



## ANNUAL TEAM MEETING HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM – TANZANIA

A one day Annual Team Meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, at White Sands Hotels in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This was the third country based Annual Team Meeting and was organized by the Tanzania & Zambia component of the global project entitled “Integrated Planning to Implement the CBD Strategic Plan and Increase Ecosystem Resilience to Climate Change”

The Integrated Planning Project is implemented by the Environmental Law Center, the Global Protected Area Programme and three IUCN Regional Offices – ESARO (Tanzania and Zambia), SUR (Colombia) and Asia (Viet Nam). It is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). The overall objective of the project is to increase capacity to optimize planning to support biodiversity and climate change adaptation objectives, including through the effective engagement of protected area systems. The project focuses on promoting participatory land use planning processes and on integrating climate change and biodiversity concerns into spatial planning frameworks.

The team meeting was attended by Charles Oluchina (Regional Programme Coordinator), Leo Niskanen (Technical Coordinator of the Conservation Areas and Species Diversity Programme) both from IUCN ESARO; Ning Li (Programme Officer, IUCN Environmental Law Centre) and Jennifer Kelleher (Programme Officer, IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme). Other participants were Cotilda Nakyeyune (Senior Programme Officer, IUCN Uganda), Arturo Mora (Senior Programme Officer, IUCN SUR) and Andrew Wyatt (IUCN Viet Nam).

The main objectives of the Annual Team Meeting were a) to exchange experiences and lessons among project countries, review project implementation status and develop a phase-out plan, and b) explore opportunities for future work

Key issues discussed during the meeting were: project progress to date, outstanding tasks/technical outputs, lessons learned from project content and organisation as well as linkage with other projects and future opportunities.

Key activities / outputs to be executed at the global level of the Project by the end of the Project on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018, include: publication of the global study on legal framework on ILUP, updating of the legal assessment of the 4 project countries, developing, and, if possible testing, additional training modules, looking ahead to CBD and UNFCCC COPs, planning for the Latin American Congress (March 2019) and the African Parks Congress (August 2019, strengthening communication of the project – linking SUR portal with the project page as well as developing a brochure summarizing the experiences and lessons of the project and developing a concept note to follow on from ILUP project

Agreed next steps and actions include engaging the donor at the regional level, for example, by inviting staff from the Germany embassies to project events or offering courtesy calls to embassies to inform them of the work being carried out as a way of engaging political partners in participating countries. Others actions are to engage with partners in ILUP to develop a new project concept note and to conduct a budget check with ELC.

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*Figure 1: A group photo of team members*



*Figure 2: Other photos*

