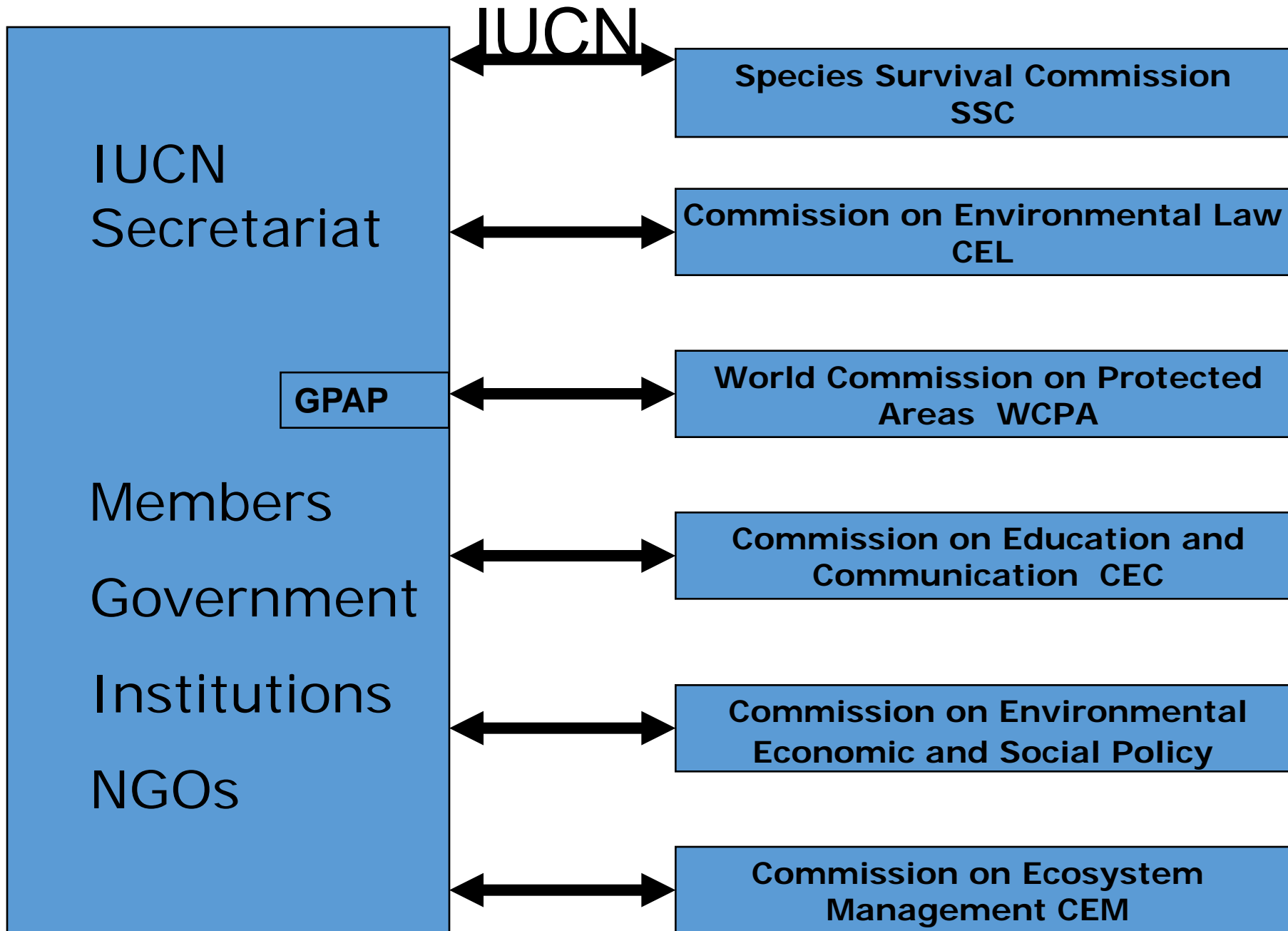


IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

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WCPA

- The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas is one of six Commissions of the leading conservation body in the world - the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- WCPA is the leading global knowledge network of protected area specialists with 2500 individuals from over 140 countries.
- WCPA works closely with IUCN Global Programme on Protected Areas (GPAP)
- 'Oceania' is Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands
- 360 plus members



