines for Privately Protected Areas in French and Portuguese are nearing completion. Plans are to launch the French version at the WCC, with the Portuguese date to be determined.

Objective 5: Improve the enabling environment globally and nationally for designation and support of privately protected areas, chiefly through promoting the IUCN definition of PPAs.
- Contribute to the CBD report on Resource Mobilisation for the post-2020 global biodiversity frameworks.
- Through regional/national workshops (plans under development).

Objective 6: Create or strengthen national PPA associations to assess performance, provide training and develop data collection systems
- Special group members support such networks.
- Continue responding to opportunities and requests on an ad hoc basis.
- Provide five training sessions at International Land Conservation Congress, April, Catalonia
- Develop online training videos and directory of information on dedicated website, privateconservation.net, possibly crafting into a MOOC.
- Participate in national and regional convenings, e.g., 2020 Latin America PPA congress in Mexico; Australia conference

Objective 7: 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 expect to continue to expand the community of practice (both in number and level of engagement) and further expand and formalize the specialist group of WCPA members.

Objective 8: Continue to analyze the contribution of privately protected areas to nature-based solutions.
- Intersect with the Natural Solutions theme
- Contribute PPA example(s) to case studies of natural solutions

Objective 9: Explore boundaries and overlaps with other governance types and classes of area-based conservation.
- Coordinate with leads of other working groups within WCPA, e.g., governance, ICCAs, OECMs, etc. (proposed workshop in 2020)
- In particular, stress the inclusion of PPAs as protected areas, where they fully meet the definition, and refute relegation to other classes of conservation, such as OECM.
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Appendix: Report from PPA Workshop on Vilm, April 2019

MEETING SUMMARY

Between 2017 and 2018, IUCN’s World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) with support from a number of funders, including the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and its International Institute for Nature Conservation, developed the first global guidance specifically on private conservation. The Guidelines were developed by a team of volunteers under the auspices of the IUCN WCPA Specialist Group on Privately Protected Areas and Nature Stewardship (PPA SG). The Guidelines were launched in November 2018 and are now being translated to Spanish and Portuguese, with plans for versions in French and hopefully several other languages. The April 2019 workshop was planned to discuss how Privately Protected Areas (PPAs) could be further supported, promoted and recognised and how the Guidelines can be further used and disseminated.

Topics

The workshop discussions focused around, but were not limited to, four main topics:

1. Increasing PPA capacity, based on the PPA Guidelines, inc. development of a research agenda on PPAs
2. Nature Stewardship – the other half of the SG mandate
3. PPAs in agenda-setting in 2020
4. The future work of the PPA SG

A summary of the meeting decisions is provided in the box below and elaborated on further in the following text.

- **Experience from PPAs around the world**: presentations on current PPA status in five countries were shared with participants.
- **PPA training**: work programme developed, activities planned and a range of outputs suggested. Outlined proposal to BfN developed and possible co-funding from Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera (and translation of the Guidelines into Catalan) discussed
- **PPA declaration**: the aim to develop a declaration supporting private conservations which can be supported widely was discussed; text was drafted and development of processes, roles and timeline outlined
- **PPA data and WDPA**: focus on data from networks (regional, national, groups of PPAs etc) discussed and processes developed for working with WCMC and other groups within WCPA
- **Research**: list of research needs developed to be added to PPA SG website: privateconservation.net
Participants

At the meeting: Juan Bezaury Creel (TNC, Mexico); Heather Bingham (UN Environment WCMC, UK); Alfredo Galvez (SPDA, Peru); Mike Jebson (QEII National Trust, New Zealand); Lisa Kopsieker (Imperial College, UK); Pauline Mische (BfN intern); Brent Mitchell (QLF Atlantic Center for the Environment, USA); Chandni Navalkha (International Land Conservation Network (ILCN), USA); Laercio Souza (RPPN Network, Brazil); Miquel Rafa (Fundación Catalunya-La Pedrera, Catalonia); Gisela Stolpe (BfN, Germany); Sue Stolton (Equilibrium Research, UK).

Virtual participants: Tillman Disselhoff (ELCN / NABU, Germany); Nigel Dudley (Equilibrium Research, UK); James Fitzsimons (TNC, Australia); Carlos Ariel Genoviese (WCEL, Argentina); Julia Miranda Londoño (Parques Nacionales Naturales de Colombia); Flávio Ojidos (National Confederation of Natural Heritage Private Reserves (CNRPPN), Brazil).

Day 1: Increasing PPA capacity

The morning of the first day focused initially on a sharing of experiences within the IUCN WCPA PPA SG with presentations on private conservation initiatives in: New Zealand, Peru, Brazil and Mexico; along with introductions to the related work of: ILCN, WCPA WDPA and PPA reporting, and Imperial College, UK.

The afternoon focused on two issues: PPA data and the proposed training programme.

1. **PPA Data**

The discussion focussed on supporting UN Environment WCMC to collect, accurately record and revise data on PPAs on the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA). Plans to approach PPA networks and organisations were developed along with a process for verification of data (table 1).
Table 1: PPA data

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<td>Data management</td>
<td>WCMC, WCPA and PPA SG coordinated by Heather Bingham</td>
<td>Primarily PPA Networks</td>
<td>1. WCPA PPA SG identify organisation or networks with site data, key contacts and suggest reviewers</td>
<td>Improved data</td>
<td>WDPA PPA data improved</td>
<td>Not needed initially, although larger data gathering project would need funds</td>
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2. PPA training programme

The main topic of the afternoon was discussion on developing a training package based on the Guidelines. The main objective is to better reach those making decisions on the recognition, establishment, management and governance of PPAs with the aim to promote PPAs as effective solutions for biodiversity conservation. Gisela Stolpe started the session with a presentation focussed around the potential funding of €60,000 being made available to the PPA SG. She noted funds from the BfN, Vilma Academy have been identified, but will not be approved until a proposal has been submitted and accepted.

