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1 INTRODUCTION

IUCN WCPA Steering Committee Members, and Vice Chairs of IUCN WCPA Specialist Groups and Task Forces are required to submit annual technical reports on their activities to IUCN Global Protected Area Programme and the IUCN WCPA Chair. A financial report is also required from those receiving a funding allocation from the IUCN WCPA Commission Operating Fund. Some financial information (details of funds spent and funds leveraged) is also included in the technical report.

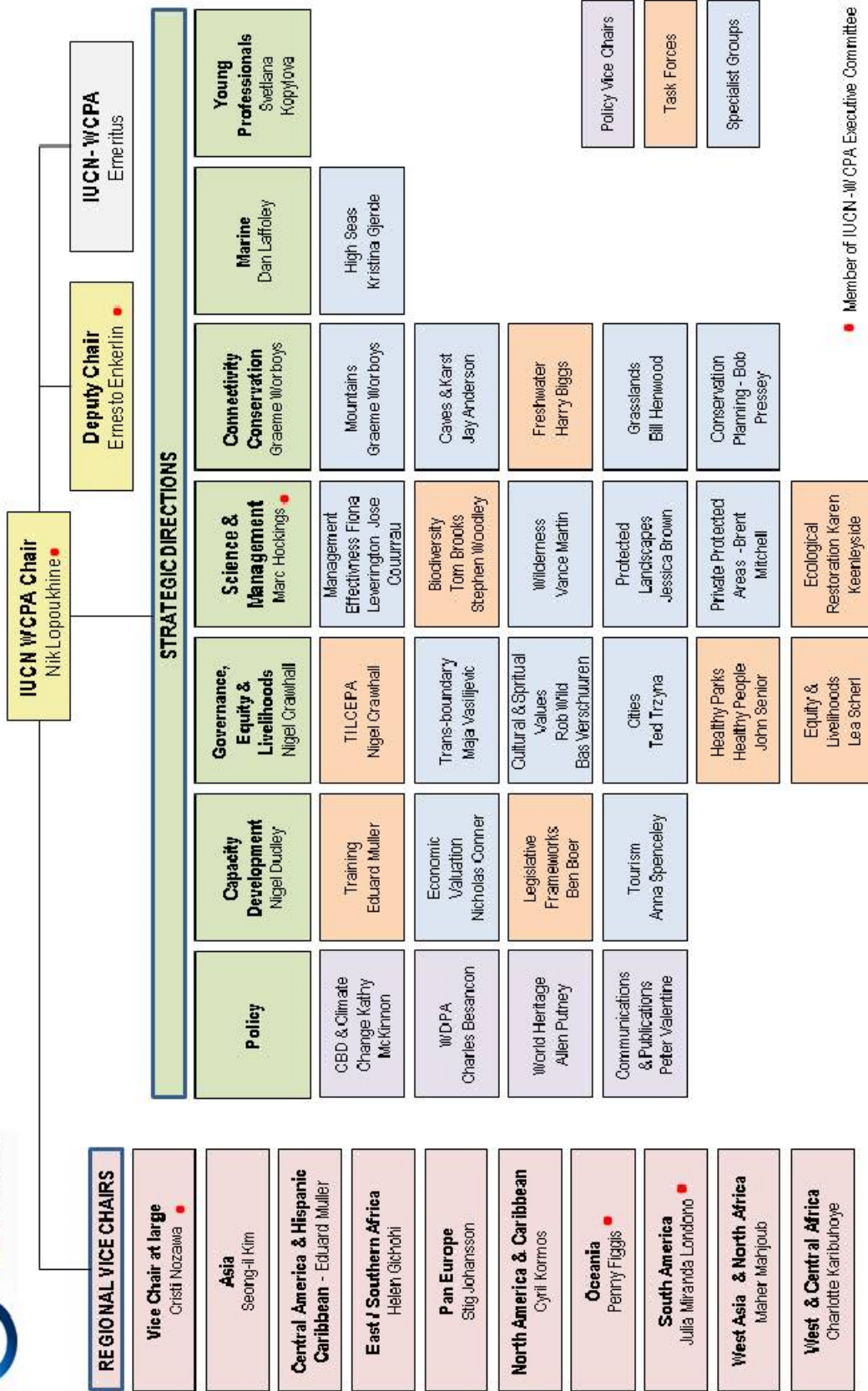
For 2010 new technical and financial reporting templates are being trialed. These aim to improve and standardise reporting to provide increased accountability, in line with overall IUCN financial policies and procedures, and to meet the donor and audit requirements for use of funds.

This document has been prepared for the 2011 annual IUCN WCPA Steering Committee Meeting and is a compilation of all the technical reports received by 28th March 2011

Table 1 following shows the current organizational structure of the IUCN WCPA with clustering as suggested by Nik Lopoukhine. The new IUCN quadrennial programme may guide a re-organisation of the clustering of task forces and specialist groups.



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Note - Some Task Force and Specialist Group names have been shortened for sake of space

March 2011

2 REPORT OF THE IUCN-WCPA CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: NIK LOPOUKHINE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010 was a turning point for WCPA and the PA programme within IUCN. With the support of Council, IUCN members and the Commission, the position of Director of GPAP was recruited and staffed. Council made clear that they had an interest on the follow up on the Consultants report and requested that the DG report on the implementation of the recommendations. Members of IUCN stepped up and offered to match resources if IUCN was to complement the Director’s position with the recommended additional two persons. In short, the prospectus for 2011 is that with the modest boost in the Programme’s budget there will be four additional staff in support of the Director’s position and the extant Senior Officer occupied by Pedro Rosabal. Pedro and other PPA staff need to be recognized for holding up the fort in the past couple of years. Sat on selection board and attended the meeting to prepare a response to the consultant’s report • 2010 was also a year where much effort was dedicated to the CBD process with a focus on the PoWPA review, first at the SBSTTA in Nairobi and the COP in Nagoya. The work of the previous year through the Jeju Summit most of the recommendations emanating out of Jeju found their way into the decisions of Nagoya. IUCN WCPA’s contributions were acknowledged by Parties and more is now expected of us. Involved in the formulation of the CBD Strategic Plan Targets and in particular target 11 by working directly with parties on the adopted wording. • WCPA invested in the CBD led Ecosystems Pavilion which provided the opportunity of putting on a PA day at Nagoya. Chaired three side events with one such event highlighting WCPA commitments of support. A subsequent opportunity through the Pavilion at the UNFCCC COP in Cancun was not as successful and without the help and support of the Mexican CONAMP our efforts would have been rather insignificant. Field trips permitted to introduce participants on the value of PAs for addressing CC. Spanish version of “natural Solutions” was launched. Future participation remains to be determined
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
Goal 1: Organize and deliver a Steering Committee Meeting in Canada.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was held as planned and without any problems. One participant evaluated the meeting as the best SC meeting he has ever attended.
Goal 2: Actively contribute to two Council meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPBES, CC and CBD Council Task Forces, WCPA report, One programme meeting in Costa Rica, wrote recommendations on a report on the GPPA consultant’s report, provided typology for biodiversity policies affecting PAs.
Goal 3: Oversee Commission delivery of its mandate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited new VC for East and South Africa, CBD Policy, New Deputy Chair, reinvigorated the Tourism SG, launched the Biodiversity Outcomes joint SSC TF, encouraged TILCEPA refocus, advised on the relationship of VC WH and WH Secretariat.
Goal 4: Participate in the recruitment of GPAP Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively contributed to the review of the GPPA Review report in developing management response to the Consultant’s recommendations and was a member of the selection board of the GPPA

Director Position. Lobbied with WPALF to support the position with resourcing
Goal 5: Promote the values of PAs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations and authoring articles aimed at broadcasting the values of PAs. Worked with CBD Secretariat to assure that recommendations emanating from Jeju Workshop were incorporated in the final decision affecting the PoWPA. Invested COF funds in the Ecosystem Pavilion to assure that we had a strong voice at the Convention. Similar work at the UNFCC was directed specifically on the values of PAs in addressing Climate Change.
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
•
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
•
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through intervention on Council have participated in assuring that protected areas are considered in the decisions affecting budgets and
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
Lopoukhine, N, 2010 Protected Areas for Life's Sake <u>In</u> The Environment Matters, published by The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / THE WORLD BANK, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20433 p. 8 -10
Lopoukhine, N. 2010 Climate change and a natural solution <u>In</u> World Heritage Review (vol/issues):56 June 2010 Paris, France. p. 26-31, illus.
Contributed a piece to the Red Parques Bulletin
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey WWF on Natural Solutions, CCEA on Natural Solutions, Env. Law Academy meeting in Ghent on Natural Solutions, South Korea DMZ Conference presented on first Peace Park, London Categories workshop - spoke on the need for categorization of UK Pas, presentation on Natural solutions to the Ontario Government, 2 Tunisia based workshops on Categories and Natural Solutions (second workshop was a North Africa regional workshop), Presented on the future of IUCN PA programme to the WPALF in Kruger National Park
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two video interviews via Ecosystem Pavilion and a Video for UNEP "climate Action"
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
•
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
40,000 CHF for travel and hospitality
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
18,000 CHF for costs of Ecosystem Pavilion, \$10,000CAN in support of the SC meeting. Parks Canada provided support in kind through use of office, access to telephones and provision of computer and IT support.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
None
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1:Succession planning and oversight of WCPA activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Search Committee for reporting back to the next SC meeting. Assure reporting by SC

members is undertaken in a timely manner, that membership recruitment is responsive and that TF and SG are included in these processes. Encourage SC to show leadership in the overall delivery of WCPA objectives and activities

- Organize the 2012 SC meeting

Goal 2:planning for WCC

- Establish a Committee to oversee preparatory work on the WCC in regards to the WCPA day, the Forum and any business related to the Member’s Assembly

Goal 3:planning for WPC

- Convene the oversight Committee (with the new DDG?) and put into place the necessary fund raising, content and recruitment of participants sub committees

Goal 4: Pursue commitment s under CBD

- Assure that WCPA is a partner in the development and delivery of Regional Workshops. Work with WCMC, GPAP in promoting Protected Planet as the platform through which we can promote values of PAs in meeting CBD and other commitments. Continue to promote the values of PAs through the Ecosystem Pavilion

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- Take on the recommendation of VCs in regards to the work of the SC.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

DEPUTY CHAIR TREVOR SANDWICH

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

(The Deputy Chair resigned with effect from 7 November 2010)

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- 2010 was dominated by a series of meetings that were to set the scene for landmark decisions on both biodiversity and climate change policy. The most important of these in respect of the Deputy Chair's activities were the preparations for and engagement in the Convention on Biological Diversity's SBSSTA meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in May, and the follow-through to the COP10 in Nagoya, Japan in October.
- Throughout this process, efforts were made to consolidate and roll-out communications on Natural Solutions as part of the PACT2020 initiative. A side event on Natural Solutions supported by case studies was presented in Nairobi, and a Spanish translation of the book was prepared and launched in Cancun, Mexico at the UNFCCC COP16. Extensive support was provided to the preparations for the Rio Conventions Pavilion for CBD COP10 in Nagoya, and to participation in panels that made the case for ecosystem based approaches to adaptation and mitigation.
- Further input was provided on IUCN Environmental Law Centre's project on protected area legislation.
- Support was also provided to TILCEPA to better define the scope and mandate of activities relating to governance and social assessment of protected areas, and to the emergent ICCA Consortium's strategic plan and activities relating to community conserved areas.
- The role as Deputy Chair was concluded at the end of October 2010 following my appointment as Head of IUCN's Global Protected Areas Programme.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: PACT2020 project co-ordination

- Proposals were developed to follow up the publication of Natural Solutions with new guidance for protected area managers and for mainstreaming protected areas into national and sectoral adaptation strategies. Discussions were held with funders and some resources were secured for taking this forward in 2011.
- A full record of progress with PACT 2020 was prepared so that co-ordination of this initiative could be passed to the new WPCA lead of the Climate Change and Protected Areas task force (yet to be established)
- There remains a need to complete the publication of the proceedings of the Granada Summit and to continue the compilation of case studies.

Goal 2: Biodiversity policy

- Although leading The Nature Conservancy's policy team on biodiversity through CBD's SBSTTA 14 and COP10 was my full-time job, it was possible to dovetail support for IUCN-WCPA's efforts in this regard throughout the year. In this way, an IUCN member organization, involving Commission members and aligning with other members was able to contribute substantially to strengthening IUCN's overall influence on the biodiversity policy process. This included protected areas policy, marine and coastal policy, inland waters policy, policy on climate change and biodiversity and a range of issues that involved indigenous peoples and local communities.

- Conflict of interest was avoided through the establishment of “working groups” that brought together a range of organizations, who also shared position papers and worked together in venues to undertake advocacy and technical support roles.
- Policy highlights of activities from SBSTTA 14 included:
 - (i) Protected areas.** There is increasing recognition of the success achieved in expanding biodiversity conservation through protected area systems; the importance of involving indigenous peoples and local communities; the economic role of PAs in development and poverty alleviation; and especially their role in climate change adaptation and mitigation. Challenges include the need for integration into sectoral programs, and for achieving sustainable financing to maintain management effectiveness.
 - (ii) Marine and coastal.** The balance of actions dealing with marine protection within and beyond national jurisdiction has been improved in the recommendations, and there is improved reference to climate change, adaptation, marine spatial planning and restoration. References to scaling up implementation are still weak, but there was support for the view that the CBD could do better to support countries to implement the marine and coastal programme of work within their EEZ.
 - (iii) Indigenous peoples and local communities.** There are strengthened references to the role of IPs and LCs in all programmes of work, with full recognition of IPs and LCS participation in PAs, marine, inland waters, and particularly of governance systems. We were successful in having IP and LC recognition in the climate change and biodiversity programme of work.
 - (iv) Climate and Biodiversity.** The relationship between these is fully recognized in the recommendations to COP10; the terms ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation and mitigation were consistently referenced; the eligibility for climate financing emphasized; and the need for tools and methods to facilitate implementation supported.
- A side event on Natural Solutions was convened by IUCN, TNC and partner organizations. It was gratifying to have one of the delegates who attended the side event hold up the publication in the working group as evidence of support for increasing recognition of ecosystems.
- Policy highlights from COP10 largely reflected the progress at SBSTTA, with very few reversals, and some enhancements of what we had been aiming to achieve.
- In addition, WCPA held a well attended side event on IUCN’s commitment to putting plans to work, and this was supported by a well-designed brochure (prepared by Sue Stolton and Nigel Dudley) that was distributed to delegates.