Key international driver: CBD 2020 Aichi Targets

Target 11: *By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscape and seascapes.*

Scaling up & building networks of PAs

- Expansion of PAs – esp. marine -19m sq.km ocean, 13% territorial waters, 30% target endorsed at WCC
- Expansion to meet all Target 11 components
- Protect the high seas
- Avoidance of regression or category slide

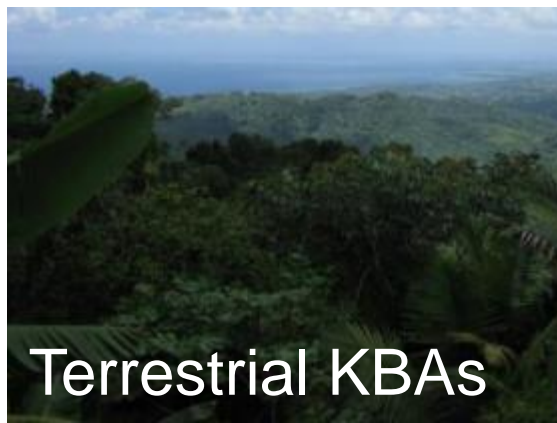


Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action
<https://oceanconference.un.org/callforactionreview>



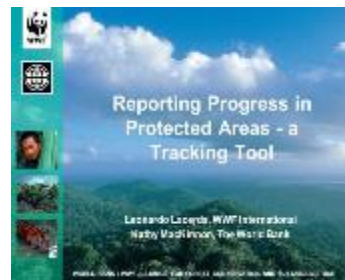
Conservation in the right place - Key Biodiversity Areas are...

- Sites that contribute significantly to the global persistence of biodiversity
- Scope: genetic, species and ecosystem level, across taxonomic groups, in terrestrial, freshwater and marine realms
- Sites with delineated boundaries
- Not necessarily protected areas
- Being developed in Australia IUCN, BA, WWF and WCS



Effective Management - MEA +Green List

- IUCN WCPA has championed MEA in many countries
- Global Performance Standard for driving and recognising area-based conservation success and best practice in multiple areas
- Adaptable to country/region
- Independently assured evaluation procedure
- Roll out in Australia – EoI imminent



Excellence and Effectiveness

- World Heritage, Ramsar wetlands, Critical Ecosystems, AZE sites - global role models of effective, equitable and enduring conservation
- Initiatives like the World Heritage Outlook Reports help focus on best practice

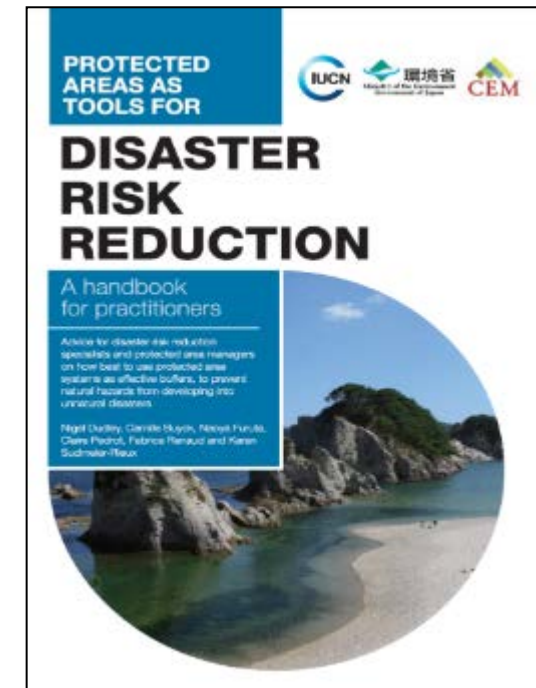
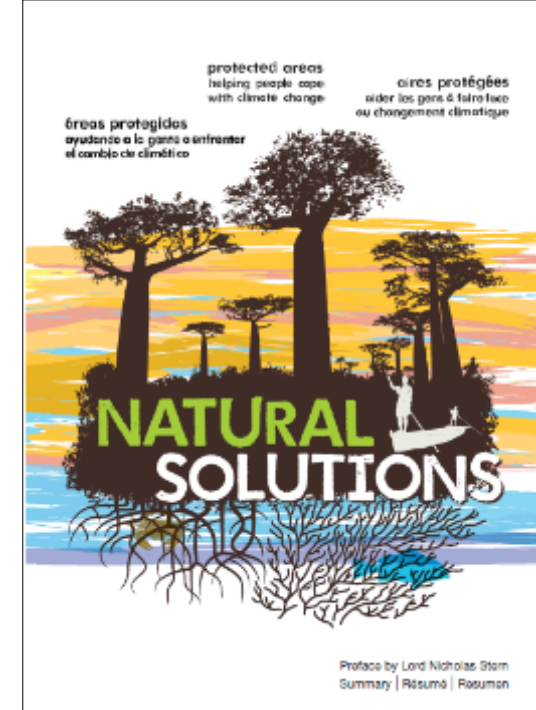