There was a discussion about the increasing popularity of massive open online courses (MOOCs) and their merits and disadvantages when compared with site-based training. Important point notes:

- MOOCs were potentially a more cost-effective investment in training materials, with a potentially far reach
- MOOCs are however biased towards knowledge transmission and thus may be too restrictive a method for the type of training around the PPA guidelines envisaged
- Site-based courses and webinars may be better in terms of interaction, development and skills transfer

It was decided to take advantage of an unusual concurrence of regional and international conferences on protected areas (see Table 2) and develop training programmes that correspond to chapters in the Guidelines which are:

1: Establishing a privately protected area
2: Managing a privately protected area
3: Incentives for privately protected areas
4: Ensuring privately protected area permanence
5: Issues related to specific subtypes of privately protected areas
6: Coordination with national protected area systems
7: Recording privately protected areas
8: The role of privately protected area networks

Discussion focused on the development of a funding proposal for BfN (e.g., description of activities, timeline, steering committee, relevance for BfN needed) and discussed issue to consider including:

- Who should be the target, why, what are the needs?
- Language barriers-potentially need more regional guidance
- Delivery modes
- How to ensure perpetuity of such trainings? Updating process
- Accessibility of trainings

An outline of the proposal’s key elements was developed, which was worked up later by PPA SG members into a draft proposal. There was also a discussion on how people are implementing the Guidelines and whether use can be tracked. It was agreed that metrics/indicators on progress would be useful but no specific decisions around these were made.

Table 2: **Outline of PPA training proposal**

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| Train key players: in key concepts, access to information needs etc | PPA SG – need a coordinator working with PPA SG | Reach ...Govt; decisions makers | Focus on chapters from the PPA guidelines  
1. October 2019. III CAPLAC: 7,6,3 – possibly separate event as agenda already fixed  
3. April 2020. ILCN: Europe/Globa!: 7,6,5,3 – separate event?  
4. June 2020: | 1. Training design  
2. Day training courses at each event tailored to region in content and examples  
3. Resource base on the website for each issue (annotated bibliography)  
4. Online version (video)  
5. PPTs  
6. Short briefings  
7. On-line forum for all participants, can be broken down into regions/languages  
8. Follow-up with participants (feedback from course and six months)  
9. Pledges from | Audienc e reached | Approximately €10,000 per event = €40,000 including travel support to participants  
€12,000 coordinatio n training design, material and training etc  
€8,000 outputs printing, video editing |
5. Day 2: Increasing PPA capacity and Nature Stewardship

The second day began with presentations from the European Land Conservation Network (ELCN) and private conservation in Columbia.

The plenary session initially focussed on research needs for PPAs, led by James Fitzsimons (Director of Conservation for TNC Australia). The discussion focussed on how to make PPA-related topics more attractive to academics and more useful to practitioners; and how to find out what research is being done and encourage more. It was agreed there was a need to focus on topics that would inform policy.

It was agreed to include a list of research needs on issues related to PPAs and land stewardship on the PPA SG website (privateconservaton.net) and to widely publicise this to the growing number of university courses with, in particular, MSc and PhD, students.

A preliminary list of topics drawing on a call to the "Privately Protected Areas and Nature Stewardship" Google Groups is provided in table 3 and will be further developed by the PPA SG.

Table 3: PPA research topics

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<td>Training info widely available</td>
<td>WCC in France: Conservation campus and workshop linked to resolution and showcase data</td>
<td>participants to spread the word</td>
<td>10. Certificates 11. WCC resolution re extending training and awareness of PPA and PCAs</td>
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The afternoon discussions begun with a presentation by Heather Bingham on the new concept of “Other Effective Area-based Measures” (OECMs, hopefully soon to be renamed as conserved areas) introduced by the CBD in Aichi Biodiversity Target 11. Discussions focussed on the relationships between these areas, PPAs and the wider ‘land stewardship’ remit of the PPA SG; conclusions are included in the write up of the future role of the PPA SG on day 3.

Day 3: PPAs in agenda-setting in 2020 and future work of the PPA SG

The third day discussed a range of issues related to the further promotion of PPAs and specifically the role of the PPA SG. The day began with an overview by Brent Mitchell of PPA relevant language in previous CBD and World Conservation Congress (WCC) resolutions. Heather Bingham then gave an introduction to the CBD, its processes and the 2010-2020 strategic plan for biodiversity, the 2050 biodiversity vision, and the Aichi Biodiversity targets for 2020 agreed in 2010. Nigel Dudley then widened out the discussion with a presentation where PPAs fit on the international stage considering other biodiversity associated conventions. He posed a number of major questions on which to focus discussions:

- Which of the many upcoming events to engage with?
- How to engage? Partner organisations or attend as a specialist group?
- Whether to engage separately or provide an overview?

It was agreed that a first step was to develop closer links with other specialists groups in IUCN WCPA and related organisations (e.g., the leads of the ICCA Consortium and the IUCN WCPA tasks forces on OECMs and areas of conservation connectivity (ACCs)) and work more closely on areas of interest/overlap (e.g. data collection, working with civil society conservation actors etc.) on both PPAs and the wider nature stewardship remit of the PPA SG. It was also noted that there needed to
be closer links with the IUCN WCPA Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force if this task force was considering wider land stewardship issues beyond protected areas.

It was agreed that a unified statement supporting private conservation and nature stewardship would be useful for bringing more international attention to PPAs and private conservation initiatives. Such a declaration would engage the private conservation constituency to together support a simple statement on the value and contribution of PPAs and private land stewardship. A draft declaration is provided for comment in Box 1 and a process for its development is outlined in table 4. It was stressed that the development of such an initiative would need to be approved by the WCPA Steering Committee, a meeting of which will be held in early May. Thus editing, getting partners on board etc. should not seriously commence until after that meeting.

**Box 1: DRAFT Declaration: Voluntary Conservation: Private means, public benefit**

Private conservation and stewardship efforts fill important gaps in national and international conservation strategies and are vital if the world is to deliver on the United Nations’ Convention of Biological Diversity 2050 vision for biodiversity and the Sustainable Development Goals. Private conservation brings a wide range of stakeholders into conservation, enabling private citizens to contribute directly to conservation efforts and private entities to contribute to the public good. This is direct civic engagement for the benefit of present and future generations.

Experience and research show that effective privately protected areas provide major contributions to protected area coverage, ecological representation, connectivity and protection of endangered habitats and species worldwide. These efforts need to be accelerated.

The next ten years, 2020-2030, represents a turning point where people from all walks of life, independently or through organizations, can come together to find natural solutions to extinction, climate, and other crises.

We encourage the global community to come together in a shared movement of private conservation for public benefit.

We encourage decision makers around the world to recognise that private conservation will flourish given a supportive legal and social environment.