Goal 3: Climate change policy

- The Deputy Chair served as one of the organizers of the Protected Areas Day at the Rio Conventions Ecosystems and Climate Pavilion with a Panel on Ecosystem-based Adaptation that featured the Director-General Environment for the European Commission, indigenous peoples responses that would constitute ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation in India, national government level (Mexico), restoration (Canada) and PA systems (Kuwait).
- On behalf of the WCPA, the Deputy Chair continued to serve on IUCN’s Climate Thematic Programme Area’s Core Group, enabling comment on policy positions that were prepared for the various stages of the UNFCCC’s negotiations during 2010, and in particular maintaining an emphasis on natural solutions in both mitigation and adaptation. Less emphasis was placed on active participation in the negotiations themselves, as this did not coincide with TNC’s priorities for my full-time job.
- The Deputy Chair presented Natural Solutions in the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation’s (BfN) seminar for GTZ and KfW, resulting in a large degree of uptake of the concepts by BfN, GTZ and KfW, and agreement by GTZ to fund the publication of Natural Solutions in Spanish.

This latter was accomplished in time for a launch at Cancun, during UNFCCC's COP16 in December 2010. The poor quality of the translation has meant that this work has had to be repeated.

- Cancun ended with a further strengthening of references to ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation and to mitigation, as evidence of the effective alignment of effort on this topic, partly as a result of PACT2020's objectives in making arguments and following them through.
- Similarly, climate references in biodiversity policy were strengthened, including for the role of PAs in climate responses, and the role of indigenous peoples in applying ecosystem and community-based approaches, in the CBD negotiations throughout 2010, resulting in some clear and useful decisions at COP10 (see above).

Goal 4: Supporting the reframing of the Governance, Equity and Livelihoods Strategic Direction

- The Deputy Chair attended a meeting convened by TILCEPA in Bangkok where the history and progress of the Protected Areas, Economics and Livelihoods Joint Task Force was aired. This led to extensive discussions during the course of the year regarding the umbrella status of TILCEPA as the home of WCPA's Strategic Direction (as above), and agreement regarding the scope and depth of activities that could be clustered, managed and taken forward. There are many complexities regarding inter-commission structures that have a life span beyond a task, and TILCEPA has been one of these complex arrangements that has yet to be resolved satisfactorily. One of its key areas of concern, namely Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs) has developed its own more substantial following, and has even spawned a new organization. It would be a pity if the focus on this issue within WCPA was diminished. It would also be a pity if a strong WCPA led theme on PAs and social policy with overall coherent direction and sub-themes was not a result of these deliberations.

Goal 5: PA and legislation project

- The Deputy-Chair was requested to serve on the joint project between the ELC, CEL and WCPA to produce new guidelines on protected area legislation. Involvement started in 2008 and culminated during 2010 in the production of the new guidance. I was able to represent WCPA at a side event at Nagoya during the CBD COP10 to outline the importance of this new publication. It will be released in English, Spanish and French during 2011.

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

- The Deputy Chair continued to serve on the WCPA Executive Committee dealing with emerging issues relating to the governance of WCPA. Meetings were opportunistic usually associated with coordination in some of the major policy venues.
- The Deputy Chair also helped to put together the agenda for the WCPA SC in Hinton Canada, and in addition prepared for and ran a workshop during that meeting on the Preparations for the IUCN World Parks Congress. A short background paper was prepared as a result of the workshop and was submitted for consideration by the World Protected Areas Leadership Forum.

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

- No specific undertakings or activities were conducted regarding membership, although it remains a task of the new Climate Change and Biodiversity Task Force to establish a work programme and structure to take these activities forward.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- The main point of alignment has been the participation of the Deputy Chair representing WCPA in the IUCN Climate Core Group. In particular, efforts were made to contribute towards IUCN's policy objectives on Ecosystem-based Adaptation. This included the review and amendment of the IUCN programme, the policy position papers prepared for both the CBD and UNFCCC negotiations, and support to the delegations and side events convened by IUCN at these venues.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the Deputy Chair was TNC's Head of Delegation for CBD COP10 in Nairobi, there was a need to avoid any conflicts of interest and so no role was played by me in the IUCN delegation, although the usual alignment of positions was facilitated.
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spanish version of Natural Solutions was published and launched at the UNFCCC COP16 in Cancun, Mexico. The translation was undertaken by IUCN's regional office in MesoAmerican and financially supported by GTZ (now GIZ) through its Peruvian national office. A brochure entitled: Putting Plans to Work. IUCN's Commitment to Protected Areas was released at CBD COP10 in Nagoya. The document was put together by Sue Stolton and Nigel Dudley and involved extensive review by WCPA members.
Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convened a panel during a side event at CBD COP10 on Protected Areas Governance at the request of IUCN's Social Policy Programme, and participated in a panel on Protected Areas Legislation, also at COP10.
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
<p>A total of CHF7971.51 was utilized in 2010 from the Commission Operating Fund. Most of this was rolled over from the previous year, which meant that the entire 2010 allocation of can be returned to the COF for redistribution in 2011.</p>
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
<p>TNC supported the role of the Deputy Chair through in-kind staff time of the order of 14 days \$8400. In addition, approximately 20 days of voluntary time was leveraged amounting to \$12,000.</p>
Funding proposals in the pipeline
<p>A commitment was obtained from both TNC (\$10,000) and UNDP(\$30,000) to co-finance the Natural Solutions 2 publication, as well as from Germany (\$60,000) to host a workshop at the Nature Conservation Academy on Vilm. Since there have been delays on this project, it is likely that this support would have to be renegotiated with a new project timeframe and proposed management process.</p>
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
<p>Goal 1: No goals were set for 2011 as this is the prerogative of the new Deputy Chair.</p>
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There remains a need to establish more accessible and transparent procedures for the governance of WCPA, including the appointment of SC members, the approval of SG and TF mandates, and for reporting both technically and financially. This might well be a task that could be fostered by the new Deputy Chair, although it was only incidentally a role assigned to the outgoing Deputy Chair. There is also need to establish a "level of service agreement" between the IUCN WCPA and the IUCN Secretariat, and to ensure that the role of the Deputy Chair is reflected in this. Given the rather unique situation that the outgoing Chair is now the Director of IUCN's Global Protected Areas Programme, it is likely that this task could be accomplished in the remaining term of the current Chair and SC. There is a need to more fully flesh out the functions and responsibilities of the Deputy Chair given the transitional period.

3 IUCN- WCPA REGIONAL VICE CHAIR REPORTS

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS

ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

VICE-CHAIR-AT-LARGE

CRISTI MARIE C. NOZAWA

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

2010 was focused on the CBD CoP 10 as this was held in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010 where I am based. However, the Programme of Work on Protected Areas or PoWPA was not in the Japanese Government's nor the Japanese NGOs' radar. This was a similar situation for most of the Asian Countries excepting perhaps for India and South Korea. In a workshop on national reporting to the SCBD very few of the draft national reports included an update on PoWPA. Even just before the Futures workshop in Korea, very few if any of the countries prepared updates on PoWPA as they considered this "optional". Considering that PoWPA was possibly among the very few areas in the national reports where they can claim some positive results, it was surprising for me that few of the parties in Asia had readily prepared progress reports in relation to PoWPA. So 2010 was trying to play catch-up. 2010 was focused on joining events in and outside Japan as preparation for CBD CoP 10 and trying to drum up some concern/interests in protected areas in Asia.

At the minimum, I encouraged Japan and the ASEAN countries to complete an initial gap analysis using available information. This resulted in Japan producing a gap analysis report/publication in time for the CBD CoP 10 and the ASEAN presenting a preliminary marine gap analysis in a side event in Nagoya. I also worked towards greater appreciation and use of "newer" concepts of governance types and the "newly" agreed on definition of protected areas by IUCN. I linked up people working on fisheries in Japan to the people focused on ICCAs. In spite of different publications on these two topics, this has not been understood by key government agencies in the region. The one-on-one discussions with the different PA agencies and face to face meetings/presentations in conferences and symposiums provided an opportunity to promote and explain these simple but useful concepts. I just needed to say the same message in as many opportunities as possible. Fortunately some of it got through.

I participated in a workshop on e-learning for PoWPA early in the year and encouraged the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB) to undertake a test run of this tool as I was not confident of the uptake of such a tool in Asia among PA practitioners. This tool can be effective in Asia if done with support from institutions and mentors. The e-learning tool by itself may not generate a lot of interest in the region if not promoted.

In 2010, I linked up with the themes on science, capacity building and governance, the protected landscape task force, the mountain and marine biomes.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting and join executive committee meetings.

- I was unable to participate in the 2010 steering committee meeting but was able to join skype or

conference calls of the executive committee.
Goal 2: Promote WCPA in Japan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I supported the initiative of the Vice Chair for Asia and his deputy in Japan to promote membership among Japanese PA practitioners. I provided information on request and as needed.
Goal 3: Promote PoWPA in Japan and ASEAN region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relatively better reporting on PoWPA and a number of side events by the Asian Parties on protected areas.
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I need to be careful that I am not overstepping the functions /roles of the Vice Chair for Asia. With a focus on CBD CoP 10 this allowed me to function and complement efforts both by IUCN in Japan and WCPA in Asia.
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have not actively recruited but supported the recruitment of members in Japan particularly encouraging the Ministry of Environment Japan staff to become members. I will need to help out in recruitment more actively in 2011 but am not sure how the procedure for this will be.
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am not familiar with the detailed programme but I have worked very closely with the IUCN Japan staff in 2010. I have shared information and help out if needed particularly for events where IUCN WCPA was expected to contribute.
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentations on gap analysis and governance of marine protected areas at the International Coral Reef Symposium in support of the IUCN marine person for Asia. Presentation on the meeting of the ASEAN Heritage Park Managers in Brunei Darrusalam. Presentation at the side event of the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity on marine gap analysis.
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WH Evaluation Mission to Vietnam in early October. It is very easy to only view the evaluation through the eyes of those nominating a site and it is very important that evaluation missions do meet up with other stakeholders familiar not only with the site but with the country as this can have a significant implication on the outcome of the evaluation. I enjoyed the mission and would be interested to continue to be part of 1-2 missions per year, schedules permitting.
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
5259.35 CHF
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
I did not raise funds directly for my use but encouraged agencies to spend funds on the implementation of PoWPA.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Participate in the Steering Committee and Executive Committee meetings as needed.

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Goal 2: Continue to promote WCPA in Japan and ASEAN region

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Goal 3. Continue to promote PoWPA and the new commitments related to this from the CoP 10

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- 2011 will be a little more tricky as my position does not cover a region nor a theme. I have been assigned to support work in relation to Japan and its hosting of the CBD CoP 10. I hope we are now better positioned in Japan as a result of different peoples' efforts including mine. I will need to discuss a focus of my responsibilities for 2011. I will still continue to work on Japan (perhaps working towards a partnership with UNITAR for training?) but this may not be enough for 2011. I also want to focus on recruiting more women and young professionals from the region in 2011. I find that the emerging WCPA membership is still very much male and "mature people" dominated.
- PoWPA like the rest of the commitments to the CBD can be daunting and the messages too many. In my experience, it was helpful to pick on a few messages to bring forward to both government and non-government agencies. It was useful to pick a few key concepts to "hang" the whole PoWPA on. So I advanced three of the "concepts" to my target audience and these were: gap analysis, governance and management effectiveness. The gap analysis and governance concepts found a lot of traction with government agencies. It is a little more difficult to "sell" management effectiveness or agencies are just slower to uptake this one. We should explore partnering with UNITAR in some of our capacity building efforts.
- Japan was also keen on the Satoyama Initiative and WCPA had a lot to offer to these initiative particularly Category 5 (and 6) of the IUCN categories. However, I felt there was generally lukewarm reception to this from IUCN itself and it felt very frustrating at times that I could not get a definite response from both IUCN and IUCN WCPA steering committee. It will be important for the SC or the Chair to assign a focal task force/theme or group of people who will take this forward in behalf of IUCN WCPA. The IUCN J person in Japan will only be too willing to receive inputs from IUCN WCPA for the Satoyama Initiative.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

**REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND HISPANIC
CARIBBEAN**

EDUARD MULLER

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- My work has concentrated in four areas:
- 1. Support to the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD) to re-launch the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor, participating in one regional meeting in Belize, SUBSTTA in Nairobi and COP10 in Nagoya, writing/editing documents, presenting the proposal to upload onto LifeWeb-CBD.
- 2. Support to the organization and participation in of the III Mesoamerican Protected Areas Congress , also promoting WCPA at the congress.
- 3. Communicate with regional members, providing them with documents, links and discussion groups on diverse matters with special attention on climate change (Natural Solutions, impacts of climate change, adaptation, mitigation).
- 4. Support for the development of the Interim Mechanism for Protection of Tropical Forests (IMPTF), a carbon based mechanism that could be housed under LifeWeb-CBD, focused on private sector carbon markets as an alternative to REDD in order to channel funds to protected areas and biological corridors which would not have “additionality”.
- 5. Supported LifeWeb in the preparation of a Side Event in Nagoya (Oct. 25).
- 6. Participating in several meetings on issues relevant to protected areas and connectivity conservation (Klas Sander – World Bank, Linda McMillan, Fausto Sarmiento in Perth; Meeting with FAO – Mountain Partnership, Perth; Costa Rica Vice President – 5 occasions), Costa Rica Vice-Minister for the Environment – 2 occasions; Belize Deputy Prime Minister and delegation to Nagoya; coordinating meetings with ORMA-IUCN;
- Additionally other activities were done such as supporting WCPA at the Ecosystem Pavilion in Nagoya, supporting the Training task force(separate report), representing the commission chair in the REDLAC regional meeting in Mexico, supporting IUCN and World Heritage by co-organizing a workshop on management effectiveness in World Heritage, participation in UE Positive Visions for Biodiversity Meeting in Brussels, promote control mechanisms to fight the Lionfish that has invaded the Caribbean coasts of Central America, coordinating Costa Rica WCPA members for the defense of several protected areas against political aggressions, and some smaller issues.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- I attended the WCPA SC meeting in Alberta, Canada

Goal 2: Re-launch of CBM

- Initiative was officially launched together with LifeWeb-CBD in Nagoya by Belize’s Deputy Prime Minister.