Connectivity - sites to systems of protected and other conserved areas

- AT 11 – ‘well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, integrated into the wider landscape and seascape’
- Strong science base in conservation biology
- Critical for climate change adaptation
- WCPA has long history of championing ‘Connectivity conservation’- powerhouse of **inclusive innovation**
- Formal PAs, IPAs and OECMs including voluntary and ancillary conservation
- SGs on PPAs/ CC and TF on OECMs to provide guidance to CBD Parties

Natural Solutions

- PA systems helping to meet the challenges of:
- Climate change mitigation
- Climate change adaptation
- Food and water security,
- Human health
- and disaster risk reduction
- Special relevance in Oceania – specific group?



Governance

- Diversity in who and how we care for lands seas and living things
- Importance of cultural and social values and rights
- Improving equitable decision making for conservation and cultural values
- OECMS!



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SYDNEY 2014

A strategy of innovative approaches and recommendations to enhance the diversity, quality and vitality of governance in the next decade

A promising future

The beauty and diversity of nature are only rivalled by the richness and variety of ways by which people collaborate to care for it, as inseparable from their own wellbeing. Yet, we appear to fall very short of our collective responsibility towards nature and our shared humanity. There is an immense unrealised potential to strengthen conservation, support sustainable livelihoods and meet human rights. We can begin to respond by improving our ways of taking decisions for the conservation of nature and its associated cultural diversity and values. In attempts to understand and improve such processes, the concept of "governance" of protected and conserved areas has emerged, as well as some of its dimensions and characteristics (see: www.iucn.org/pa_governance).

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Gouvernance des Aires Protégées
De la compréhension à l'action

Gracia Dorado, Sebastián Vogel, Doreen Tilman, Jaeger, Marlene Lohrey, Susan de Pablo, Marlene Garcia, Malin Falkenberg, et al.



Développement des capacités pour une planète protégée

Logo of the IUCN World Parks Congress Sydney 2014

Nature for All, Health and Urban Alliance

- Ensure the future relevance of protected areas and the conservation of nature;
- Build a coalition, with a focus on new and non-traditional partners to champion #NatureForAll
- 2010 Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress, 2014 WPC
- 2015 Salzburg, 2016 Health and PA events at WCC, USNPS health and PA toolkit, 2017 Nature is the Best Medicine, Melbourne
- Links to IUCN Urban Alliance, #NFA



IUCN WCPA Specialist groups and Task Forces

Capacity Development

Marine

Natural Solutions

People and Parks

Science and Biodiversity

Science and Management

World Heritage

Young Professionals

Climate Change

Connectivity Conservation

Cultural and Spiritual Values

Green List

High Seas

Health and Well-Being

Management Effectiveness

Marine Mammals (Jointly with SSC)

Mountains

Protected Area Finance

Freshwater

Geoheritage

Governance

Grasslands

Protected Area Legislation

Privately Protected Areas and Nature Stewardship

Protected Landscape/Seascapes

Tourism and Protected Areas

Transboundary Conservation

Urban Conservation Strategies

Wilderness

TASK FORCES

Beyond the Aichi Targets

Invasive Alien Species (jointly with SSC)

Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures

WCPA in the Pacific

- Harnessing capacity across the region
- Creating a knowledge network
- Capacity exchanges
- Leveraging new partnerships
- Finding a platform for matching need with capacity

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