**Table 4: Declaration process**

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<td>Clarify overall aims and purposes</td>
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<td>WCPA SC – Julia to raise the topic and make a recommendation</td>
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The final afternoon session focussed on discussions around the future role of the PPA SG in the coming decade. Brent Mitchell began the session by reviewing the two ‘action’ plans relevant to the groups work: the 2016 WCC PPA resolution and the eight recommendations in the PPA Futures report. Although it was noted that both document suggested actions for the whole PPA community, they have helped guide the work of the PPA SG in recent years.

Given the PPA SG’s recent development of technical guidance on PPAs (the PPA Futures Report) and the PPA Best Practice Guidelines it was suggested that the PPA SG move away from a focus on providing technical guidance to more technical assistance, both in terms of training and country/site based PPA guidance (e.g. developing PPA networks, monitoring and reporting, research into the values/benefits of PPAs, etc). It was also agreed (as noted above) that more focus would be needed on networking within IUCN, WCPA and other commissions particularly as guidance is finalised around OECMs and ACCs.

The afternoon finished with discussions with Flávio and Carlos Ariel via Skype. It was noted that Flávio has written a book about the role of endowment funds to support PPAs and focuses on how to generate resources to support PPAs, quantify and generate environmental assets from PPAs and a South America Land Conservation Network was being developed. PPAs in Argentina are being legally incorporated into the government system to allow better coordination.

Sue Stolton gave a final presentation summarising the main decisions and actions points (table 5) agreed during the workshop. Brent Mitchell closed the meeting with thanks to BfN, the Vilm Academy and Gisela and Pauline for their support, and thanked all participants for their time, and some cases long travels, to take part in the meeting.

Table 5: Decision points and responsibilities

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<td><strong>Research</strong>: list of research needs finalised and added to privateconservation.net</td>
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<td><strong>IUCN Panorama</strong>: follow-up with IUCN and develop clear instructions to PPA community re adding material</td>
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<td><strong>PPA case studies</strong>: added to PPA SG website</td>
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<td><strong>Closer links with groups in IUCN WCPA</strong>: suggest to leads of ICCA, OECMs, ACCs etc. for “group works” to streamline guidance, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Closer links with groups in IUCN WCPA</strong>: encourage closer links with Beyond the Aichi Targets Task Force in terms of land stewardship</td>
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<td><strong>PPA declaration</strong>: see table 4</td>
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<td><strong>Peer review paper</strong>: on connectivity and representativeness in PPAs</td>
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*(Summary compiled by Sue Stolton, with notes provided by Lisa Kopsieker.)*
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Democratic elections of TAPAS Group Exco positions took place, with 49 members voting. Candidates stood for Knowledge Development and Capacity Development and those with the highest number of votes joined the Exco (See Goal 1).
- The translations of the Tourism and Visitor Management BPG were all completed, and are now available in English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese. A Chinese version is being developed by IUCN.
  - The Portuguese and Spanish versions were launched at the IUCN Latin America congress, with more than 100 participants.
  - The MOOC-VAL continued to do well, with half of the course based on the BPG and with 2500 participants and 351 graduates so far (see Goal 2)
- There was strong participation by the TAPAS Group & sessions on tourism and protected areas at the IUCN LA congress, with 68 presentations (and 8 keynotes), 13 technical events, 19 posters and more than 1500 participants in tourism session (see Goal 2)
- Several proposals were made for events at WCC, but none were accepted, which is very disappointing. However, we are ½ way to our goal of financing a medium-sized pavilion, which we hope to run a series of events on tourism, sport and protected areas.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

**Goal 1: Strategy**

- Elections for Exco positions in line with strategy (capacity development, knowledge development [re-advertise]) – done. Online voting by TAPAS Group members for both positions. Thiago Beraldo moved from Capacity Building to Knowledge Development; Kelly Bricker was elected for Capacity Building, and no-one stood for communication (now vacant)
- Online annual membership survey – done with 31 responses – results are included in this report
- Circulate updated strategy and annual report to membership done after 2018 report was approved.
- Continue to implement TAPAS Group strategy, as updated during 2018. Done (ongoing)
- Continue engagement with 10YFP and UNESCO – Done, ongoing.
- Develop a plan for a technical briefing paper series on topical issues (e.g. 4-6 pages on key topics, with a standard format), with invitations to TAPAS Group members to write on specific topics – Ongoing.
discussions with WCPA on first paper on the BPG; lead author was nominated—awaiting information on funding for design/translation from WCPA to continue. Communities and heritage document in planning (see Goal 4) and economics guideline near completion (see Goal 3)

- Continue review findings of annual membership survey and adapt this plan accordingly—done, ongoing

Additional:

- 5 TAPAS Group Exco conference calls were held during the year.
- The chair, Anna Spenceley, was unable to attend the WCPA SC meeting in Kenya, but met with Kathy McKinnon separately in August in the UK. This was a very useful meeting to exchange ideas on strategy.
- The TAPAS Group was approached by several institutions wishing to partner with the TAPAS Group, or use TAPAS Group branding, and it was clarified by the WCPA chair that this was not possible. Institutions may partner with the IUCN directly, but as the TAPAS Group is not a formal entity, it can not enter this type of association.
- The CBD guidelines on tourism concessions are now translated into Portuguese, in addition to English, Spanish, and French, thanks to Thiago Beraldo, and are on the CBD website.
- A publication on nature-based tourism resources was produced for the World Bank, including a survey and contributions by many TAPAS Group members. This highlighted, among others, knowledge resources created by the TAPAS Group.

**Goal 2: Capacity building**

- Continue the webinar series with 4 more webinars. - This was not done.
- Develop a protocol to use the TAPAS brand in training courses and other capacity building events. It was clarified by the WCPA chair that this was not possible.
- Support the implementation of the Online Resource Directory proposed in Best Practice Guidelines: Tourism and Visitor Management in Protected Areas. This was not done.
- Disseminate information about courses and other learning opportunities related to protected areas and tourism. Done on Google groups and Facebook
- Organize the Tourism Section of the 3 Latin America Protected Areas Congress (3CAPLAC) – IUCN. Done –
  - 8 Keynote Presentations
  - 68 Presentations about Tourism in 21 Tables
  - 13 Technical Events
  - 1 Especial event
  - 19 Posters
  - More than 1500 participants in tourism sessions (Keynote presentations with about 200 and Tables with about 50)
- Organize a side event at the 3CAPLAC with TAPAS members – Done 8 TAPAS colleagues that participated and presented.
- Present TAPAS for a larger audience at the 3CAPLAC – Done – TAPAS Group was presented on the opening Keynote Presentation of the Tourism Journey for more than 300 participants.