Goal 3: WCPA presence in III MPAC

- WCPA was well represented in the symposiums on climate change, capacity building, valuation of

ecosystem services
Goal 4: Increasing regional membership, both in numbers and participation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 new regional members but very little success in increased participation
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing my own activities and understanding time constraints due to the nature of voluntary work, I would like to see more interaction within WCPA between SC meetings. This is a challenge and depends on regional VC as much as the Chair, but I do think we have to find a to have more interaction between meetings.
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is still very difficult to actively involve members. I have opened several Internet sites using diverse tools, posting documents on-line, promoting active discussions, searching for feedback from members with very little success. The lack of concrete projects in which to involve the members seems to be part of the problem. Also, good and active members are usually very busy people.
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have been actively supporting ORMA for the implementation of the program.
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Mountain Conference, Perth (Climate change in mountains) III Mesoamerican Protected Areas Congress (4 presentations and one round table) Climate change and protected areas – natural solutions, Connectivity conservation, Professionalizing PA management, Valuing ecosystem services) Park Service Salta, Argentina: Conference on protected area management and strengthening of protected areas system management. National Congress of Argentina and Ministry of Environment: Climate change and the use of PA as natural solutions to climate change. Belize, meeting of biodiversity focal points for CCAD: Importance of connectivity conservation for climate change adaptation.
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspaper, Radio and TV interviews in Belize, Costa Rica, Argentina, Nicaragua and Mexico on diverse aspects of climate change, protected areas, biodiversity conservation.
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
2500 Swiss Francs
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
US\$ 6200 personal funds for attending different meetings.
US\$ 940.00 from LifeWeb for per-diems in Nagoya.
US\$ 890.00 Funds from CCAD to attend meeting in Belize.
US\$ 10000.00 from British Embassy for IMPTF workshop.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>

Goal 1: Assist CCAD on approving LifeWeb proposal for Mesoamerican Biological Corridor (MBC)
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Goal 2: Assist CCAD and CBD-LifeWeb in organizing a donor table to raise funds for MBC.
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Goal 3: Develop a more aggressive campaign with members to increase participation
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Goal 4: Through national focal points, increase membership
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected areas are not a true priority for my region and there is very little true understanding of the current and potential impacts of climate change on biodiversity and ecosystems, both in terms of magnitude as well as time scale.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: PAN-EUROPE

STIG JOHANSSON

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- The year 2010 was characterized by the work towards and at the CBD COP 10. Much of the effort went to contribute through different processes in setting post 2010 goals and drafting of the CBD Strategic Plan targets and following the review of the CBD PoWPA. Participation in the COP 10 in the IUCN delegation took considerable time but was extremely useful.
- The work to implement the recommendations of the IUCN GPAP review was successful and towards the end of the year GPAP was strengthened through the appointment of the new Head and is expected to contribute effectively to the WCPA work again.
- The visit to Russia in February established contacts and network for continuing the WCPA work in Russia, Eastern Europe and North Eurasia.
- WCPA members in Pan Europe have been linked to various on-going international or regional processes and the linkages between the regional and thematic issues within WCPA have been strengthened.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- Participating in the WCPA Steering Committee meeting in Hinton, Canada, 14-18 June 2010.

Goal 2: Contributing towards the CBD strategic plan, PowPA and COP 10

- Introduction and chairing Session 1 of the European Union Presidency (Spanish) and European Commission conference on “Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target-The role of Protected Areas and Ecological Networks in Europe”, 26 – 27 January 2010 in Madrid, Spain. Compiling and presenting session report.
- Contributing to the IUCN position papers at COP 10, especially on the strategic goals and the protected area targets. Particularly inputs towards target 2 were made based on the Nordic Council of Ministers seminar in Trondheim in October 2009 and the EU meeting in Madrid in January 2010.

Goal 3: Participation in the CBD COP 10, Nagoya, Japan 18 – 29 October

- Participating in the IUCN delegation and in the IUCN team coordination meetings 18 – 29 October at COP 10 in Japan. Participated in the negotiations in WG1, especially on Protected Areas and Mountain Biodiversity and in WG2 on the strategic plan. Followed positions of selected countries (EU countries, including Finland, Canada, Norway, Australia etc.) in relation to the above.
- Participated in the IUCN-WCPA event “Key role of protected areas in climate change”, at the Rio Conventions’ Ecosystem Pavilion on the 19.10.2010. Chaired the session on “Protected Areas and climate change mitigation”.
- Participated 26.10 in the side-event and launch of the new IUCN Guidelines for Protected Areas Legislation.
- Participated 27.10 in the side-event on and launch of the atlas “Biodiversity of the Francophonie” with key presentation by Ahmed Djoghlaif and Julia Marton-Lefevre.
- Participated 28.10 in the roundtable discussions on the “20 for 2020 Initiative” organized by WWF

and chaired by the WWF President, Yolanda Kakabadse at COP 10.

Goal 4: Promoting CBD and PoWPA implementation in Pan-Europe

- Meeting on 22.10. with Hans Friederich (IUCN, Pan-Europe) and Eladio Fernandez Galiano (Council of Europe) on the regional implementation of PoWPA based on existing regional and sub-regional conventions and mechanisms. Also discussions with Karl Falkenberg (Director General for the Environment) and Ladislav Miko (Director for Nature) from the European Commission, and Harald Egerer interim secretariat for the Carpathian Convention.
- Participated 28.10 in the “Arctic Biodiversity” side-event organized by CAFF and the Arctic Council. Follow-up discussion with Mike Wong, Parks Canada, about a protected area working group within the Arctic Council. Further discussions with Finnish CAFF representative Esko Jaakkola, (MoE) and with Inge Thaulow (Min. of Environment and Nature, Greenland), who is also the chair of the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment. The re-vitalization of the CAFF expert working group CPAN (Circumpolar Protected Area Network) was seen as one option.

Goal 5: Promoting IUCN-WCPA protected areas and World Heritage goals in Pan-Europe

- Participated in a IUCN retreat to formulate management responses to the review of the IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme in Rolle, Switzerland 16 – 18 February 2010.
- Organizing WCPA members to comment on State of Conservation reports for World Heritage sites in Pan-Europe for the IUCN World Heritage (Tim Badman, Mariam Ali).
- Appointing Jussi Päivinen (NHS, Finland) and Daniel Vallauri (WWF, France) to represent WCPA P-E in the WCPA work on the Best Practice Guide on Ecological Restoration headed by Karen Keenleyside.
- Participated in the Healthy Parks – Healthy Peoples conference organized by Parks Victoria 12 – 16 April in Melbourne (including a one-week Natural Heritage Services bench marking trip with Parks Victoria).
- Reviewing and commenting the protected areas chapters in the EEA Report “Europe’s ecological backbone: recognizing the true value of our mountains” (EEA Report No 6 / 2010) compiled by Martin Price in June.
- Appointing Alberto Arroyo Schnell to represent WCPA P-E at the EU “Financing Natura 2000” conference in 15-16 July in Brussels.
- Discussions about the future of the IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme and IUCN-WCPA Pan Europe on 27 August 2010 in Gland.
- IUCN protected area category II certification of the Kellerwald-Edersee national park in Germany. Report and certification process completed by Martin Solar. Meeting with Martin Solar 8 November.
- Contributed towards the planning of the World Heritage capacity building for Pan-Europe expert workshop (“Enhancing the IUCN expert processes on World Heritage”) at the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, Germany 13 – 17 November 2010, organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) in cooperation with IUCN.

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

- Agreement on sub-regional, deputy vice-chairs for Pan-Europe:
 - Western Europe (Graham Bennet, Zizygy, The Netherlands)
 - The Mediterranean (Marta Mugica, Europarc, Spain)
 - Central Europe (Andrej Saving, Secovlje Salina Nature Park, Slovenia)
 - North Europe (Kari Lahti, NHS, Finland)
 - Russia and East Europe (Evgeny Shvarts, WWF, Russia)
- Agreement on thematic focal points for Pan-Europe:
 - Glen Hyman, France (Cities and PAs)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miquel Rafa, Spain (Private PAs) ○ Bärbel Vogel, Germany and Franci Gabrovsek, Slovenia (Caves and Karst) ● Appointing Andrej Sovinc, Head of the Secovlje Salina Nature Park in Slovenia to replace former WCPA vice-chair Marija Zupancic Vicar as the WCPA representative on the Management of PAs M.Sc. programme Advisory Board at the University of Klagenfurth. ● Discussions about WCPA members and activities in Russia and North Eurasia on 4 February in Moscow with former WCPA vice-chair Natalia Danilina and WCPA vice-chair for youth, Svetlana Kopylova in connection with the IUCN review mission in February.
<p>MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Delwyn Dupuis to provide statistics ● Offered on behalf of WCPA Pan-Europe condolences on the death of distinguished WCPA member, Jordi Falgarona from Spain in April.
<p>INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting to discuss the IUCN and WCPA Pan-Europe programme alignment 4.6.2010 and attending the IUCN HQ inauguration. ● Contributing to the IUCN Position Papers for CBD COP 10 in Japan.
<p>COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i></p>
<p>Publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● German translation of IUCN Guidelines for PA Categories produced and financed by Europarc Deutschland (Richtlinien für die Anwendung der IUCN-Managementkategorien für Schutzgebiete; Europarc Deutschland 2010). ● Promoting an article by marine biologist Michael Haldin (NHS, Finland) for the WCPA PARKS on new innovative techniques in the inventory of marine protected areas using the Kvarken WH site as a case study.
<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of WCPA at the IUCN members meeting in Moscow, Russia 3.2.2010. ● Key note presentation “Conservation and protected areas – Challenges in a changing world” at the 100-years celebration of Estonian protected areas in Tallinn, Estonia 27. – 28.5.2010. ● Presentation of WCPA in Pan-Europe at the Europarc Nordic-Baltic section meeting in Tallinn, Estonia 27.5.2010. ● Participated and presented (“Regional responses from Pan-Europe”) in the side-event “IUCN-WCPA global protected area programme: Implementing the PoWPA”, organized by WCPA 19.10 at COP10 Japan. ● Chaired, presented an introduction and moderated the discussion in the Nordic Council of Ministers side-event “Towards a Green Future – Biodiversity Action of the Local Level” on the 21.10.2010. Engaged DDG IUCN, Bill Jackson, as key note speaker. ● Presentation “System Level Management Effectiveness Evaluation in Finland” at the side-event , “A vision of management effectiveness from the perspective of protected areas system”, organized by the WCPA, IUCN, the National Parks of Colombia and WWF on 22.10.2010 at COP10 Japan. ● Key note presentation “Mountain Biodiversity: current status and post 2010 challenges and trends” at the high-level segment side-event “Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Mountain Biodiversity: Regional Approaches and Conventions”, organized by the CBD secretariat and UNEP, Vienna on 27.10.2010 at COP10 in Japan.
<p>Contributions to media, website, newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interview (“Introducing the IUCN and WCPA”) about IUCN and WCPA in the “Protected Areas In-Sight”, Journal of the Europarc Federation (Vol. 2 (2010): 28-29).
<p>Strategic stakeholder communication</p>

- Promoting the role of IUCN and WCPA within the Nordic Council of Ministers working groups, leading e.g. to a joint NCM-IUCN side event in Nagoya with DDG Bill Jackson as the key note speaker.
- Meeting with Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Russia (N. Inamov; Amirkhan M. Amirkhanov; Natalia G. Vavilova; Maria E. Dronova; Rustam Sagitov) in connection with the IUCN review mission in February.
- Discussions with WWF Russia on 4 February in Moscow together with IUCN P-E. Follow up discussions with Evgeny Shvarts in June in Helsinki.
- Participated in the signing of the Finland-IUCN framework agreement with Julia Marton-Lefebvre and the meeting with the Finnish National IUCN Committee in 29 April 2010.
- Responding to Scottish Parliament request on assistance regarding windfarms and protected areas in Europe. Contacts to Germany (Barbara Engels) and Spain (Marta Mugica).
- Participated 24.10 in the LifeWeb invitation dinner, where Timo Tanninen, DG for Nature Conservation at the MoE in Finland, gave a speech among other LifeWeb international cooperation partners.
- Meeting 28.10 and briefing of about 20 Members of the European Parliament about the status of CBD COP 10 negotiations in general, and specifically the strategic plan and the protected areas together with Hans Friederich.
- Participated 22.10 in an event organized by the WCPA Japan committee, and the Korean regional vice-chair for Asia, Seong-II.
- Discussions with Sasha Müller-Kraenner (TNC) about TNC visit to Finland to discuss Life-Web implementation in Tanzania.

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

- Participating in the review of the IUCN and WCPA programme and activities in Russia together with IUCN Pan-Europe (H. Friederich, P. Grigoriev) and the IUCN-CEM (K. Sepp), Moscow, Russia 1. – 5.2.2010
- Participated on 25.10 in the IUCN constituency event for IUCN members, commission members and staff at the Shirotori Gardens. About 300 participants were attending with good discussions and opportunities for networking.

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)*

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

- Received 10 000 euro from Ministry of the Environment, Finland to support the work as Regional Vice-Chair for Pan Europe, mainly to cover WCPA travel costs.
- Other costs for the WCPA Vice-Chair work were covered by the Metsähallitus, Natural Heritage Services, Finland.

Funding proposals in the pipeline

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 *(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

Goal 1: Attend the WCPA Steering Committee meeting

Goal 2: Contribute to IUCN 2013 – 2016 programming

- Commenting on draft programme
- Participating in the Regional Conservation Forum in Bonn, Germany in September

Goal 3: Organize a WCPA members meeting at the Regional Conservation Forum

- Discussing important PA issues (GPAP, PA in IUCN programme; IUCN P-E programme; WCC; WPC)

Goal 4: Promote implementation of PoWPA and CBD Strategic Plan in Pan-Europe

- Meeting to review synergies of and streamlining implementation of regional conventions.

Goal 5: Promote involvement of WCPA members in Pan-European processes and PA work

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued involvement of WCPA members in WH processes• Involvement of WCPA in other European processes |
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**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: NORTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

CYRIL KORMOS

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010

My focus as Regional Vice Chair for North America and the Caribbean over the last year has focused on three areas: CBD COP 10 in Nagoya, Gulf of Mexico restoration efforts and World Heritage sites in the United States.

Nagoya COP 10 - IUCN's COP 10 Positions: Input into IUCN's policy positions for COP 10 designed to strengthen the protected areas target both in terms of increasing the percentage target for area protected as well as the supporting text providing additional guidance on the target. This input contributed to a more ambitious and complete policy statement from IUCN's delegation at Nagoya.

Nagoya COP 10 – IMPTF: Following the disappointing results in Copenhagen's UNFCCC COP15, and given weak safeguards and other problematic design elements emerging from UNFCCC negotiations on REDD+, I worked with the WCPA Chair an effort to design a framework for a more conservation focused (including wilderness conservation) interim mechanism, potentially under the auspices of the CBD, to ensure that emissions from deforestation and degradation in the tropics are greatly reduced in the short term. This involved supporting a workshop in San Jose Costa Rica on an "Interim Mechanism for the Protection of Tropical Forests" (IMPTF), and substantial follow up work to draft a concept paper further describing the IMPTF and support its presentation in Nagoya.

