IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)
Parks, people, planet

Inspiring solutions

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Inspired…

• Discoveries, innovative approaches that have been tried and tested
• Based in tradition or culture and adopted by communities
• Processes that are fair, efficient and effective
Inspirational

• Able to be scaled up and adapted
• Mobilizing capacity development and resources
• Developing new partnerships and commitments
Bridging the gap in implementation

• **Position** protected areas within goals of economic and community wellbeing

• **Achieve** understanding of their vital role in conserving biodiversity while delivering ecosystem services

• Demonstrate **how** this can be achieved.
**Achieving significant outcomes and legacy**

- **Communicate** the most compelling and inspiring solutions to global challenges
- **Position** protected areas in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda
- **Reach** new commitments and capacity across conservation, development and business sectors for implementation
Parks: Inspiring places

Strengthen policy and action commitments for the expansion, connectivity and better management of protected areas to cover all areas important for biodiversity and ecosystem services
People: *Inspiring ideas*

**Engage** a diverse constituency and range of partners to support, govern, manage and benefit from protected areas
Planet: *Inspiring solutions*

Explore and **promote** parks and protected areas as **natural solutions** to global challenges such as climate change, food and water security, health and a green economy.
Measures of success

• Aichi Targets reached
• Solutions implemented
• Capacity developed
• Policy changed
• Legacy established
International Steering Committee

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- Peter Cochrane (Parks Australia)
- Ann King (NSW)
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- Julia Miranda Londoño
- Aban Marker Kabraji (ARO)
- Taholo Kami (ORO)
- Trevor Sandwith
- Enrique Lahman
Stream 1 Reaching Conservation Goals

• WCPA + SSC, ZSL, UNEP-WCMC
• Joint Task Force, Protected Areas, Species

-demonstrate that a well-planned, managed and connected system of protected areas is an essential component to achieve conservation goals.

-profile those countries, people, places and organisations that are leading the way to conservation success, highlighting hope for the future.

-highlight global examples of leadership, creative thinking and optimism to show that conservation goals are achievable.

-propose new global standards for what constitutes an effective and equitable protected area and protected area system.

-look at the future: if the Aichi Targets are meant to be interim targets for 2020, what should the ultimate targets for nature conservation look like?

-ask the questions such as, what does a truly sustainable protected planet look like, and what science and evidence is available to inform this ambition.
Stream 2 Responding to Climate Change

- USNPS, CONANP, CSIRO
- Commission on Ecosystem Management, Global Forests and Climate Change

-explore new needs for planning and managing protected areas to conserve biodiversity in the face of climate change, including a greater focus on carbon storage, landscape connectivity and restoration to maintain ecosystem resilience.

-assemble tools for enabling the role of protected areas as “natural solutions” helping communities to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

-include new knowledge and case studies in the field of ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation and mitigation, to outline a broad and bold vision which emphasises the key role of protected areas in climate change strategies at both national and local level.
Stream 3 Improving Health & Wellbeing

- encourage exchange of ideas, build partnerships, review achievements and develop new alliances between diverse sectors on the role of healthy ecosystems in protected areas for supporting human health and well-being.

- contribute to solutions for global challenges associated with human health, disease regulation, medicines, mental/physical/cultural well-being.

- the mental, physical and intrinsic benefits of engagement with nature and green space are of great value to society ("Healthy Parks, Healthy People" approach); apply these principles more universally in practice.

* Australia’s successful hosting of the first international conference on Healthy Parks Healthy People in 2010 initiated a new engagement with the health sector, including the medical profession, public health management and the health insurance industry.
Stream 4 Supporting Human Life

- FAO, MoE Japan, WCPA
- Nature-based Solutions Group, Water Programme, Drylands
- Commission on Ecosystem Management

-examine the socio-economic benefits of protected areas through providing water, food security, and services for disaster risk reduction and translate these into the “how to” of implementation, sharing many innovative approaches, such as water funds, payments for environmental services, and public works programmes for restoration to achieve beneficial “win-win” outcomes.

-By involving people and institutions in ecosystem management, examine successes and challenges in maintaining societal resilience, both for ensuring life support, and in preventing, minimising impact or ensuring recovery from challenges.
Stream 5 Reconciling Development Challenges

- protected areas can contribute enormously to addressing the development challenges of the 21st Century, but that this has to be translated into practice. Providing concrete guidance and examples of how protected areas can be designed, managed, assessed and utilised to achieve both ambitious conservation goals and development plans.

-Look at the way in which governments and businesses integrate protected areas and conservation into development policy, planning and programme to ensure that wise trade-offs are made among sustainable development decisions and business practices.
Stream 6  Enhancing the Diversity and Quality of Governance

• GIZ, CBD, ICCA Consortium
• World Commission on Environmental Law, Law Centre, Social Policy, CEESP, GPAP

-examine both the diversity and quality of governance of the world’s protected areas, as well as other areas that are contributing to biodiversity conservation.

-take stock of achievements, share experiences and present practical governance approaches and tools, illustrating progress to enhance the diversity and quality of governance in national protected areas systems.
Stream 7 Respecting Indigenous and traditional knowledge and culture

- UNU, NAILSMA, SOTZ’IL, IPACC
- IUCN Social Policy, TILCEPA, CEESP

- engage members of indigenous and local communities, governments, non-governmental and international organisations, and the private sector to collaborate in recognising the role of indigenous peoples and local communities in the management of protected areas, sacred natural sites, and surrounding landscapes and seascapes.

- explore the role of traditional and indigenous ecological knowledge and management systems, as well as cultural and spiritual values, in protected areas, to increase the resilience of both people and biodiversity.