Additional:

- **IUCN Malaysia:** A 4 day training for APAP members with IUCN in Sabah. Presentation of IUCN MOOC modules / BPG was done - application to local and country case studies. [http://asiaprotectedareaspertnership.org/index.php/newsarticle?id=131](http://asiaprotectedareaspertnership.org/index.php/newsarticle?id=131)
- **IUCN PAPACO:** The IUCN MOOC-VAL continued to do well, with half of the course based on the BPG and with 2500 participants and 351 graduates so far.
Goal 3: Economics working group

- Finalize of Guidelines on Economic evaluation of tourism in protected areas. Final decision pending where the guidelines will be published – work on the guidelines continued. All chapters drafted and work commissioned by the EU-JRC to Anna Spenceley for editing. All authors have contributed in the review of the chapters. Guidelines to be published in 2020.
- Presentation of “economic evaluation of tourism in protected areas” at the 42nd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, the CBD COP 14 (TAPAs side-vent) and at a workshop of the Working group of World Heritage of the French Committee for IUCN (online) - done
- Participation in EU-JRC workshop on visitor counting data. - done
- Organize regular conference calls of the Economics Working Group – due to lack of time, regular were not possible. Most of the work continued via e-mail.

Goal 4: Communities and heritage working group

- Short Technical Report providing guidance on Community engagement in tourism and PAs, (including a brief analysis of governance arrangements and their impact on benefit-sharing) – not completed due to lack of time
- Publish Special Issue of Journal of Sustainable Tourism on Benefit-sharing in first quarter of 2019. Published in 2019
- Hold quarterly working group calls with presentations/case studies, etc. – only one call was held; the second organized call had to be cancelled to busy schedules
- Organise at least one (possibly two webinars) on topics such as: engaging communities and benefit-sharing from tourism in PAs; Incorporating culture into tourism: best practices. This was not done
- Update and revise Working Group workplan for 2019-2021 with WG member input. This was done in the call with members
- Engage with the IUCN World Heritage team to discuss areas for collaboration in terms of tourism and communities in World Heritage sites. This was done informally
- Plan for WG engagement at the World Conservation Congress in 2020. Still to be done in 2020

Goal 5: Biodiversity working group

- Maintain a regular WG communication schedule, with Skype call being held every 2-3 months. The first meeting, to be held in January, is intended to finalize the 2019-2020 BWG Strategy and Action Plan. Only two calls were held; the BWG Strategy and Action Plan was finalized and circulated to BWG members and the TAPAS Group at large.
- Maintain and expand the BWG Google Drive folder which contains membership information, scientific literature repository, tools and best practices catalogues (see last bullet), and a working group document archive. The BWG Members Folder on Google Drive was maintained with new references added.
- Increase the number of BWG members to 25 or more (currently 17). New members joined the BWG in 2019 and the current membership stands at 24 as of 31 December 2019.
- Initiate contacts with, and introduce the BWG to relevant WCPA Commissions, WCPA Task Forces, and key non-IUCN partners with a focused interest in biodiversity and tourism. This was not carried out in full extent due to coordinator’s lack of time. However, BWG participated in the review of the new Wildlife Friendly Standards. Hope to accelerate implementation in 2020.
- Develop 1-2 draft catalogues on: 1) tools for evaluating tourism contribution to biodiversity conservation, and 2) awardees and recognitions on tourism and biodiversity conservation. This was not done due to coordinator’s workloads. Hope to implement in 2020.

Goal 6: Membership

- The goal is to have 650 members by the end of 2019. Done. Currently there are 675 members
- The membership database is being updated regularly, on a monthly basis. Done
- Invitation and welcoming letters to be revised and updated regularly. Done
Goal 7: Communications

- Maintain TAPAS Group website pages through regular updates, especially of resources section and share these back out through comms channels to ensure resources remain evergreen — updating was done regularly and the website was reorganised a bit to make it easier to find resources and recent updates. We could do a better job going forward of pointing people back to those resources such as past webinars and reports to get more eyes on them.

- Social media
  - Reach 5,000 likes on Facebook. Done, and actually up to 5,760! And 104 in TAPAS members only private group.
  - Increase sharing of member content and news through public channels Done. Members were encouraged to share articles and/or with the ExCo to be re-posted publicly. Still could be more of this as a “member benefit”
  - Increase sharing of news from each WG to TAPAS Group membership (google and FB) → This did not happen much

- Member newsletter: send out 2 (January/July) → Did not happen

- Participate in at least two events and plan TAPAS Group presence in WCC 2020 — Several panels and workshops were submitted for WCC by the TAPAS Group Exco and members, but it does not appear that any of them were selected. If Tourism and Sport Pavilion is funded, the TAPAS Group will have events there instead and will hopefully still organise an informal member meet-up. Currently we have commitments for ½ the cost of a medium-sized pavilion, and are seeking the balance. There was active participation in the Latin America meeting (see below)

- Develop partnership between TAPAS Group and MEET Network for communications, capacity building, and fundraising — MEET2 project was not funded, but there remains an opportunity to collaborate with MEET to provide capacity building.

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

ExCo structure
Chair: Strategy and fundraising

Working groups
- Biodiversity
- Communities and Heritage
- Economics
- Capacity Development
- Knowledge Development
- Membership
- Communication
- IUCN Focal Point

Cross-cutting themes

Chair: Anna Spenceley (strategy and fundraising)

Working group coordinators:
- Biodiversity: Yu-Fai Leung
- Communities and Heritage: Sue Snyman (Vice Chair)
- Economics: Barbara Engels
- Capacity development: Thiago Beraldo until elections, and then transitioned to Kelly Bricker who won the election.
Cross-cutting theme leads:

- Knowledge development: Vacant until elections, and then Thiago Beraldo who won the election
- Membership: Sergey Shirokiy
- Communication: Jeremy Sampson until elections, and then vacant as no-one stood for this position
- IUCN Focal Point: Giulia Carbone

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

- The membership list is enclosed as Annex 1 with details of countries they are from. Information is not collected on gender and youth in the membership application.
- Presentations by the TAPAS Group exco during the year included invitations to join the group and WCPA.
- Please also see Goal 7.