Gulf of Mexico: WCPA North America and the Caribbean is working with representatives of other IUCN Commissions (primarily CEM and SSC) on an inter-commission effort to assess Gulf of Mexico restoration efforts after the oil spill, to determine priorities for further actions and to determine benchmarks for Gulf restoration. The inter-Commission team has joined forces with the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, based in Corpus Christi, Texas, to co-host a conference in Houston in the Fall of 2011 to address the questions above. Fundraising is ongoing, and the IUCN US office has provided two small grants (totaling USD 5,000) to The WILD Foundation to cover expenses incurred by the inter-Commission in planning this event. This initiative is strategic on a number of levels: it focuses on marine conservation and specifically the need/potential for more MPAs in the Gulf, it is a grass-roots inter-Commission event which will also engage IUCN's Secretariat providing an "organic" demonstration of how the one programme vision can be implemented, and it demonstrates IUCN's key role in leveraging the governmental organizations, academia, and government agencies in an international conservation effort.

World Heritage: Following on the success of the WCPA consultation with the UNESCO-IUCN mission to Waterton Glacier International Peace Park in the Fall of 2009, WCPA conducted a second consultation to inform the reactive mission to Everglades National Park following the US National Park Service's voluntary relisting of Everglades NP as World Heritage in danger. The consultation included leading experts (including a former Superintendent of Everglades NP) who were able to provide the mission with

detailed information on indicators for Everglades NP recovery, as well as a broad overview of the issues and important historical perspective. Feedback from this meeting has been extremely positive.

Other highlights include presenting at the Western Wilderness Conference (on marine wilderness) supporting the application for the Kenton Miller Award by Parks Canada CEO Alan Latourelle, preparing a publication with Nigel Dudley, Harvey Locke and Vance Martin on the wilderness category in IUCN's protected area classification system, and continuing research on REDD+ in particular with a view to producing a scientific publication on REDD+ and sustainable forest management.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- Attended Steering Committee meeting in Hinton/Jasper.

Goal 2: World Heritage: Consolidate WCPA's role as an advisor to UNESCO-IUCN missions

- Second consultation held (in Homestead, FL for Everglades NP). Strong support exists from IUCN World Heritage Centre and National Park Service for WCAP consultations as valuable independent sources of technical advice to missions. However, necessary to work with IUCN, UNESCO and park service agencies to build consultations into UNESCO-IUCN missions more systematically so they are perceived as an integral component to the mission, rather than as a valuable "add-on".

Goal 3: Advocate in favor of a stronger IUCN protected areas policy position and better integration of Rio Conventions in preparation for Nagoya

- Worked successfully with a number of WCPA Steering Committee members and IUCN Council members to propose substantially more ambitious protected area targets in IUCN policy statements.
- Assisted in developing IMPTF workshop in San Jose Costa Rica, helped develop concept paper and prepare side-event for Nagoya.

Goal 4: Represent WCPA in an inter-commission team planning for a Gulf of Mexico restoration conference.

- Currently fulfilling this function, participating in team conference calls, reviewing documentation, proposals, etc.

Goal 5: Review the Protected Areas Database US methodology for assigning IUCN PA classifications to US protected areas

- Currently in planning – workshop to be held in conjunction with UNEP-WCMC at George Wright Society meeting in 2011.

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

- NA

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

- WCPA NAC has added approximately 50 new members to date, and continues to grow. Additional progress needed to diversify membership across sectors (donors, academia, government, multilateral etc.)

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- Work over the last year has been supportive of the 2009-2012 priorities. Providing strong input into multilateral processes for biodiversity conservation targets is a top priority in IUCN's Core Programme. Strengthening the management of World Heritage sites in the region, and working with partners to improve the Protected Areas Database – U.S. also support the Core Programme. Research on REDD+ and sustainable forest management supports a number of Thematic Areas in the Quadrennial Programme, in particular Thematic Areas 2 and 4. How we can use primary tropical moist forests to maximize climate change, biodiversity and local community benefits is a critical question that impacts the Millennium Development Goals, and the objectives of the CBD and

UNFCCC.
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encyclopedia of sustainability – article on Wilderness Act of 1964, published January 2011. • Co-author on: Dudley et al., Defining wilderness in IUCN to be published in August 2011 issue of the International Journal of Wilderness. • Co-author on scientific publication on REDD+ and Sustainable Forest Management – currently being drafted, not yet submitted. • Report on illegal logging generated in partnership with colleagues at Conservation International – may be submitted for publication.
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaired marine wilderness panel at Western Wilderness Congress in Berkeley California in April 2010 • Chaired consultation with IUCN/UNESCO World Heritage Mission to Everglades NP.
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
NA
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
USD 5,000 raised for Gulf restoration conference planning.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
Proposal in USD 75-100k range being drafted for conference planning – final amount TBD
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Additional WCPA consultation on World Heritage mission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop roster of experts for Yellowstone NP. • Plan meeting with IUCN, UNESCO, NPS for Yellowstone wildlife management issues – in particular integrate into mission schedule rather than as after-hours session with WCPA.
Goal 2: Gulf Conference fundraising and planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue proposal development/fundraising and conference planning with inter-Commission team • Provide input into other marine conservation conferences in the region leading up to the conference in the Fall “stepping stones” to the Gulf conference. • Inform WCPA members of the event. • Represent WCPA at the conference as one of conference hosts.
Goal 3: Work with Protected Areas Database US, WCMC and other partners to assess “crosswalk” methodology for assigning IUCN PA categories to US PAs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop to be held at GWS • Develop proposal for a case study on California protected areas to assess IUCN PA category assignments and generate a better understanding of the full extent of conservation in California. • Produce case study.
Goal 4: Continue research and writing on Wilderness, and the role of wilderness in biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication on Category 1b with Nigel Dudley, Harvey Locke and Vance Martin. • Publication on REDD+ and sustainable forest management.

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- A concerted effort is necessary to generate the ideas for the next WPC that can make it truly transformative - for PA professionals and just as importantly (perhaps more importantly) for non PA professionals.
- Promoting further integration of the Rio Conventions should remain a high priority.
- Mining has emerged as a dominant threat to national parks and World Heritage sites everywhere – from Waterton Glacier, to Mt. Nimba, to Virunga, to iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Mining is not a new threat, but it has become more pervasive than ever and is threatening some of the most iconic places on earth with some of the highest biodiversity values. This threat should be discussed by the SC at its next meeting as it will likely get worse in the near term.
- As a related matter, threats to WH sites are arising everywhere, and WCPAs role in addressing these threats bears further discussion.
- Relatively few WCPA SC members are following climate policy developments. While it is not critical to have everyone following UNFCCC negotiations on a regular basis, by and large the PA community has not spoken loudly enough in climate policy discussions. How we can change that dynamic before the UNFCCC COP (which could be critical in reaching decisions on REDD and EBA) in South Africa would be useful to discuss.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: OCEANIA

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REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010

During 2010 the WCPA network in Oceania has continued to add a science-based and apolitical voice to conservation policy debates and to share knowledge across sectors and the Region. Membership is under high demand and the network is strongly valued by its members for both information and for its quiet advocacy.

We took a substantial role in mobilising international bodies especially IUCN over the risk that protected areas in New Zealand would be subject to mining. Our efforts combined with those of many others was successful in heading off this very recalcitrant step.

A positive was that we received feedback that the NZ government believed we had remained expert in our opinion and walked the fine line of advocacy without politics.

We have continued to strongly promote the role of protected areas and natural areas in addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation, distributing copies of *Natural Solutions* to many government agencies, NGOs and academic institutions as well as distributing a many different reports and other items on this topic via the list server.

WCPA has taken a central role in promoting whole of landscape 'connectivity conservation' in delivering climate change, biodiversity and ecosystem benefits; We were strongly involved in an historic gathering in late 2009 and follow up drafting of the *Kingscliffe Communiqué* and advocacy to government. We were instrumental in having the government adopt a national Green Corridors Plan. We were central in convening another major forum in December 2010 *Connecting People and Nature* and set up the Linking Landscapes Collaboration - an umbrella group of national bodies associated with landscape approaches.

We were also involved in a very constructive manner for advocating the return of the Koongara Mine lease to World Heritage Kakadu National Parks and were successful in obtaining bipartisan support for this important move. Linking continued support for indigenous/local community involvement in land and sea management; progress on marine protected areas and the defence of the New Zealand park system against the threat of mining.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Continue to enrich the knowledge network of WCPA members in Oceania

- Distributed over 60 reports and other key documents of conservation, compiled 3 substantial newsletters to all members. With partners held a series of for a with Harry Biggs on Adaptive Management

Goal 2: Continue to build the strength and standing of the network

- WCPA has high standing in Australia in particular and is included a s a key partner in many for a. Some 35 new members have been recruited in 2010. A membership Meeting was held at the

Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress of some 50 members and other membership gatherings occurred in conjunction with the Harry Biggs tour. WCPA Members are very prominent in all major meetings eg approx 70 attended Healthy Parks, Healthy People many were speakers.

Goal 3: The promotion of the role of natural ecosystems and protected areas in climate change

- Wide distribution of **Natural Solutions** Report. Comprehensive electronic distribution of materials on the topic. The Vice Chair participated in the IUCN Law Academy Symposium on Biodiversity and Climate Change in Ghent

Goal 4: The promotion of connectivity conservation as a key biodiversity and climate change response

- Participating in ongoing Linking Landscapes group, drafting of documentation and advocacy to federal and NSW state government, production and distribution of materials especially Kingscliffe Communiqué. Organisation of major forum **Connecting People and Nature** Dec 2010.
- Vice Chair has highlighted the importance of this direction in many presentations including the national Council of the Australian Conservation Foundation and at three different fora at CBD COP 10 speaking on connectivity conservation.
- WCPA VC Graeme Worboys leads global work.

Goal 5: Promotion of marine conservation

- Materials on marine issues have been widely distributed. We have not had a marine forum this year but it is a priority for 2011.

Goal 6: Promote socially just approaches to conservation and in particular the rights of indigenous Australian

- We have been a strong advocate for many years of indigenous and involvement in land and sea management. The Vice Chair emphasises this priority at every speaking engagement. The VC made preliminary linkages to Indigenous leadership re whole of landscape approaches in Northern Australia.

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

- The VC is strongly assisted by a national Committee of WCPA office bearers. She works closely with other WCPA VCs Graeme Worboys, Marc Hockings and Peter Valentine and Tourism Deputy Robyn Bushell. She has been ably assisted by Deputies in New Zealand, Bruce Jefferies and by Elizabeth Erasito in the Pacific. Bruce has been very diligent and worked closely with NZIUCN.

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

- Oceania continues to show strong growth and interest though this has tended to be Australian focused and not strong in Pacific. We have a very strong representation of young professionals. Our gender balance is reasonably good 107 women out of 320 as of September 2010.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- We believe our work is well integrated with IUCN’s Programme as above all everything we do seeks to **“contribute directly to targets agreed internationally by governments to reduce the rate of loss of biodiversity”**. Our emphasis on Natural Solutions and connectivity conservation are aligned with the Programme theme **Integrating biodiversity considerations and opportunities into climate change policy and practice**

WCPA Oceania is not involved with energy directly however our support for an involvement in aligning conservation and health goals and our strong support for indigenous involvement in land and sea management are consistent with **“Managing ecosystems for human well-being Improving livelihoods, reducing poverty and vulnerability, and enhancing environmental and human security through sustainable ecosystem management.”** If in future we can successfully set up a knowledge network into the Pacific we can hope to do more in this area.

Several WCPA Members have been strongly involved in advocacy with the tourism industry to properly

value natural areas as tourism infrastructure which aligns with “Integrating ecosystem conservation values into economic policy, finance and markets” .
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have not generated any publications in 2010
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous – the VC alone has given over 20 presentations at various conferences and fora. Other senior WCPA Oceania figures are similarly in demand.
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCPA Has put out 3 major newsletters and over 60 items to the listserver. We do not have our own website.
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted in the production of various side events at CBD Cop 10 Nagoya Represented IUCN WCPA at IUCN Academy of Law Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
Chair covered accommodation expenses in Ghent for IUCN Law Academy conference.
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
Australian Government \$10,000
State Government Parks Agencies \$11,000
Funding of up to \$3000 negotiated for Bruce Jeffries in his position as Deputy form DOC NZ
Funding proposals in the pipeline
Continuation of the same level
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Build wide ranging support for financial and policy commitment to protected areas as the ‘core’ of biodiversity conservation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the CBD targets on Protected areas as a framework for future work Maintain the Substantial funding won for the Australian National Reserve System Maintain vigilance on additional threats to NZ’s national parks system
Goal 2: Position PAs as critical to climate change debate and response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in convening Nature’s Solutions Conference at ANU in April Ensure Blue Carbon is a topic at the ACIUCN marine forum in June
Goal 3: Promote continental scale connectivity conservation as essential policy direction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to add WCPA’s strength to the Linking Landscapes Collaboration. Help convene November forum Continue to promote through conference presentations, distribution of materials and other means
Goal 4: Assist in cross sectoral communication to develop the “Great North” vision of conservation, sustainable development and indigenous well being
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCPA to continue to build its indigenous membership and links
Goal 5: Continue to assist and mentor promising young conservation leaders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vice Chair has a personal commitment to this area and is encouraging park agencies to improve their programmes
Goal 6: Revive efforts to assist protected area programs and management in the Pacific.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist the Pacific to implement their POWPA obligations through reactivating the WCPA Pacific Exchange Appoint new Pacific Deputy to work closely with ORO and SPREP to boost the Pacific membership of

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- In a purely voluntary network which covers a vast and very contrasting area the Pacific remains a challenge to activate with a far flung micro states with very limited resources. I hope however with a more active Deputy and new blood at SPREP to work with ORO to make some headway in 2011.
- WCPA Steering Committee should have clear strategic plan shaped around CBD goals. It should be a guiding document against which all SC members report and plan.
- We need to pay much more attention to the proper operation of our specialist groups, again a good strategic plan might help them identify openings for their particular expertise
- I believe we need much clearer criteria and equity about financial support for Vice Chair's

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS

ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: SOUTH AMERICA

JULIA MIRANDA LONDOÑO

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

2010 represented a challenging and critical year for protected areas worldwide, thus setting out guidelines for our work at the regional level where this VC offered continued support to new and on-going projects, represent its voices at international conventions, look for alliances and share experiences, with deep commitment towards strengthening national capacities to carry out their own PA priorities.

By increasing the membership and spreading the word about PA needs and options among them, the VC's efforts focused on searching for opportunities to face such needs in companion of strong partners, aiming at getting recognition, funds and parties to work with towards PA global goals, primarily, the ones determined at the international arenas such as the CBD - PoWPA and the IUCN - PAP.

Other particular issues regarding PA management were highlighted and/or fostered such as the management effectiveness evaluations, the relevance of the World Heritage sites and the urgency for conserving marine/high mountain protected spaces due to climate change effects, all which by getting involved in global initiatives and partnerships were brought to sight for urgent actions at national, regional and international levels.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting:

- Not achieved due to Canadian visa denial.

