IUCN WCPA
Priorities for Vice Chairs 2017-2020

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Achievements

• **WCPA membership coordination:**
  – Helped deliver first World Heritage Outlook Report – an assessment that relied heavily on WCPA members.
  – Advised civil society organizations / NGO networks on participation in World Heritage Convention and Committee meetings.
  – Advised US NPS on new US Tentative List, raised funds for a WCPA report from WCPA to NPS to identify gaps, priorities.

• **Awareness Raising:**
  – coordinated WH Streams at WPC, WWC and WILD10 (and promoted WH at numerous conferences (GWS, UNESCO MAB etc.).
  – Published a book on WH as well as two peer reviewed publications and an article in the UNESCO World Heritage review.

• **Innovation:** Raised funds to develop IUCN thematic guidance on World Heritage, Wilderness and Large Landscapes and Seascapes.

• **Helped IUCN WHP deliver Advisory Body responsibilities** – serve on World Heritage panel, member of IUCN delegations to Committee meetings, helped identify mission experts, nominations desktop reviewers etc.
PARKS: Valuing and conserving nature

- Support NGOs and civil society networks to play a more effective and systematic role in upholding the integrity and good protection / management of World Heritage sites at Committee Meetings and in “upstream processes” designed to yield high quality nominations.
  - Develop a WH “user’s guide” to introduce the World Heritage Convention to NGOs via trainings/presentations.
- Promote a World Heritage wilderness and large landscapes and seascapes approach, both at the Committee level and in “upstream processes” designed to generate new nominations.
- Coordinate and leverage a diverse and regionally representative IUCN WCPA World Heritage Network to assist the World Heritage Programme in delivering key functions, including Outlook, missions, nominations desktop reviews, advice on monitoring reports etc.
- Continue to serve as a member of IUCN World Heritage Panel, IUCN’s delegation to the WH Committee and to represent IUCN at key conferences.
PEOPLE: Equitable governance/Inspiring a new generation

• Emphasize the need to apply rights-based approaches and recognize (officially) local tenure and governance in upstream processes designed to identify potential nominations for large, mainly ecologically intact World Heritage sites
  ○ Recognize the importance of nature-culture linkages in these areas and its importance to local governance.

• Use the User’s Guide to help train young professionals, youth networks in the functioning of the Convention.
PLANET: Nature-based Solutions

- Work with the IUCN WHP to continue to promote a wilderness large land/seascape approach under the convention and in particular to continue to strengthen case for the importance of intact ecosystems such as primary forests.
- Help IUCN WHP assess and quantify the ecosystem services of natural WH sites with intact ecosystems such as primary forests.
- Develop thematic guidance on forests with IUCN WHP.
# Key activities for delivering the IUCN Programme 2017 (and 2017-2020)

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<td>Conduct trainings</td>
<td>IUCN WHP, WCPA UNESCO Cat.2 Centres, Parks agencies, NGOs etc.</td>
<td>Some funding for trainings in IUCN budget already.</td>
<td>Raise additional funding if we plan to do more than 2 or maybe 3 trainings a year.</td>
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<td>Upstream processes – workshops to disseminate thematic guidance on WH and wilderness, identify gaps/opportunities for new WH sites, expansion or connection of existing sites etc.</td>
<td>IUCN WHP, UNESCO Cat.2 Centres, Parks agencies, NGOs etc.</td>
<td>Limited travel funding but not enough for full workshops. We do have multiple publications / databases available (IFLs, KBAs etc.)</td>
<td>Funding dependent, but funding is the last missing piece – i.e. technical resources are now available. I will be trying to raise funds for this over the next 6-8 months</td>
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<td>Manage IUCN WCPA WHN</td>
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