- look at the management of cultural landscapes (e.g. sacred natural sites) at the land-seascape levels, and their contribution to biodiversity conservation and livelihoods both within and beyond protected areas.

- seek to review achievements and build long-term partnerships that will demonstrate how cultural landscapes and indigenous management systems contribute to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, as well as to the long-term well-being of communities around the world.
Stream 8 Inspiring a New Generation

- Parks Canada, WCPA Young Professionals
- Commission on Education and Communication

- make "connecting people to nature" a priority over the next decade to ensure that future generations care about, and take the necessary steps to conserve nature both within and beyond protected areas.

- aim to creatively build the global engagement of children, young people, urban communities and business leadership as advocates for protected areas by exploring the use of new technology and digital platforms, such as social media and virtual participation.
Cross-cutting themes

Marine

• NOAA, Great Barrier Reef Marine Authority,
• WCPA Marine, IUCN Global Marine and Polar Programme

-how to design and manage effective Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Marine Protected Area networks to address the key challenges:
-marine issues will be clustered around three sub-themes:
--*Invest More*, increasing the investment of funds, time, partners, and other resources in MPAs;
--*Involve More*, engaging a broader range of stakeholders, building new partnerships, and moving from awareness to action; and
--*Protect More*, expanding the use of MPAs and MPA networks to achieve conservation goals and targets and maximize their resilience and effectiveness.

Building on the outcomes of the Third International Marine Protected Areas Congress, (IMPAC3)
Cross-cutting themes

World Heritage

- Wild Foundation, WCPA World Heritage
- World Heritage Programme, WCPA, TILCEPA

This cross-cutting theme will provide an opportunity to take stock of successes and challenges in this subset of protected areas that are listed as being of outstanding universal value (role of WHS when addressing the specific strategic directions, mining exploration in reconciling the conflicting goals of conservation and development).

- take lessons learned from global practice in protected area systems to enhance the integrity of World Heritage Sites, and to make recommendations for renewed commitment and effectiveness of the World Heritage Convention and the outstanding universal value of listed World Heritage Sites.
Cross-cutting themes

Capacity Development

• Commission on Education and Communications, Parks Australia, New South Wales
• WCPA Capacity Development, CBD Secretariat

-seek to address systematically the implementation gap between policy and practice in protected area sites and institutions.

-an opportunity to reach agreement and commitment on a global programme for professionalising protected area management, supported by standardised resource materials, a standardised curriculum delivered through accredited courses hosted by accredited institutions, as well as producing protected area professionals who meet competency standards and can contribute to effective systems of protected areas.
Cross-cutting themes

Governance and a social compact for protected areas

• Commission on Economic, Environmental and Social Policy, IUCN Nature-based Solutions, Gender, Social Policy

...seek to provide fresh and effective approaches to addressing the human drivers behind the spiralling threats to the planet, including gross imbalances of power and decision-making.

An inspirational platform will be created across the streams of the Congress where diverse rights holders, stakeholders and interest groups are able to enter into dialogue and commit to building solidarity in human networks and a shared understanding of the intrinsic and functional value of nature through protected areas.
Capacity development legacy

- Pre-Congress Activities/Products
- Pre-and Post Congress Study Tours (Australia National Committee to work with Park agencies)
- 1.5 days of workshops/trainings before Congress
- Capacity development sessions during Congress e.g. Working breakfasts/lunches
- Other Related Events e.g. Urban
- Post Congress Follow-up/Legacy/Institution
Process for developing streams

- Work with Programme Working Group to develop Core Programme of all 8 Streams
- Engagement of cross-cutting themes
- Invite contributions for ideas and content
- Confirm nominations and ideas for key-note speakers
- Draft plan for stream sessions (30 June), finalized (30 Sept.), discussed (13-16 Oct.), new call for submissions (Nov. 2013)
- Joint review of whole programme; detailed programme submitted to Programme WG in March 2014
## Congress Timetable

**IUCN World Parks Congress, November 2014**

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World Protected Area Leadership Dialogues

• The most pressing issues of the decade ahead
• High level panels involving World Protected Area Leadership Forum, Global Thought Leaders, Business Leaders, WPC Ambassadors and Champions
• Examples might be:
  ✓ Illegal wildlife trade
  ✓ Resource mobilisation and sustainable finance
  ✓ A communication revolution
  ✓ Beyond 2020 Aichi targets
  ✓ Marine agenda
Next steps at programme level

- Identify existing programmatic work that aligns with the objectives and strategic directions (inspiring solutions)
- Identify opportunities to take programmatic work to a global scale in Sydney (partnerships, commitment, and legacy)
- Engage with Helen Noble (WPC Executive Officer) and the Stream Leaders and their teams
- Engage with Dawn Vout about funding prospects and with James Hardcastle regarding programmatic development
„Little Sydney“, not in Australia, but somewhere in Europe, not for PA but other audiences in 2014 or after WPC?
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2. Identification of key European inputs to WPC and potential contributors
WPC STREAMS

1: Reaching Conservation Goals
2: Responding to Climate Change
3: Improving Health and Well-Being
4: Supporting Human Life
5: Reconciling Development Challenges
6: Enhancing the Diversity & Quality of Governance
7: Respecting Indigenous & Traditional Knowledge & Culture
8: Inspiring A New Generation

WPC CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

A: Marine
B: World Heritage
C: Capacity Development
D: New Social Compact

• Already undergoing activities
  NATURA 2000 and IUCN PA ctg.
  Capacity building for PAs in Europe
  Transboundary cooperation
  Wilderness in Europe
  Youth Conference, MPA study at Klagenfurt UNI
  „Green List“

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• New ideas?