Goal 2: Represent the interests of WCPA at CBD COP10.

- By organizing and participating in the WCPA side event on Management Effectiveness, the support staff of the VC was able to demonstrate progress on this matter worldwide, with emphasis in the Latin American pilot exercise en Colombia.
- By participating in the Amazon ecosystem-based conservation Vision side event, which currently implements a MoU among Redparques, IUCN and WWF, the VC expressed support to the initiative and the intention to continue with the on-going work in the region.

Goal 3: Represent the interests of WCPA at the Climate Change Symposium in Peru, in close contact with the SUR office.

- By organizing and participating in the Symposium, the VC and her support staff were able to give a word on the work of the Commission regarding climate change during the past 2 years, as well as to offer the possibility to integrate other global examples into the Latin American reality.

Goal 4: Attend to/organize other relevant meetings at which the interest of WCPA were exposed.

- Indigenous and Local Communities Conservation Experiences in the Amazon Basin, 19-20 April 2010 -through staff representative-.
- Healthy Parks Healthy People International Congress, Melbourne (Australia), 11-15 April 2010.
- 14th Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advisor of the

Convention on Biological Diversity, Nairobi (Kenya) 10-16 May 2010.

- Redparques National Coordinators Meeting, Amacayacu NNP (Colombia), 8-11 June 2010.
- Second Cycle of the Periodic Report on World Heritage Properties Meeting, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), 8-10 December 2010 -through staff representative-.

Goal 5: Establish close contact with IUCN regional or country offices in South America.

- Constant communication with the SUR office through office coordinator and PA supporting staff regarding communication issues (i.e. newsletters) and possibility of formulating projects to support PoWPA implementation and marine and world heritage sites conservation, among others.
- Communication with the recently opened Brazilian office was established in order to give and receive all possible support to fully implement the objectives of IUCN in the region.
- Internships of National Protected Area Systems from Argentina and Colombia working in the protected areas team in SUR.

Goal 6: Maintain communications among the members

- Periodic updates on events (both from the IUCN and others i.e. CBD, Redparques), activities, meeting results, questionnaires and membership were made.
- Comments and socialization on WCPA and IUCN documents (i.e. CBD New Strategic Plan, CBD SBSSTTA, World Heritage, and national committees' action plans) were made.
- Support through the Subregional coordinators of Redparques to keep close contact with the network members on the WCPA activities.

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

- The WCPA working group structure was socialized and an identification of members to work in their field of expertise is being held.
- A regional representative was appointed to the IUCN Council and given support by the VC.

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

- In 2010 20 new members were recruited, including young professionals, national focal points and biodiversity specialists. As for December 2010, the Commission has a total of 142 members in South America.
- A Brazilian focal point was elected.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- Through the elaboration of a joint action plan among the IUCN Protected Areas Programme, IUCN Sur PAP, CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, Redparques and Bariloche guidelines, the VC identified some of the priority issues to be developed during this period such as the increasing of the membership, the participation at relevant international conservation events to position the WCPA interests, formulation of projects upon the interests of the WCPA – specially towards PoWPA implementation - and relevant local, national, regional and international partnership fostering.
- Close communication with the Mesoamerican VC and the Gland staff to implement discussed actions.

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

Publications:

- Ruiz, Sandra. Progress Report in the Development of the Program of Work on Protected Areas. Region: Amazon Biome, Redparques, Secretariat of the CBD, IUCN and WWF, Bogotá (Colombia), October 2010.

Presentations:

- Side event on Management Effectiveness at CBD COP10: the Colombian case.
- International Seminar on Cooperation to Protected Areas EUROPARC Spain, Madrid (Spain),

December the 1st, 2010 –virtual presentation to orient about some of the region’s needs-
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and distribution of the 2nd and 3rd editions of the Young Professional Group newsletter. • News about Uramba Bahia Malaga NP declaration and Special Management Regime signature at the Cahuinari NP in Colombia for the WCPA newsletter. • Dissemination among members of request to send news/events for the WCPA newsletter.
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the Barcelona WCC to be implemented in the region.
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used
The 2010 WCPA disbursement was made at the end of the year, thus it has not been expended yet.
Funds Raised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUR100.000 to support the implementation of the Amazon Conservation Vision Initiative. • COP200 million to run an Evaluation of Management Effectiveness in Colombia as pilot project in the region.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project on mixed World Heritage properties in Latin America is being formulated with the WH Vice-Chair to be presented to several donors this year. • A joint project between Redparques and the EUROPARC Federation regarding capacity building will be formulated and fostered by the VC. • Resources for the organization and development of the World Protected Areas Leadership Forum are being raised.
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Formulating and implementing projects on PoWPA and World Heritage particularly, and in topics members agree are of the region’s interest, in close collaboration with Redparques and its Action Plan 2011-2016.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strategy to promote exemplary management of World Heritage natural sites will be fostered.
Goal 2: Continue to create partnerships and scaling position among the international scenario
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VC will keep positioning the WCPA among existing and new partners.
Goal 3: Link the particular national interest with possible partners from inside and outside the continent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through regional and subregional alliances/projects, the prior topics will be fostered.
Goal 4: Better coordinate the actions among members through groups of work thus achieving the IUCN general programmes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members will be oriented to work in their expertise field in a bid to strengthen the commission’s structure.
Goal 5: Keep supporting on-going and potential initiatives, programmes and projects in the region
Goal 6: Preparing inputs and contributions to the 2012 WCC and the 2014 WPC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus in the role of protected areas towards adaptation/mitigation to climate change effects.
Goal 7: Formalize memberships requested in 2010 which encountered some kind of trouble
Goal 8: In-depth review the needs and potentialities of the region at the 2011 WPALF
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The region will have a critical contribution in the acquired compromises and opportunities.
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to the 2012 WCC to be held in Jeju (South Korea), this VC expresses her concern about

the current conflict situation in the peninsula - yet to unexpectedly take any course -, bearing in mind the length of this important meeting and the expected international visitors.

- Keep reinforcing the PoWPA implementation through every possible mechanism is strongly recommended, for it represents a critical guide to countries.

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REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: WEST ASIA & NORTH AFRICA
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REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- This is my report for activities undertaken during 2010 which is my second year as WCPA vice chair.
- I have contributed in implementing some activities and events in the framework of the international year of biodiversity highlighting explicitly protected areas in the region.
- WCPA Chair has been invited twice (May and December 2010) to participate as lecturer in two regional workshops in Tunisia with the participation of PA stakeholders from North Africa, the Mediterranean and from IUCN Regional offices in Malaga and in Bonn.
- Coordination with IUCN Regional offices has increased especially with IUCN Mediterranean Office in Malaga (Spain) and IUCN Legal Environment Center in Bonn (Germany) regarding PA management categories. Coordination with IUCN Regional office in West Asia was mainly focusing on World Heritage issues in Arab countries and on translation of some IUCN WCPA guidelines such as PA management categories guidelines.
- Many candidates have expressed strong interest to join WCPA network.
- Still some countries are underrepresented or not represented by members like Qatar, Yemen and Libya even though many contacts with key persons have been established to help finding members

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

I attended the WCPA Steering Committee meeting held in Hinton - Canada (14-17 June 2010). It was an opportunity to share achievements, opportunities and challenges of WCPA and to discuss with WCPA chair and WCPA vice chairs the problems, constraints and ways to overcome them to enhance the work and voice of vice chairs in their respective regions.

This meeting allowed me also to discuss issues related to World Heritage, PA categories and management effectiveness to draw concept paper for studies to be implemented in the region, some of them have already been started.

Goal 2: Represent the interests of WCPA and IUCN in West Asia and North Africa

- I attended several events at national and regional levels in North Africa and in the Mediterranean.
- These events were an opportunity to meet several WCPA members and also to present the mission and goals of WCPA for large audiences (in Tunisia and in Spain).
- I contributed in diffusing many IUCN WCPA publications during national and regional events among them are: guidelines for PA management categories (N. Dudley, 2008) and PA helping people cope with Climate Change (2009).

Goal 3: Maintain a communications network among West Asia and North African WCPA members

- I have provided assistance and direction to some WCPA members from the region to participate to the COP CBD in Nagoya and particularly to take part in the IUCN WCPA pavilion on protected areas. Among them lectures on vulnerability of some relevant species regarding climate change in Kuwait have been performed.

- I have kept, with WCPA regional members, a close collaboration via e-mail exchange and when possible during meetings to share experiences and initiatives and to participate to some outdoor initiatives.
- I have linked some WCPA members having expertise in some fields (ecotourism in Arabian Sahara as an example) with university researchers in the United States to elaborate studies and publications.

Goal 4: Establish close contact with IUCN regional or country offices in West Asia and North Africa

- A close collaboration and continuous contact has been established with IUCN Med Office in Malaga and IUCN Regional Office of West Asia in Amman.
- This collaboration served mainly to appoint new WCPA members, to coordinate some activities and to organize some regional events.
- Two workshops were organized with IUCN Med Office (see below Goal 5) on PA management categories, management effectiveness and ecological representativeness.
- Close coordination with IUCN Regional office of West Asia to translate into Arabic the PA management categories guidelines (N. Dudley, 2008). The process is well progressing and the document will luckily be published in mid 2011.

Goal 5: Assist with the organization of relevant meetings, as required, with regard to West Asia and North Africa

Many events have been organized under this goal. They are listed as following:

1. Program on Protected Areas retreat (Rolle-Switzerland, 17-18 February 2010)

I participated in the two days PPA retreat in Rolle (Switzerland) and expressed remarks regarding the work of the secretariat (at national and regional level), WCPA and members to have a collaborative partnership and enhancing the role of each of the three IUCN components towards establishing more effective PA system.

2. Protected Areas categories workshop (Tunis – Tunisia, 22-23 May 2010)

I have organized a thematic workshop on protected areas categories in the framework of the international seminar to celebrate the Biodiversity international Day. WCPA Chair and staff from IUCN Med Office and IUCN Legal Environment Office participated to this event with PA stakeholders from national level.

3. Regional Protected Areas categories workshop (Tunis – Tunisia, 15-17 December 2010)

I have coordinated the organization of a regional workshop on Protected Areas in Tunis (Tunisia) with the participation of WCPA Chair, staff from IUCN Med Office and IUCN Legal Environment Office and also PA stakeholders and Park managers from Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. The main goal of this event was to discuss and assess the state of the art of north African PA regarding management categories, management effectiveness and ecological representativeness. This event focused also on the opportunities and expectation from the CBD PoWPA and on the role of PA in helping facing climate change effects.

4. IUCN Mediterranean member's forum (Malaga, November 22-25, 2010)

I have attended the IUCN Mediterranean member's forum in Malaga (Spain). Besides the Forum agenda, It was an opportunity for me to discuss with many WCPA members from North Africa and West Asia region, attending the forum, priorities and events which we could likely organize together in the future. I discussed also with candidates expressing interest in joining WCPA.

5. Management effectiveness PA study in Tunisia

I have participated in the elaboration of the Terms of reference of the Management effectiveness PA study in Tunisia. I am also a member of the study steering committee in the Ministry of Environment and

Sustainable Development. This study started in October 2010 and will last 1 year.

6. Preparing study tour for Tunisian coastal and marine PA manager to Spain

In the framework of the GEF/World Bank project on “Protection of coastal and marine resources in the Gulf of Gabes”, I started in October 2010 coordinating with IUCN Mediterranean office and the Andalusian Autonomous Government the organization of a study tour for Tunisian PA managers targeting coastal and marine PA management approach in Spain.

7. Tentative list for world heritage Tunisian sites

I have started since 2007 the elaboration of the tentative list for Tunisian world heritage sites. This list was adopted in 2008 by the world heritage center. In June 2010 I have contributed to prepare a request for international assistance to UNESCO WHC aiming to prepare a preliminary assessment of the 4 tentative WH sites and to organize a regional workshop on the implementation of the WH Convention. This request which has been approved in October 2010 by WHC and the contract is under signature to start implementing these two main components in 2011.

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

- During 2010 I have continued recruiting WCPA members from North Africa and West Asia countries. Unfortunately some countries like Yemen and Libya still don't have any WCPA member till now.
- I have focused also my research to ensure a gender balance and strengthening youth representativeness.
- 45 WCPA members are registered in 2010. The total number was 39 in 2009. I believe that the region deserves more regarding members representativeness and I am willing to focus more on membership issues in 2011.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- The work has been in general aligned with IUCN 2009-2012 Quadrennial programme.
- Some activities with IUCN regional offices in Malaga and Amman contributed to strengthen partnership between WCPA and the Secretariat and to integrate WCPA priorities into IUCN ones.
- Activities related to PA undertaken by IUCN regional offices are communicated to WCPA VC for contribution and follow up.

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

Publications:

- Article in the IUCN World Heritage guide on “**scientific monitoring as a tool for the management of World Heritage sites: the case of Ichkeul in Tunisia**”. (Contact *Sue Stolton* for more information on the guide).

Presentations:

- Presentations on PA categories, CBD PoWPA, management effectiveness and ecological representativeness during two regional workshops held in Tunisia in May and December 2010.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Contributed to the edition of the **Protected Areas Atlas in Tunisia** published by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (2010).
- Contributed to the **PA management categories legal framework study in Tunisia (2009-2010)** in coordination with IUCN Med and IUCN Legal environment offices.
- Participated in several **national radio and TV emissions** speaking about PA and related events at national and regional levels in the framework of the IBY.

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

- I was asked to comment on the report regarding the Status of the Tunisian National Park of Ichkeul as a World Heritage Site which was submitted by the Tunisian government. My comments and recommendations were sent to the IUCN World Heritage Unit in Gland for consideration.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I participated in my capacity as WCPA Vice Chair in the assessment of the 11 candidates selected for the Kenton Miller award following the criteria adopted by the PPA global direction.
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
<p>The total amount used in 2010 is about 2500 TND (Tunisian dinar) to cover mainly part of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelling expenses to attend meetings inside Tunisia and outdoors among them are: PPA retreat in Rolle – Switzerland, WCPA SC meeting in Hinton- Canada and IUCN Mediterranean members Forum in Malaga- Spain. Logistical expenses related to the organization of two regional workshops held in Tunisia in May and December 2010.
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
<p>I am benefiting from my work in the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development to influence and support activities aiming to improve the status of PA at national and regional level and to initiate strategic studies such as “PA categories management legal framework Reviews study” and “assessment of management effectiveness and ecological representativeness of Tunisian PA system”. I am also working in coordination with GTZ in starting a study focusing on the role of PA in adapting and mitigating CC effects taking into account real case studies. As such, the total amount of fund raised in 2010 is equivalent to 100 000 US\$.</p>
Funding proposals in the pipeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary contact, to be explored in 2011, with the Finnish embassy in Tunisia to support some activities in the fields of renewable energy and likely PA.
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Strengthen WCPA membership in the region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue recruiting new WCPA members Focusing on misrepresented countries and on ensuring gender balance
Goal 2: Organize and attend relevant regional meetings and events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize a regional event with the participation of PA managers, stakeholders from West Asia and North Africa region, staff from WCPA and IUCN global and regional offices. Try as much as possible to participate in regional events when invited in my capacities as VC.
Goal 3: Strengthen collaboration with IUCN regional offices and other partners (UNDP, ADB, GTZ and FDA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaborate an annual action plan with IUCN Regional offices which reflect regional priorities and optimize efforts and financial issues. This issue will be discussed with IUCN Med Director in his forthcoming visit to Tunisia in March 2011. Explore possible partnership with other potential partner working directly or indirectly on PA such as UNDP, GTZ, African Development Bank and French Development Agency.
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- Review and improve the shape and the content of WCPA website: define a common template for WCPA Steering Committee members where they can post their activities and interact with each other and with their respective regional members.
- Provide basic background materials for WCPA VC (documents, power point presentation, etc.) that we could use in our different missions to present and advocate WCPA aims and work plan to WCPA members and PA stakeholders in general.
- Thinking of an innovative WCPA contribution starting in the IUCN WCC 2012 which could generate a 2 years world dynamic movement tour till the 2014 WPC (I am thinking of a PA world tour with multiple themes and messages with a symbolic flag as the Olympic Games do linking five continents).