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

**Publications:**


Ecological Footprint Calculator for Ecotourism itineraries - https://www.meetnetwork.org/calculator


Pedro Gamboa Moquillaza (2019) GESTIÓN DEL TURISMO EN ÁREAS NATURALES PROTEGIDAS DE LATINOAMÉRICA

Romo, Pablo (2019) Las Áreas Naturales Protegidas, a pesar de todo...


UNWTO report on Wildlife Tourism in Asia and the Pacific, led by Ronda Green et al., which will be released later in 2020.


Presentations:
A number of presentations on tourism and protected areas in CSU’s annual international short courses on protected area management and on tourism and PAs, as well as in short courses at CATIE in Costa Rica and with SESC in Sao Paolo, Brazil. Several presentations on this topic at the Latin America and Caribbean Protected Area Congress in Lima, Peru in October 2019.


Norway visitor management meeting, Troms County - Steve McCool represented TAPAS Group. Troms County. SWITCH Africa Green - conference in Kampala. Tourism and PAs session was conducted and Anna Spenceley prepared presentation for EU including TAPAS Group slides from MOOC and reference to BPG and our other tools.

A capacity building program for park rangers in the Reserva Forestal Los Cipreses, Chile. Also the program was extended for policy makers. The program include an introduction of tourism planning and monitoring.

An article about possibilities for sustainable tourism in protected areas at the Brazilian Seminar on Protected Areas and Social Inclusion.

Community based in Ecotourism in National Parks of Colombia

Ecotourism as a conservation and financial strategy in National Parks of Colombia

Management of protected areas in Colombia.

Conference in Bratislava (03/2019) - potential of nature-based tourism in Slovakia https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/13jv3BuStGDHjul3nkEC94zuZi8RGpmfPRKouh3yWsE/edit#slide=id.p1

Conference proceeding:

DestiMed - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1alSkdpwyw5HF2QM1fbIx4lHE1yfIbmkisV5eEePn4wi8/edit?usp=sharing


Presentation at the 2019 conference of American Association of Public management and policy Barcelona

The majority of presentations provided by me in 2019 related with tourism and protected areas. I would say at least 10.


Presentation of TAPAS Group on the III IUCN Congress of Protected Areas on Latin America and Caribbean

Representing TAPAS Group on the AUA ECOTOURISM CONFERENCE 2019: THE ROLE OF PROTECTED AREAS IN ARMENIA’S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT from the American University of Armenia with the presentation: The Impact of Protected Areas on National and Local Economies: Global Evidence

Representing TAPAS Group on the AUA ECOTOURISM CONFERENCE 2019: THE ROLE OF PROTECTED AREAS IN ARMENIA’S TOURISM DEVELOPMENT from the American University of Armenia with the presentation: Estimating the Economic Impact of Protected Areas: Methods and Cases.

Strategic Stakeholder Communication

• See Goal 7 above

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

• See Goal 7 above

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

• Feasibility studies for the climate resilience and biodiversity related project, for the IUCN’s African Development Bank, Madagascar, including 2 TAPAS Group members in the team.

• Development and delivery of the 5th Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP) Technical Workshop on Sustainable Tourism, IUCN Malaysia, with 1 TAPAS Group member.

• Contribution of two PANORAMA short case studies: Andasibe National Park, Madagascar and Cristalino Jungle Lodge, Brazil.

• Launch of the Spanish BPG at the Latin America PA Congress

• Review of the summaries of papers related to tourism for the III Latin American and Caribbean Congress on Protected Areas.

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2019 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)

Commission Operating Funds used (Indicate total used in 2019 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)

We have raised Euro40,000 towards a pavilion at WCC, but and are looking to find the remaining Euro40,000 to cover the entire cost.

In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)

Members responding to the survey spent an average of 1.85 days per month on TAPAS Group related activities in 2019. Extrapolating to those who participated, this is 57 days, and assuming the same for the entire membership would be 1248 days for the TAPAS Group as a whole.

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

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GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020

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 2020 by placing an X in the
relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.

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### GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1: Strategy**

- Elections for Exco positions in line with strategy (2020: Chair, Coordinators of Biodiversity and Economics, Re-advertise Communications. capacity development, knowledge development [re-advertise])
- Online annual membership survey
- Circulate updated strategy and annual report to membership
• Continue to implement TAPAS Group strategy, as updated during 2018
• Continue engagement with One Planet (formerly 10YFP) and UNESCO
• Continue to raise funds for a pavilion at WCC
• Continue review findings of annual membership survey and adapt this plan accordingly

Goal 2: Capacity building
• Conduct an online survey of protected area managers to explore which webinar topics are priorities
• Lead two webinars based on priorities identified
• Attend two international conferences and promote the TAPAS Group, with the goal of increasing membership and forming a session or two on tourism and protected area management
• Identify synergies with other organizations to build the capacity/resources within this working group
• Coordinate with the WCPA Capacity Building Group

Goal 3: Knowledge development
• Organize the knowledge that has been produced by TAPAS members,
• Identify priorities for knowledge development, identify demand for new information systematisation, opportunities to conduct research or develop materials
• Support the TAPAS Group’s working groups in their needs for knowledge development.
• Establish an online directory of public publications
• Establish an online directory of all TAPAS members contacts and curriculum
• Develop a plan for a technical briefing paper series on topical issues (e.g. 4-6 pages on key topics, with a standard format), with invitations to TAPAS Group members to write on specific topics

Goal 4: Economics working group
• Finalize of Guidelines on Economic evaluation of tourism in protected areas. Final decision pending where the guidelines will be published.
• Organize regular conference calls of the Economics Working Group
• Liaise with the WCPA SC on Financial sustainability

Goal 5: Communities and heritage working group
• Conduct relevant webinars with group members, as well as working group catch up calls
• Participate in various events at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020
• Short Technical Report or similar document providing guidance on Community engagement in tourism and PAs, (including a brief analysis of governance arrangements and their impact on benefit-sharing)

Goal 6: Biodiversity working group
• Carry out the action items not accomplished in 2019, including a managers’ information need survey, especially developing partnership or collaboration with other TAPAS specialist groups, WCPA Commissions, and non-IUCN entities sharing similar interests
• Pursue action items identified for 2020 by enlisting support by BWG members
• Continued to recruit new members in the BWG
• Maintain a more regular communication schedule

Goal 7: Membership
• The goal is to have 700 members by the end of 2020.
• Update the membership strategy, which expired at the end of 2019.
• The membership database is being updated regularly, on a monthly basis.
• Invitation and welcoming letters to be revised and to be updated regularly.