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
REGIONAL VICE-CHAIR: WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA
CHARLOTTE KARIBUHOYE**

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

The main points of action for 2010 have included:

- Assisting and advising on the CBD process at national and regional level: this has included assistance and advising national delegations and regional actors on key issues being discussed and on IUCN/WCPA specific position and recommendations
- Advocating on the role of protected areas for climate change mitigation and adaptation: in West and central Africa, protected areas have been rarely mentioned when discussing national and regional strategies for dealing with climate change mitigation and adaptation. Various opportunities such as conferences, lectures, newsletters, working groups...have been used to divulgate the Natural Solutions book and to plea for more research to demonstrate PA benefits and assets.
- Contributing to promoting marine conservation: I have been working with the Abidjan convention secretariat and the IUCN regional marine program in order to advance the discussion on establishing an additional protocol on biodiversity in the framework of that regional sea convention, but also to start the process of defining a joint regional strategy for marine protected areas on the Central and West African Atlantic coast
- Strengthening membership in the region: I have been working mainly with the IUCN regional program on protected areas or West and central Africa, in order to recruit as many young professionals as possible, after their training in Pa management by the regional program.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: To represent the interests of WCPA and IUCN in West and Central Africa

- Advocacy on IUCN/WCPA position on the future of the CBD in West Africa:
- In the process of preparing the CBD COP 10, I was involved in **advising the West African national delegations members**, including by divulgating key WCPA position papers. I took part at the CBD SBSTTA 14 meeting in Nairobi (May 2010) and at the CBD COP10 in Nagoya (October). The meetings were excellent opportunity for advising and supporting the West and Central African Delegates on specific key issues being discussed. At the same time, I distributed IUCN position papers widely among the West and Central African Delegates at both delegates and advising West and Central African Delegates on specific key issues being discussed.
- Divulgate **new Guidelines on protected areas categories**, particularly by using the guidelines as a **teaching support** for master West African students at the University
- I contributed to **divulgating the Natural solutions document** through : a) the wide distribution both the English and the French resume; b) Advocating on the role of protected areas for climate change mitigation and adaptation in a newsletter and by making a presentation on the role of (M)Pas for climate change strategies

- I am in charge of coordinating (together with the WCPA focal point for Senegal) the preparation of a **round table on Protected areas financing in West Africa** in close collaboration with CBD secretariat. A task group has been established with representatives from seven countries and from international conservation organizations, in order to prepare this round table, which has been tentatively scheduled for May 2011
- Contribution to discussions on **marine conservation within the Abidjan convention**, which covers 22 coastal countries in Central and West Africa in order to prepare a Protocol on biodiversity conservation and a regional strategy on MPAs in the framework of the convention. Unfortunately the technical meeting aiming at preparing the Protocol content to be submitted to the COP was postponed due to security issues in Côte-d'Ivoire. Considering the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, the Abidjan convention secretariat has now been temporally relocated to Accra, where the next COP will be held from April 28th to April 1st)

Other relevant activities

- I contributed to Chapter 4 of the publication "**Global Ocean Protection- Present Status and Future Possibilities**"
- I have been involved in a working group in order to prepare publication on the **role of MPA for strategies on climate change and erosion** in West Africa
- I reviewed the chapter on Protected Areas of the **TEEB for Local and Regional Policy Makers** publication
- Participated in developing a new initiative for analyzing **potential of coastal carbon sequestration** in the West African MPAs and opportunities for funding mechanisms such as REDD+
- Contributed to developing a new project on **climate change and coastal Wetlands**

Goal 2: To advise the WCPA Chair on appropriate individuals for WCPA membership in the West and Central Africa region

- I have been working toward enhancing WCPA membership among young professionals at the West African regional level. The number of members grew **from 93 in April 2010 to 105 members in January 2011 (plus 13 invited people to be confirmed upon reception of the membership record)**. This has been achieved mainly through an active collaboration with the West and Central Africa IUCN regional office and particularly the protected areas program, but also through the active recruitment of engaged individual professionals. Up to now, WCPA members are to be recruited in Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tomé and Chad

Goal 3: To maintain a communications network among West and Central African WCPA members

- WCPA members in the region have been regularly informed and their contributions mobilized on WCPA SC activities (meeting agenda, key discussion points...), on ongoing discussions and key issues at global level (eg Jeju workshop, SBSTTA and COP10 documents, other tools and guidelines etc...)
- A **mailing list** with all members has been established and is updated on a regular basis: information are transmitted to the network in French and English, in order to facilitate the communication and exchanges among the members of the network

Goal 4: To establish close contact with IUCN regional or country offices in West and Central Africa

- Very constructive relationships have been built with the regional IUCN office for West and Central Africa (protected areas program) – PACO- in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) but also with the IUCN coastal and marine regional program – MACO- and some of the national country offices.
- With the IUCN **regional office for West and Central Africa** , collaboration have been developed

<p>around various key issues such as : capacity building, PA management assessment, world heritage sites, recruiting new WCPA members among young professionals, as a member of the steering committee for the regional West African protected areas project (APAO) and through contribution to the APAO newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the marine program, the collaboration has been focused on two issues; MPAs co-management and the ongoing discussion on marine biodiversity conservation in the framework of the Abidjan convention. - With country offices, synergies and collaboration have been developed, particularly regarding advocacy work aiming at mobilizing national authorities on important issues for protected areas management or biodiversity conservation in general
<p>Goal 5: To assist with the organization of relevant meetings, as required, with regard to the West and Central African region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I have assisted with organizing several meetings, but not on behalf of WCPA - I have suggested that the next WCPA SC be organized in a West African country (Senegal) in close collaboration with the regional (and relevant national) IUCN office
<p>Goal 6: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I attended the WCPA SC meeting from 14-17 June at Alberta, Canada
<p>Goal 7: To coordinate efforts relevant to protected area data collection within West and Central Africa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within the preparatory process of the round table on Protected areas financing in West Africa, I have involved in preparing a regional PoWPA review workshop. This activity will allow to asses to what extent the West African countries are achieving the PoWPA targets and to define the priorities and needs for the Pas in that region - I have also facilitated contacts between the UNEP-WCMC regional climate change project and some West African countries
<p>ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build up a support structure at the national level : WCPA national focal points have been appointed for Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Sierra-Leone, Mali, Côte d’Ivoire, Central African Republic, Democratic republic of Congo, Burundi; potential focal points to be confirmed for Ghana, Benin, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda and to be identified for Togo, Cameroon, Burkina Faso. These focal points are generally individuals who are involved in key institutions or activities and who are expected to play an important role for facilitating the communication with the national authorities, WCPA members and other key partners.
<p>MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 new confirmed members recruited between January and December 2010 (13 more to be confirmed) • Gender: less than 10% are female • Youth (figure to be confirmed with membership management)
<p>INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Worked with IUCN regional marine and coastal program in West Africa to speed up marine conservation action in the Gulf of Guinea - Had contacts with regional IUCN PA program on Capacity building, World heritage site management ...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborated with CEESP on the promotion of ICCAs in West Africa - Contribution to “Global Ocean Protection- Present Status and Future Possibilities”
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
Caitlyn Toropova, Richard Kenchington, Marjo Vierros, Georgina Bustamante, Robert Glazer, Alessandra Vanzella-Khoury, Charlotte Karibuhoye, Lauren Wenzel, Kohei Hibino, Moi Kim Tan, Imèn Meliane, Kristina M. Gjerde and Christophe Lefebvre 2010. Meeting Global Goals at Regional Scales and in the High Seas’. In C. Toropova, I. Meliane, D. Laffoley, E. Matthews and M. Spalding (eds.) <i>Global Ocean Protection: Present Status and Future Possibilities</i> . Brest, France: Agence des aires marines protégées, Gland, Switzerland, Washington, DC and New York, USA: IUCN WCPA, Cambridge, UK : UNEP-WCMC, Arlington, USA: TNC, Tokyo, Japan: UNU, New York, USA: WCS 96pp
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karibuhoye C. 2010. From national to regional: building a network of MPAs in West Africa Presented at SBSTTA 14 meeting side event “Delivering on CBD Targets in West Africa – Lessons learnt, challenges and next steps. The regional program for the conservation of the coastal and marine zone – PRCM (a joint initiative of IUCN, WWF, FIBA and WI)” • Karibuhoye C. 2010. « Les Aires Marines Protégées – Outils de renforcement de la résilience des écosystèmes côtiers et marins face aux changements climatiques ». Communication at the <i>Forum sur « Changements climatiques et Gouvernance locale », St-Louis16-18/12/2010</i>
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karibuhoye C. 2010. Quel est avenir pour la convention sur la biodiversité? In : Courrier du RAMP AO No 12/2010 (www.rampao.org) • Synthèse de la position de l’UICN sur la structure et les éléments d’un cadre pour l’objectif relatif à la biodiversité pour la période de l’après 2010 (Extrait)? In : Courrier du RAMP AO No 12/2010 (www.rampao.org)
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of IUCN panel on world heritage sites/ I have been involved in the panel work since 2009. This has been a very good opportunity for strengthening the links between the global protected areas program of IUCN and particularly the world heritage program and WCPA. More discussions are needed in order to further strengthen the institutional arrangements for more effective synergies between WCPA and WHP, but it already offers a good basis for networking. Through the recruitment of WHP trainee as WCPA members and the involvement of members in WHP training, it has been possible to tie the relationships between both.
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
The commission operating funds were planned to cover the participation to the Abidjan convention meeting; however, these funds were not yet used until now, because the meeting was postponed (see above), due to the political situation in Côte d’Ivoire. The COP has been now scheduled for late March 2011 in Accra and I would like to propose that the 2010 funds be used for that purpose.
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
No additional funds were raised
Funding proposals in the pipeline

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: To represent the interests of WCPA and IUCN in West and Central Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCPA interests and position will be represented at different levels and on different key issues as needed, by reinforcing the links to the regional and country offices =n but also through more links to IUCN members and key themes. The recommendations from the next SC will be useful for identifying the key aspects
Goal 2: To advise the WCPA Chair on appropriate individuals for WCPA membership in the West and Central Africa region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More efforts will be made in order to recruit members from those countries which are not yet represented such as Chad, Sao Tomé and Equatorial Guinea, but also more professional women
Goal 3: To maintain a communications network among West and Central African WCPA members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication among the WCPA members in West and Central Africa will be enhanced, including through the promoting of more exchanges within the countries and through a tentative meeting of WCPA members (at least with one representative from each country)
Goal 4: To establish close contact with IUCN regional or country offices in West and Central Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the priorities will be to strengthen the relationship with other IUCN programs in Central Africa, particularly those working on forest conservation, in order to help promoting forest protected areas in 2011
Goal 5: To assist with the organization of relevant meetings, as required, with regard to the West and Central African region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If confirmed by the Chair, I would help with organizing the next WCPA Sc meeting in West Africa, Dakar
Goal 6: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I plan to attend the next WCPA SC in Morges (april 2011)
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<p>Following issues will deserve great attention from my side in 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CBD targets: working together with the CBD secretariat and the countries actors in order to link in a more effective manner the national biodiversity strategy and action plans with the PoWPA and the CBD targets. There is a need to strengthen and to formalize a bit this collaboration, so as to allow the different actors play their role on a complementary basis and by implying effectively the national stakeholders, including the CBD focal points (FP), the PoWPA, the GEF FP and other key actors. - PA sustainable financing: assisting the country in developing strategies and tools for PA funding – Efforts are being made in West Africa in order to launch a process of mobilizing different partners in establishing funding mechanisms for PAs. Such processes should be promoted in other WCPA regions. • Contribute to enhancing marine conservation in the Gulf of Guinea and in other Central African countries • Further contribute to promoting the role of protected areas for climate change mitigation and particularly for adaptation strategies

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**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: BIODIVERSITY (AND CLIMATE CHANGE)