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020

• We aim to capitalise on the momentum of changes and new people within the Exco to push new knowledge and capacity development initiatives in coordination with other IUCN SGs/TFs and commissions.
• We aim to re-invigorate the Communities and Heritage and Biodiversity Working groups, and associated activities and outputs. We also hope that an ExCo member will be able to participate in the 2020 SC meeting, as this was not possible during 2019.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
SPECIALIST GROUP: TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION
KEVAN ZUNCKEL
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019

OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2018. Add more lines if needed)

Objective 1: Strengthen knowledge and information on transboundary conservation areas

Goal 1.1: Promote and encourage the development of a comprehensive global database of transboundary conservation areas by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, consulting the IUCN WCPA definitions of transboundary conservation area types.
- No progress has been made with this Goal since the efforts that were put in to link with the UNEP WCMC in 2018.

Goal 1.2: Encourage the IUCN Environmental Law Centre to establish a legal resource centre on transboundary conservation areas, in cooperation with the Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group and the World Commission on Environmental Law.
- No progress in 2019.

Goal 1.3: Coordinate the Global Transboundary Conservation Network (www.tbpa.net), a virtual hub of transboundary conservation related knowledge.
- The website was kept up to date with a number of news items being published on line as well as a renewed commitment from the host to continue hosting the site with assistance from Boris Erg, the Regional Representative for Europe.

Goal 1.4: Enable efficient information and knowledge exchange through the electronic newsletter TB eNEWS and the e-listserv.
- The e-listserv continues to be the primary channel for communication within the network with all important communications received from the WCPA Chair being forwarded on to members.
- A number of post-graduate students have used the e-listserv to connect with members in order to distribute and enlist responses to surveys for their studies on TBC.

Objective 2: Provide technical guidance for successful implementation of transboundary conservation initiatives

Goal 2.1: Encourage the work on the improvement of the Diagnostic tool for transboundary conservation planners through the review, testing and processing of feedback from practitioners.
- Efforts to secure funding to achieve this Goal have failed and no further progress has been made in 2019.

Goal 2.2: Promote the development of a methodology and tool for the monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of transboundary conservation programmes.
- The SADC TFCA Network completed the development of a M&E protocol for the region and it is hoped that once this has been tested, it may be replicated at a global scale.

Objective 3: Contribute to capacity development and networking of transboundary conservation specialists
Goal 3.1: Promote and contribute to the development and implementation of training modules for capacity building at all levels based on 2015 WCPA Guidelines.

- Vice Chair of the SG, Maja Vasilijević, worked with Boris Erg, Regional Representative for Europe, to developed training module on initiating transboundary conservation process, consisting of 8 lessons, has been made available online in June 2019 at the website administered by Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group. The module is designed to be used for face-to-face instruction led by a trainer, and thus it also includes detailed manual for trainers. The module builds on the IUCN WCPA 2015 Best Practice Guidelines on transboundary conservation and it helps the trainees estimate how feasible the establishment of Transboundary Conservation Area is and develop strategies to address the most important factors for its successful creation. The training module was developed within IUCN ECARO’s project (led by Boris Erg), in partnership with IUCN Environmental Law Centre (represented by Lydia Slobodian) and WCPA’s Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group (represented by Maja Vasilijević). It was initiated by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). It is hoped that the training event (campus) featuring the content of this module will be held during WCC 2020.

Goal 3.2: Promote, facilitate and contribute to international and/or regional workshops aimed at building capacity.

- Kevan Zunckel, SG Chair, has continued to assist the Ethiopian conservation authorities, at national and regional levels, with protected area management planning using a number of Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines, and in particular the 2015 Transboundary Conservation guidelines.
- Olivier Chassot Regional Representative for Central America, was fully engaged with the Technical Committee in organizing the III Latin American and Caribbean Protected Areas Congress (https://www.areasprotegidas-latinoamerica.org), which was held in Lima Peru, October 14-17, 2019. I lead the Diversity, Equity and Integration Committee, and was also in charge of developing the Cross-cutting Theme “Protected Areas and Interconnexions” for which I prepared 4 high-level dialogues and 1 special symposium, all related with transboundary conservation and connectivity conservation:
  - High Level Dialogue 1: Protected areas as natural solutions for human wellbeing, with Kristen Walker, Zdenka Piskulich, Pamella Alves, Augusto Granda and José de los Santos Saura.
  - High Level Dialogue 2: Technological innovations for marine protected areas, island and sustainable fisheries; the case of the Eastern Pacific Marine Corridor, with Alex Hearn, Carlos Manuel Chacón, and Eddy Araujo.
  - High Level Dialogue 3: Climate change and global commitments from the perspective of Latin America and the Caribbean, with Bernal Herrera, Ivan Arnold, and Luis Alfaro.
  - High Level Dialogue 4: Modern conservation management in the context of the landscape with social participation and across nations, with Adriana Sinning, Thora Amend, and Tania Moreno.
  - Special Symposium on Connectivity Conservation, with Claudia Macias, John Polisar, Camilo Andres Correa, Santiago Castillo, José de los Santos Sauna & Yanelia Mestre, Alexander González, Alex Hearn, Luz Elvira Angarita & María Isabel Ochoa.
- Rahimatsah Amat, Regional Representative for Asia presented a paper on TBC-SG at the “Cross-boundary cooperation for biodiversity conservation in Asia under global change” on 29-31 July 2019 at Henan University, Kaifeng City, Henan Province, China. It was organised by Henan University, Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey, Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam, and the Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History.
Goal 3.3: Promote and encourage the translation of the WCPA Best Practice Guidelines No. 23 to other global languages.

- No progress in 2019.

Goal 3.4: Establish partnerships with relevant institutions to promote and enhance transboundary conservation.