KATHY MACKINNON

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main highlight this year were the successful adoption of a new work program on protected areas for the CBD at COP10 in Nagoya. IUCN/WCPA had substantial input to the text through the SBSSTA meeting in Nairobi and through final deliberations in Nagoya. There was a strong WCPA presence at Nagoya and a very successful Protected Area Day (October 19) which included a full day workshop at the Rio Ecosystems Pavilion (emphasizing links between CBD and other Rio conventions). A lunchtime panel the same day organized by WCPA on IUCN’s role in implementing the PoWPA also evoked strong interest. The timing of the PA Day at the beginning of COP discussions and prior to discussions of the PoWPA was very timely. • The CBD decision to increase global target of terrestrial PAs to 17% (from current 12.9%) and marine to 10% (up from current 1%) provides new impetus for a strong IUCN/WCPA program. This expansion of PAs is reflected in target 11 of the new CBD Strategic program. Protected areas are also relevant to at least another 12 of the total 20 CBD Strategic Program targets. • WCPA also collaborated with the CBD on the Rio Ecosystems Pavilion events at the Climate Change Convention COP16 at Cancun. This included launch of the Spanish version of <i>Natural Solutions</i> at the Mexico Pavilion in collaboration with CONANP and IUCN Central America. It is encouraging that the IUCN Climate Change program is now also promoting Natural Solutions to Climate Change. • More detailed reports on these meetings have been submitted to IUCN GPAP and WCPA SC.
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting, Canada
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying synergies and follow-up between WCPA priorities and proposed revised CBD PoWPA
Goal 2: Strengthen collaboration with CBD Secretariat for implementation of PoWPA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and discussions with CBD Secretariat on PA Program, LifeWeb and Rio Ecosystems Pavilion
Goal 3: Represent WCPA at COP10 Convention on Biological Diversity, Nagoya
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized successful PA Day at Rio Ecosystems Pavilion, Nagoya • Represented WCPA on various panels, side events. BTO report submitted. • Input to IUCN/WCPA brochure for Nagoya laying out action plan for PA Program and WCPA
Goal 4: Represent WCPA at COP16 UNFCCC, Cancun, Mexico to promote Protected areas as Natural Solutions to climate change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with CBD Secretariat (Rio Ecosystems Pavilion) for organization of field trips to Side event, presentation and press releases on importance of PAs as natural solutions to climate change and launch of Spanish version of Natural Solutions • BTO report submitted
Goal 5: Collaborate with other task forces
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Mountain and Connectivity Task Force to develop proposal to World Bank • Participated in Vilm workshop “Managing for climate change - developing strategies for protected area managers” (Science and Management TF)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in Biodiversity and Protected Areas TF workshop (joint WCPA-SSC task force) to plan on how to determine how PAs are protecting biodiversity
<p>Goal 6: Represent WCPA at UNFCCC at Cancun</p> <p>Participated in side event at Cancun Messe Mexico Pavilion to promote Natural Solutions to Climate Change and launch of Natural Solutions in Spanish.</p> <p>Participated in two field trips organized by CONANP, CBD Rio Pavilion staff and WCPA to familiarize delegates with key role that PAs can play as natural solutions to climate change.</p>
<p>ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to establish how best to interact with partner organizations and WCPA members in regions
<p>MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have extensive membership in field but feedback suggests that we need to engage with members better to keep them involved and for inclusion of ideas and participation in moving ahead on some of central themes. Consultations on proposed new IUCN work program 2013-2016 provide an opportunity to increase broader WCPA member engagement.
<p>INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong links to Core Program – Conserving Biodiversity. Work on <i>Arguments for Protection</i> series and Natural Solutions link strongly to Thematic program areas TPA 2 ((Climate Change) and TPA 4 (Livelihoods). Future linkages between IUCN work program and CBD Strategic program also emphasize role of PAs.
<p>COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i></p>
<p>Publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MacKinnon, K. (2010) <i>Funding for biodiversity: implications for World Heritage sites</i> in World Heritage magazine <i>Heritage and Biodiversity</i>, UNESCO World Bank (2010). <i>Convenient Solutions to an Inconvenient Truth. Ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change</i>. World Bank, Washington (available English and French). IUCN/WCPA et al. 2010. <i>Saluciones Naturales. Areas silvestres protegidas, una alternative frente al cambio climatic</i>. IUCN.
<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nagoya presentations from PA workshop available on Rio Pavilion website
<p>Contributions to media, website, newsletter</p> <p>From Nagoya day's summaries from Rio Ecosystem Pavilion http://www.cbd.int/help/error404.shtml?aspxerrorpath=/cooperation/pavilion/pavilion-news-digest-02-2010-10-20-en.pdf</p> <p>Individual interviews with Bill Jackson, Kathy Mackinnon, Nik Lopoukhine a number of selected speakers can be found at http://vimeo.com/user4966170/videos/sort:date</p> <p>Live webcast of lunchtime event on PoWPA see http://webcast.cop10.go.jp/player.asp?id=1912&type=ondemand</p> <p>From Cancun webcast of Mexico pavilion event http://cc2010.mx/en/press-center/news/news-interviews_2010120248305.htm, a press briefing http://webcast.cc2010.mx/webmedia_en.html?id=57</p>
<p>ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
<p>FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p>
<p>Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i></p> <p>CHF 5000 allocated for Biodiversity work. Funds also reimbursed for attending Steering Committee and payments for refreshments at Nagoya workshop.</p> <p>Allocated funds (CHF 5000) for Climate Change not yet received.</p>

Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
\$10,000 from Parks Canada for French translation of Natural Solutions
Funding proposals in the pipeline
Developing larger scale submission using Climate Change umbrella
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Strengthen collaboration with CBD Secretariat and IUCN PA program for implementation of PoWPA and Strategic Programme of CBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with CBD Secretariat • Input to CBD regional workshops
Goal 2: Participate in drafting workshop for IUCN Work Programme 2013-2015
Goal 3: Attend WCPA Steering Committee
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Goal 4: Organize symposium on PAs at Society for Conservation Biology international meeting, Nov 2011 subject to acceptance of submitted proposal by organizing committee
•
Goal 5: Continue collaboration between WCPA and Rio Ecosystems Pavilion to strengthen links with major Rio conventions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent WCPA at Desertification COP, Seoul to promote Protected Areas and Natural Solutions as part of integrated responses to desertification and more sustainable land management • Represent WCPA at UNFCCC COP 17 in S Africa (and preparatory meetings if appropriate) to promote role of PAs in Climate Change mitigation and Adaptation.
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be useful if individual SC members could send short reports after key meetings to keep others informed especially with view to potential synergies for follow up and collaboration across task forces and regions. • Key that wider WCPA membership and regional chairs are involved in regional consultations of future IUCN work program to identify regional needs and priorities for IUCN and WCPA for period 2013 – 2016.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

WDPA THEMATIC VICE CHAIR

CHARLES BESANCON

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- Reporting progress toward reaching international protected area targets especially those in the Convention on Biological Diversity Programme of Work on Protected Areas (CBD POWPA) is the overall goal of the WDPA Vice Chair position. This is accomplished mostly through the work of the UNEP-WCMC Protected Areas Programme staff who manage the World Database on Protected Areas, conduct geospatial analysis on the coverage of protected areas against biomes (terrestrial, marine, forests, etc.) and ecosystem services (for example carbon) and promote international standards on protected areas including the IUCN definition of a protected area and the IUCN Protected Area Management Categories.
- 2010 was the International Year of Biodiversity and as such, there were numerous meetings, workshops and high level Convention on Biological Diversity events including SBSSTA and the CBD COP in Nagoya where I and my team made interventions and prepared several inputs.
- The Protected Planet project was launched in 2010, which has proven to be one of the most successful initiatives thus far in my five years at my current job. This project makes the World Database on Protected Areas much more accessible to policy makers and the general public through a state of the art website incorporating the latest Web 2.0 and social networking features.
- Our work to support the IUCN World Heritage Programme was expanded in 2010 through the delivery of improved comparative analyses for proposed sites as well as the development of a new project as part of the MAVA-funded World Heritage grant to create a “Hot List” of World Heritage sites most in danger from climate change.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Report progress on and develop standards for international protected area targets for the CBD POWPA

- The Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 was published in time for the CBD SBSTTA in Nairobi. It includes a section on protected areas coverage and biodiversity overlays.
- At a meeting in Reading, UK in March, inputs were made to develop a post 2010 biodiversity target monitoring framework
- At the CBD COP in Nagoya, I discussed with several States Parties the specific draft language that was being written for the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan to ensure that was being proposed could be measured with available data. This resulted in a framework that I am comfortable that my team and partner institutions will be able to provide good monitoring and reporting information in the future

Goal 2: Improve the quality of the World Database on Protected Areas

- A WDPA Expert Review project implemented in partnership with IUCN Regional Office for Asia, the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity and the governments of the Republic of Korea, Thailand and Indonesia is nearing its final stages. The countries involved assisted in the development and testing of a methodology for review of WDPA data. The project resulted in the review of the existing data

and the submission of new complete updates for all the participating countries.

- In 2010 a new WDPA Data Standard was published to strengthen the global interoperability of protected areas data. This new standard includes both spatial and attribute requirements for submission of data to the WDPA and allows the integration of multiple languages into the WDPA. Most importantly for many data providers, we vastly reduced the amount of information we are collecting – from 44 fields to 19.

Goal 3: Update existing information in the World Database on Protected Areas

- During 2010, 71 countries were partially updated in the WDPA: this includes spatial and attribute updates, corrections to data, removal of degazetted sites, update of mangrove sites and Protected Planet Ocean reconciliation. 41 countries were completely updated, for a total of 23,237 new records. The WDPA team also removed imprecise “point” locations and replaced them with boundary information (+20,000), thus greatly improving the accuracy of all analyses and other uses of this data. The WDPA currently hosts data for almost 164,000 protected areas in 235 countries and territories provided by 420 different sources. See Annex 1, for a map showing data quality.

Goal 4: Ensure Protected Areas information and the WDPA are disseminated widely

- With the launch of Protected Planet, there have been vast increases in the number of persons exposed to protected areas and the WDPA. Here are some statistics. Note that this was only launched in late October, 2010:
 - Number of visits to Protected Planet 80,000
 - Number of registered users (see Annex 2 for map) 3,000
 - Number of edits to protected areas information 600
 - Number of Wikipedia articles added to site pages 500
 - Number of full dataset downloads 200
 - Number of protected areas downloaded 40,000,000
 - Number of photos ranked 15,000
 - Number of views of Protected Planet video online 920

Goal 5: Promote IUCN global standards of information exchange on protected areas

- Through workshops as part of the WDPA Expert Review process in Asia as well as in the UK in 2010, IUCN protected area standards (definition, categories and governance) are matched with real places on the ground and allows countries to not only “speak a common language” but also report in a common language
- The WDPA data standard that we periodically update was published again in 2010. This is technical guidance for data providers to translate their information into the global standard.

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

- none

MEMBERSHIP

- WCPA members recruited during 2010 include several individuals for the WCPA/SSC Taskforce on Biodiversity Outcomes as well as several for the Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- Most of the goals and actions related to the work listed in this report fall within the Core Programme Area, “Conserving Biodiversity” and “Global result 1.2: IUCN standards, tools and knowledge for sustainable natural resource management are available and actions are taken for biodiversity conservation including effective management of global and regional common natural resources”. Along with the IUCN Red List, the UNEP/IUCN WDPA is considered one of the foundation

datasets for conservation decision-making.

- The work also contributes towards “Thematic Programme Area 3: Naturally Energising The Future” and “Global result 3.1: Energy policies and strategies mitigate the impact of the growing energy demand on biodiversity” as the location of protected areas and the biodiversity they protect are key considerations in the placement and operations of all major developments including oil, gas, minerals and mining.
- Collaborations are all across the Union, but are especially collaborative and close with the Secretariat with the IUCN World Heritage Programme, IUCN Regional Office for Asia and the IUCN Regional office for West and Central Africa (PAPACO).

COMMUNICATION

Publications where the WDPA Vice Chair is an author and/or one of the UNEP-WCMC Protected Areas team (who are also WCPA members)

- Section on Protected Areas, led by UNEP-WCMC Protected Areas Programme and our partners:
 - Global Biodiversity Outlook 3, Convention on Biological Diversity 2010, Montreal Canada
- Butchart, S.H.M. et al. (2010): Global biodiversity: indicators of recent declines. *Science* 328: 1164-1168.
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Presentations:

- Presentation to the IUCN UK Executive Committee on Quality Control and Expert Review as part of the World Database on Protected Areas and Protected Planet in January
- Presentation on conservation priority systems and protected areas monitoring as part of the International Year of Biodiversity International Conference at UNESCO in Paris in January
- Presentation on World Database on Protected Areas and Protected Planet at the Healthy Parks, Healthy People Congress in Melbourne Australia in April
- Presentation on World Database on Protected Areas and Protected Planet at the WCPA Steering Committee Meeting in Hinton, Alberta in June
- Presentation about the World Database on Protected Areas at the WDPA Expert Review Workshop in the ASEAN Region workshop in Los Banos, Laguna Philippines in August. [Press release](#)
- Presentation on Biodiversity Monitoring for Protected Areas using the World Database on Protected Areas at the Jeju Protected Areas and Biodiversity International Symposium on the Island of Jeju, Republic of South Korea in September

- Presentation to Proteus Partners (www.proteuspartners.org) on the World Database on Protected Areas and a separate one on Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs) in September
- Three presentations at the 10th CBD Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, Japan on the World Database on Protected Areas and Protected Planet including its launch in October
- Presentation to students at Akita University in Japan on World Heritage and Protected Areas Monitoring in Akita, Japan in October

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- IUCN:
 - The press release for Protected Planet: <http://cms.iucn.org/?uNewsID=6286>
 - At least one WCPA newsletter mentioned the Protected Planet project
- Protected Planet Home Page: <http://www.protectedplanet.net>
- Vimeo video: <http://vimeo.com/15999689>
- BBC lead article on the day of Protected Planet Launch: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-11574873>
- Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Protected-Planet/144716072229921>
- Blog: <http://blog.protectedplanet.net/>
- Twitter: twitter.com/protectedplanet

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN

- I attended the World Heritage Committee meeting in Brasilia in July on behalf of IUCN to further develop and fundraise for the joint IUCN/UNEP-WCMC “Safeguarding the Future of our Natural Heritage” project that will support an effective response to climate change at natural World Heritage sites as well as in other protected areas around the world.
- I attended the “Global Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative - Ecosystem Services and Human Well-Being” at UNESCO in September in part to represent UNEP-WCMC, but also as part of the TILCEPA and Category V Taskforce to ensure that the Satoyama Initiative was well informed that there is some overlap with the work of IUCN – in particular regarding ICCAs and protected landscapes and seascapes. There was an attempt made at this meeting, especially through Adrian Phillips, Jessica Brown and Terence Hay-Edie to reference the work of IUCN throughout the workshop

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used

- I attended the IUCN Protected Areas Programme Review Retreat in Switzerland in February to review how the IUCN programme has operated in the past and to provide feedback into how a new invigorated programme should operate and what its priorities should be. The COF funds needed for my participation were approximately 350 CHF

Funds Raised

- ~ 400,000 USD for the World Database on Protected Areas (from Proteus Partners)
- ~ 80,000 USD for our work on World Heritage (funded from IUCN World Heritage Programme with monies from UNESCO contract and MAVA grant)
- ~ 150,000 USD for the Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas Registry project

Funding proposals in the pipeline

Too numerous to list them all. Highlights include:

- UN List of Protected Areas for the Rio +20 meeting in 2012
- Protected Planet Report and add-ons to the Protected Planet online system for: translation into

different languages, and iPhone App

- “Safeguarding the Future of our Natural Heritage” project mentioned above

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 *(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

Goal 1: Enhanced global, regional and national reporting on protected areas coverage, biodiversity outcomes and management effectiveness in protected areas

- Develop the “Protected Planet Report” concept, bringing together protected areas coverage, management effectiveness and species trend information in protected areas
 - Create online tool to collect and report on species population trends in protected areas as part of the WCPA/SSC Taskforce on Biodiversity Outcomes in Protected Areas and link it with the Living Planet Index and Living Planet Report
- Develop WDPA module on management effectiveness to be integrated into the Protected Planet website
- Develop protocol for collecting threats information for individual protected areas through a ‘wiki’ platform
- More automated reporting of protected area coverage, etc. through the Protected Planet website