- Jim Barborak, Co-Director, Center for Protected Area Management, Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University has encouraged cooperation and personal contacts between managers of adjacent protected areas in order to prepare grounds for joint management, as well as the promotion of collaborative management in protected areas adjacent to international borders.
- Piet Theron, Regional Representative for East and South Africa, has initiated discussions with GIZ to develop a Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCA) Resource Library as part of the SADC TFCA Network Portal. Unfortunately this initiative couldn’t be finalized before end of 2019 but should be completed by end of June 2020.
- He has also led the development of a SADC TFCA Steering Committee initiative to develop a business case for the development of transboundary conservation areas in the region, including the following components:
  - TFCA Concept
  - TFCA Network
  - Linking TFCA with the regional Wildlife Economy initiative
- As well as leading discussions with Daniel Marnewick (Key Biodiversity Areas Community Chair, Africa Representative and Regional Focal Point) to investigate the potential to how best to utilise OECMs to support the objectives of transboundary conservation areas in the SADC region.
- Rahimatsah Amat participated in a Transboundary Technical Mission to South Thailand, 18-20 December 2019, facilitated by ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB). Covering the Hala Bala Wildlife Sanctuary right across Royal Belum State Park, together with the Bang Lang National Park, the Belum Temengor Forest Complex right up to the northern part of the Southern Thai forest complex. It is a critical ecological landscape, rich with flora and fauna biodiversity that has to be protected. It has two great transboundary initiatives, i.e. TCL Taman Negara-Belum-Hala Bala under the GTRP, and complex #215 TBPA under the IUCN. This transboundary collaboration will make it possible to boost the working relationship between the three protected areas. It will open the way for us to share research data, do joint research, share intelligence on illegal poaching and undertake joint anti-poaching activities, coordinate anti-poaching patrols and share experiences.

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

- The TBC SG ExCo remained unchanged for 2019.
- The SADC TFCA Steering Committee and SADC TFCA Network are two important structures for the further development of the regional TBSG activities.

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

- Growth in membership was slow with only a few new members joining in 2019.

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

Publications:

Presentations:

- Rahimatsah Amat presented a paper on TBC-SG at the “Cross-boundary cooperation for biodiversity conservation in Asia under global change” on 29-31 July 2019 at Henan University,
Kaifeng City, Henan Province, China. It was organised by Henan University, Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey, Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam, and the Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3m0u95e9p4d80h6/AABC089hoVGCLRIMU7-cxf_ha?dl=0.

**Strategic Stakeholder Communication**

- Piet Theron continues participation in SADC TFCA Programme and SADC TFCA Steering Committee & Network meetings.

**Contributions to media, website, newsletter**

- Piet Theron has continued efforts to secure funding for the TB eNews online publication, which has not been successful to date. However, there are potential opportunities to secure funding for a regional (South & East Africa) online publication in 2020 from some of key SADC TFCA partners in the region.

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


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None

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None

**In-kind value** *(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2018)*

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

- Efforts continue to secure funding to support TB-eNews as well as the review of the Diagnostic Tool.

**GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020**

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**GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**  
*(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

Note that the strategy for the SG remains unchanged for 2020

**Objective 1: Strengthen knowledge and information on transboundary conservation areas**

Goal 1.1: Promote and encourage the development of a comprehensive global database of transboundary conservation areas by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, consulting the IUCN WCPA definitions of transboundary conservation area types.

Goal 1.2: Encourage the IUCN Environmental Law Centre to establish a legal resource centre on transboundary conservation areas, in cooperation with the Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group and the World Commission on Environmental Law.

Goal 1.3: Coordinate the Global Transboundary Conservation Network (www.tbpa.net), a virtual hub of transboundary conservation related knowledge.

Goal 1.4: Enable efficient information and knowledge exchange through the electronic newsletter TB eNEWS and the e-listserv.

**Objective 2: Provide technical guidance for successful implementation of transboundary conservation initiatives**

Goal 2.1: Encourage the work on the improvement of the Diagnostic tool for transboundary conservation planners through the review, testing and processing of feedback from practitioners.

Goal 2.2: Promote the development of a methodology and tool for the monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of transboundary conservation programmes.

**Objective 3: Contribute to capacity development and networking of transboundary conservation specialists**

Goal 3.1: Promote and contribute to the development and implementation of training modules for capacity building at all levels based on 2015 WCPA Guidelines.
Goal 3.2: Promote, facilitate and contribute to international and/or regional workshops aimed at building capacity.

Goal 3.3: Promote and encourage the translation of the WCPA Best Practice Guidelines No. 23 to other global languages.

Goal 3.4: Establish partnerships with relevant institutions to promote and enhance transboundary conservation.

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020

- After a relatively quiet 2019 the members of the SG are to be surveyed in terms of their suggestions to breath more life into the network.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT (comments will be sent via email)
### Overview of 2019

Activities are summarized in a new SG website, [www.TheUrbanImperative.org](http://www.TheUrbanImperative.org).

Highlights of 2019 were launching the Advisory Group on Long-distance Trails; spawning Global Beacons of Hope; and forming a relationship with the World Academy of Art & Science. Work continued on urban protected areas, dark skies, and monitoring implementation of Hawaii Resolution 29 re IUCN and urban dimensions of conservation.

### Progress Against Goals

- **GOAL 1:** Promote and exchange experience about urban protected areas as a distinctive type of protected area. Continued to publicize BPG 22, Urban Protected Areas. This work led to formation of a new Advisory Group on Long-distance Trails.

- **GOAL 2:** Encourage IUCN to take urban people, urban places, and urban institutions much more seriously. Hawaii WCC Resolution 29, “incorporating urban dimensions of conservation into the work of IUCN,” was drafted by the SG. Progress in implementation was difficult to follow because of a lack of transparency, even though the SG was added to the IUCN Urban Alliance early in the year. We expect this situation to improve in 2020 as we all prepare for the Marseille WCC.

- **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 is still in organization.

- **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. It led to an independent project called Global Beacons of Hope – [www.GlobalBeacons.org](http://www.GlobalBeacons.org)
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)

- Little change.

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

Publications:
- Several e-mailed newsletters.

, June 2019 (Louise Presentations):
- World Academy of Art & Science, Belgrade, Serbia, November 2019 (Ted Trzyna)
- CAPLAC, Lima, Peru, October 2019 (Pedro da Cunha e Menezes and others)
- The Nature of Cities Summit, Paris, June 2019 (Louise Lezy-Bruno and others)

Strategic Stakeholder Communication

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Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Built and posted a new SG website, www.TheUrbanImperative.org

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

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**GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**
*(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

**Goal 1:** Same. Work with others on urban themes at WCC. Led by Louise Lezy Bruno of France. Assist with organizing Advisory Group on Long-distance Trails, including planning a BPG. Led by Pedro da Cunha e Menezes of Brazil.

**Goal 2:** Same. Clarify roles of SG and IUCN Urban Alliance.

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**Goal 3:** Same. Work with organizers of Advisory Group on Natural Sound to get things moving.

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

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**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** *(comments will be sent via email)*
Publications
OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

Serve as IUCN WCPA Best Practice and Technical Report Series Editor and as WCPA Representative to IUCN (Publications) Editorial Board. In the last year, I served as editor for the following draft Best Practice Guidelines and Technical Series Reports (reviewing and editing multiple drafts of each): 1) Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature: Guidance for its role in Protected and Conserved Area Governance and Management, 2) Best Practice Guidance on Geoconservation in Protected Areas, 3) Protected Areas Benefit Assessment Tool Plus, 4) Future Proofing Conservation Approach, 5) Guidance for Conserving Connectivity through Ecological Corridors and Networks, and 6) Recognizing and Reporting OECMs (reviewed early draft only).

In my role on the IUCN Editorial Board, I reviewed the technical reports and peer review tracking sheets of numerous IUCN reports and publications as per my role on the IUCN Editorial Board working closely with Sarina Van Der Ploeg.

I also attended the 2019 WCPA Steering Committee meeting in Kenya and provided a written overview of all WCPA Best Practice Guidelines and Technical Series Reports as well as engaged in discussion about how to improve these guidelines and reports. As a follow-up to these discussions, I worked with Trevor Sandwith and the IUCN website staff to determine which WCPA publications are out of date with practice or policy and how to best place a notice of this on the IUCN WCPA website. I also am in the process of working with Kathy MacKinnon, Trevor, Nigel Dudley, and others to develop a format and outline for a short 4-page version of the Best Practice Guidelines and Technical Series Reports that would be written in parallel with the longer document.

Finally, I reviewed and commented on several IUCN WCPA proposals for publications or drafts of documents such as a proposal to produce a best practice guideline on monitoring and a early draft of a “standard” on Nature – based Solutions.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

- Goal 1.
  Progress is adequately summarized in paragraphs above.

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)

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COMMUNICATION (Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)
Publications:
- (Publications by WCPA):
- No: 30: (Best Practice) Guidelines for applying the IUCN protected area management categories to marine protected areas (2019)

Presentations:
- Written presentation on IUCN WCPA publications to WCPA steering committee at its 2019 Africa meeting.

Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- Contributions to media, website, newsletter

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

Funds Utilised in 2019 (Indicate the total of funds used in 2019 for WCPA activities)

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2437.47 CHF (in financial report) plus 3862.91 CHF for WCC registration, airfare, and hotel (prepaid 2020 expenses) for a total of 6300.38 CHF

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In-kind value (Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2019)
25 full-time days worked for WCPA on reviewing and editing best practice guidelines, technical reports, and publication proposals as well as attending the 2018 WCPA Steering Committee meeting

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**GOALS FOR 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP**

(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)

**Goal 1:** Serve as Series Editor for WCPA Best Practice Guidelines and Technical Report Series

**Goal 2:** Serve as a member of IUCN Editorial Board (WCPA Representative to this Board)

**Goal 3:** Attend 2020 WCPA Steering Committee meeting, WCC, and develop specific ideas and topics for new best practice guidelines and technical series reports

**Goal 4:**

**Goal 5:** Support preparation and delivery of regional meetings

**Goal 6**

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**

- Make sure WCPA website and WCPA library portal posts information on obsolete or outdated Best Practice Guidelines; produce short 4-page versions of all Best Practice Guidelines and Technical Series Reports; pursue new topical best practice guidelines proposals on such topics as conservation financing, social assessments of PAs, and others

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

POSITION WCPA: PARKS EDITOR

NAME: MARC HOCKINGS

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019

OVERVIEW OF 2019 (insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)

- Two standard issues of PARKS published with a total of 17 papers included
- Over the 12 months the journal website had approximately 4000 users coming from over 180 countries. Over the past 2 years, individual journal issues have attracted between 2000 and 5000 readers.
- Short Communications introduced as new option for papers in the journal
- Copyright issues clarified with IUCN Legal and new Copyright form introduced. This will permit the journal to be listed on the Directory of Open Access Journals which libraries use to identify credible open access publications

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (Comment on progress on goals set for 2019 Add more lines if needed)

- Goal 1. Two issues published as planned
- Goal 2: short print run of new issues and all missing back issues of PARKS since 2012 completed and lodged with IUCN library, GPAP, Chair and Journal records
- Goal 3: Papers submitted to SCOPUS from each issue
  Archive repository with CLOCKKS investigated but not able to be completed because of technical difficulties
  Requirements for registration with DOAJ investigated but copyright issues needed to be sorted prior to registration – Copyright arrangements in place for Issue 25.2
- Goal 4: Journal website maintained. PARKS issues promoted through Protected Planet newsletter, other IUCN Newsletters and Facebook pages. Attempts to hack the site remain an issue but the ant-hacking measures put in place last year are proving effective. The University of Queensland Library has digitized (at no charge) all back issues of PARKS that were not already available online and these back issues have now been added to the journal website.

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)

- N/A

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

Publications:
- Two issues of PARKS published (May and November)

Presentations:
- N/A

Strategic Stakeholder Communication
- N/A
### Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Linked to GPAP website and newsletter and on Science and Management Facebook page. Indexing of papers in Scopus and Google Scholar

### ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN

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- Nil

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For PARKS as Managing Editor 50 Days

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- Produce and publish two standard issues of PARKS (May and November)

**Goal 2: Bibliographic management**
- Submit papers for indexing in SCOPUS
- Register PARKS with DOAJ

**Goal 3: Website**
- Ensure website and all other communication channels used effectively to promote PARKS
- Maintain journal website

**REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020**
- With 1292.17 CHF remaining, an allocation of 4000 CHF in 2020 should be sufficient to produce two issues allowing for the fact that Website hosting charges will be incurred in 2020 (were not required in 2019 I ad paid 2 years in advance in 2018)

**FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT** (comments will be sent via email)