Goal 2: Continued increases in the availability, quality and quantity of information on protected areas contained in the World Database on Protected Areas

- Refinement of WDPA review process with new work with IUCN Regional Office for South America
- Focus on UNESCO Natural and Mixed World Heritage Sites with involvement of IUCN World Heritage Programme secondee to UNEP-WCMC
- New integration of WDPA information into other partners websites

Goal 3: Increased interoperability of the WDPA with other global nature conservation databases

- Integrate species information (including the IUCN RedList, Global Biodiversity Information Facility and ARKive) into the Protected Planet website
- Take first steps to integrate WDPA and IUCN ECOLEX, the environmental law database

Goal 4: Increased support from IUCN for joint UNEP-WCMC/IUCN partnership projects on protected areas monitoring and reporting

- Develop joint 2 year or rolling strategy for engagement with IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme with clear expectations, deliverables and timelines in line with the UNEP/IUCN Supplemental Agreement and in particular with the WDPA Governance Agreement signed in 2010
- Receive timely and robust input to joint projects on an ongoing basis from IUCN Secretariat and WCPA
- Ensure the appropriate information, linkages and recognition are given on respective partners websites about joint projects

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- The past year was especially challenging as the Global Protected Areas Programme was without a head for most of the year and this is a key position to ensure that our joint projects are rolled out effectively. I am pleased that we can now move forward in parallel with the appointment of Trevor.
- The title of the Vice Chair position is “WDPA Vice Chair”. I believe it would be more accurate and understandable to outsiders if the title was changed to “Protected Areas Monitoring Vice Chair”. With few exceptions, most of the work done by myself and my team in the UNEP-WCMC Protected Areas Programme is done in partnership with IUCN and involves using data and information to monitor the growth and health of protected areas globally. The WDPA is central to most, but certainly not all of this work.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: WORLD HERITAGE

ALLEN PUTNEY

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- This report covers WCPA activities in support of the World Heritage Convention. World Heritage (WH) is cross-cutting for the WCPA, and all themes and regions could potentially be involved. This report attempts to map the many and diverse WCPA contributions in support of WH, and provides additional detail on activities of the Vice Chair.
- Individual WCPA members, two specialist groups, and one task force contributed to WH through a host of individual activities, especially with respect to evaluations of nominations, the monitoring of WH sites, and tourism related to WH.
- The activity with the greatest potential long-term impact is development of an independent fund, the Natural Heritage Fund, which focuses on assisting 100 of the world's most significant, but threatened, protected areas to attain global management standards. Work on the Fund has been supported through a Project financed by the MAVA Foundation and voluntary contributions.
- The other significant activity has been the building of WCPA's capacity to support the WH Convention through regional workshops and on-going training processes at the regional level, this year starting with the Latin American and Caribbean, and Central and West Africa Regions. This work has been financed through a grant from the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment.
- Looking forward, WCPA support for WH in partnership with the Secretariat could be made more effective by clarifying roles, responsibilities, and the allocation of project budgets; and by establishing guidelines with respect to volunteer, compensated, and project work.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Provide technical services on a voluntary basis to support WH Convention activities when and as requested by the IUCN WH Programme

- 7 members participated in missions to evaluate WH nominations in Benin, China, Germany, Congo, and Viet Nam.
- 7 members participated in missions to monitor the state of conservation of specific WH sites in Zimbabwe, South Africa, Indonesia, Russia, Peru, and Colombia.
- Individual desk reviews of WH nominations (unquantified).
- Reviews of 6 cultural landscape nominations by the SG on Protected Landscapes, and 1 nomination by TILCEPA.
- Discussion with TILCEPA and the CSVPA-SG on reviewing on a regular basis relevant WH nominations.
- 3 members attended WH technical meetings in representation of IUCN (meetings on Starlight Reserves, on Religious Values associated with WH properties, and on Historic Urban Landscapes)
- Review of technical documents on WH (unquantified)
- Collaboration of VC for Asia with the WHP in fundraising for a climate change component in the

context of the MAVA project.

- Young professionals specialist group provided input to Go4BioDiv event in Nagoya.
- Tourism Specialist Group – provision of input to UNESCO tourism programme; discussions on providing input for a new WH Tourism Strategy.
- Training Task Force Leader provided feedback on WH capacity building activities.

Goal 2: Support implementation of a project to enhance the capacities of the WH Advisory Bodies' technical networks to support the WH Convention (funded by the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment).

- The WCPA VC Mesoamerica and VC-WH coordinated, in partnership with ICCROM and ICOMOS, a one-week Workshop in Costa Rica in May to develop the capacities of the WH Convention's Advisory Bodies in the Latin American and Caribbean Region.
- WCPA members from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, and Cuba participated in the Costa Rica Workshop.
- The participants at the Costa Rica Workshop identified priorities for on-going activities related to capacity building for WH in the LAC Region.
- The VC-WH presented the priorities identified by the Costa Rica Workshop participants to a side event at the Brazil WH Committee Meeting. The side event was organized by the Rio de Janeiro Category 2 Center for WH, and was attended by representatives of IUCN, ICCROM, ICOMOS, the Rio C2C, the Zacatecas C2C, and interested States Parties. The participants agreed to work together to implement a coordinated capacity building project, and further agreed to flesh out project content, roles, and responsibilities at later meetings scheduled around the development of the Periodic Report for the LAC Region.
- The VC-WH participated in a subsequent workshop (Rio de Janeiro, December) on the Periodic Report for the South America Sub-Region. The meeting was organized by the WH Centre and the Rio C2C. The concept of an on-going regional capacity building activity was again discussed. It was decided to take no decisions until a further workshop on periodic reporting is organized in the Caribbean Sub-Region (originally schedule for January, now postponed until March, 2011).
- VC-WH participated in discussions regarding the development of a Global WH Strategy for Capacity Building (Rome, July).
- A further capacity building workshop on WH, the second in the series after the Costa Rica event, was held in the West and Central African Region (Porto Novo, Benin, in December). The workshop was developed and implemented by the WHP and IUCN's Office in Dakar, Senegal. Two WCPA members (from Benin and Cote d'Ivoire) participated in the event.
- Recently, with the establishment of the WCPA Training Task Force, information on the WH Capacity Building Project has been shared and discussed with the Task Force Leader.

Goal 3: Support implementation of a project, funded by the MAVA Foundation, to develop the IUCN agenda for natural World Heritage.

- Regular communications on the project among the IUCN WHP, the WCPA-SC Advisory Group for WH, the WH Centre, and the WCPA VC-WH.
- An annual MAVA project meeting was postponed, so there was no WCPA participation in governance in 2010.
- The VC-WH met with the WH Centre regarding the Natural Heritage Fund (NHF) in May.
- Meeting in Gland to take decisions on the positioning and structure of the NHF attended by the ADG, WHP, GPAP, Sustainable Partnerships, and VC-WH (May)
- Discussions and e-mails with the International Ranger Federation with respect partnering in development of the NHF.
- Development and continued revisions of a Prospectus for the NHF based on consultations with 5

foundations, 4 national environmental funds and fund networks, 2 IUCN Council Members, IUCN's DG and ADG, 8 Secretariat programmes, 2 IUCN regional offices, 5 IUCN members in the U.S., the WCPA-SC and WH Advisory Group, 4 States Parties to the WH Convention, 2 Regional WH Funds, the WH Centre, the GEF and CBD Secretariats, 5 corporate leaders, the International Ranger Federation, and Russ Train, the original proponent of the WH concept.

- Presentation on the NHF by the VC-WH at the WCPA-SC Meeting (June), and subsequent communications with VCs regarding interest in and potential for developing regional and thematic events to roll out the NHF.
- Work with Marie-Antoinette Bordui, a Swiss business person and volunteer in support of the NHF, to identify potential donors and prepare and test marketing materials.
- Presentation on the NHF concept to the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Environmental Funds; discussions on the NHF concept with representatives of individual national environmental funds, the GEF, and UBS Financial Services.
- Identification of an international legal firm willing to assist with legal registration of the NHF on a pro-bono basis.
- Identification of potential donors and champions in the private sector.
- Work on the NHF was suspended indefinitely at the beginning of October due to changes in personnel, and questions regarding governance and technical aspects of the initiative.
- Given the hiatus in activities, initial potential funding contacts (UBS, Credit Swiss, the Gates Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, Syngenta) have not been pursued.
- After nearly 4 months, these issues that lead to the suspension of activities related to the NHF remain unresolved, and discussion of the issues is not expected for 2 more months.
- Care needs to be exercised to assure that the funding allocated for this activity as part of the MAVA Project will not be lost due to inaction.

Goal 4: VC -Specific Goal: Serve as the WCPA focal point on WH

- Keep an overview of WCPA activities in support of the WH Convention and coordinate as required (on-going process).
- Coordinate WCPA activities with the WHP and GPAP (on-going process)
- Represent WH on the WCPA-SC (participation in annual SC meeting, consultation with and reports to the WCPA-SC WH Advisory Group)
- Represent the WCPA at key world heritage events (attendance at meetings on the Global WH Training Strategy, the World Heritage Committee, the IUCN WH Panel, and on the South American Periodic Report on WH)
- Coordination of WCPA inputs for development of a regional WH capacity building project for the Latin America and Caribbean Region (on-going discussions with participants of the Costa Rica Workshop, and the Regional VCs for South and Meso America to identify potential donors and agree on project content).
- Submit technical and financial reports (all submitted)

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

- WCPA – Secretariat cooperation could be improved by developing overall agreements on roles and responsibilities, priorities, and resourcing, and by applying those agreements to the implementation arrangements for specific collaborative activities.

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

- WH is a cross-cutting theme that potentially involves all themes and regions. Within this context, the WCPA-SC Advisory Group brings together VCs with a specific interest in WH, and their advice has been sought, and they have been kept informed, on a regular basis.
- Much of WCPA support to the WH Convention is based on individual members providing volunteer

<p>technical support to the Secretariat as and when requested by the WHP. This is normally arranged on a one to one basis and seldom requires involvement of the WCPA structure.</p>
<p>INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCPA support to the WH Convention aligns with global result 1.1 of the Quadrennial Programme; “Biodiversity-related policies and governance systems enable action towards the achievement of biodiversity conservation”.
<p>COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i></p>
<p>Publications:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While WCPA members have provided significant inputs to several publications (WH Manual, Marine Thematic Study, Strategy for Marine WH), most of this work has been compensated, and it could be argued that this is performed in a private capacity as consultants rather than because they are WCPA members. On the other hand, it can also be argued that these individuals are chosen precisely because of the overview they obtain as WCPA VCs, Specialist Group Leaders, or Task Force Coordinators. This is a grey area that needs clarification. • The review of these publications by WCPA members on a volunteer basis is clearly a WCPA input.
<p>Presentations:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentations made by individual WCPA members on WH remain largely unquantified. • Presentations were made by the VC- WH to the WCPA-SC, the Mexican Fund for Nature Conservation, a meeting of the U.S. Members of IUCN, the United Nations Foundation, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the U.S. National Park Service, CI, WWF-US, the LAC Region Workshop on WH in Costa Rica, the WH Centre, side meetings on capacity building at the Brasilia WH Committee Meeting, the Sub-Regional Meeting for South America on Periodic Reporting, the Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Environmental Funds (RedLAC), and at the IUCN WH Panel Meeting,
<p>Contributions to media, website, newsletter</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on activities have been provided to the WCPA Newsletter and the WH Newsletter.
<p>ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the assessments for 1 natural and 6 mixed WH properties was undertaken as inputs to the IUCN WH Panel.
<p>FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p>
<p>Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i></p>
<p>None</p>
<p>Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with the WHP to develop funding from the Swiss Federal Office of the Environment for Capacity Building for WH, 2010-2013, in the amount of CHF 705,000. The contract was signed on 8.4.10. • Assisted the WHP and GPAP in outlining activities and obtaining funding for the MAVA Foundation Project, “The World Heritage Agenda for Nature”, component 5: Sustainable Finance. Roughly CHF 33,000 was budgeted for the Natural Heritage Fund component of sustainable finance theme for 2010, and similar amounts are budgeted for 2011 and 2012.. • Obtained a commitment for pro-bono services for legal establishment of the Natural Heritage Fund.
<p>Funding proposals in the pipeline</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial discussions undertaken with the Rio de Janeiro Category 2 Centre for World Heritage on a project on capacity building in the LAC region for 2011-2013, but considerable more work will be required to get a project into the pipeline. • Discussions have also begun with the California-based Glo0bal Heritage Fund which has offered to

fund projects that are of mutual interest to enhance the management of mixed WH sites, either existing ones, or those on tentative lists. No projects yet in the pipeline, however.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 *(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

Goal 1: Provide technical services on a voluntary basis to support WH Convention activities when and as requested by the IUCN WH Programme

- This activity will continue to take place on a one to one basis and through individual Specialist Groups and Task Forces as and when requested by the WHP.
- The one on one contacts between staff of the WHP and individual WCPA members requires only occasional input from the WCPA structure.
- Individual leaders of Specialist Groups and Task Forces will continue to work on requests from the WHP for voluntary inputs in support of the WH Convention. Correspondence will be copied to the VC -WH for information as an input to the keeping of an overview of WCPA activities with regard to WH.
- Interested WCPA members in the U.S. will meet in Florida to provide technical input to the IUCN WH monitoring mission for the Everglades WH Site.

Goal 2: Collaborate with the WHP in implementation of a Capacity Building Project for technical networks of the WH Advisory Bodies (funded by the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment).

- The project document for this activity outlines the following tasks for the WCPA in 2011:
 - Selected WCPA members participate in capacity building workshops for the AB technical networks in East and Southern Africa, and in the Arab Region.
 - VC-WH will lead organization and implementation of the workshop for the Arab Region, and support the WHP in organization of the workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa.
 - VC-WH will lead the development of concepts for an on-going capacity building activity for the Arab Region for presentation at the 2011 Bahrain WH Committee Meeting
 - VC-WH will work with ICCROM and the WHP to develop a global strategy for Capacity Development and related fundraising.
- Though not outlined in the Project Document, the Regional VC for East and South Africa and the VC for North Africa and West Asia should play a lead role in organizing and implementing the Capacity Building Workshops in their respective regions. This is important as it provides an opportunity for the regional VC to build personal relationships with relevant WCPA members in their region, and lead discussions and subsequent action on the priorities for follow-up capacity building activities in their regions.

Goal 3: Collaborate with the WHP in implementation of a project to develop the World Heritage Agenda for Nature (funded by the MAVA Foundation).

The project document for this activity outlines the following tasks for the WCPA:

- Governance:
 - The IUCN WH Panel will provide advice and guidance for project implementation ,and the VC-WH will represent the WCPA on the Panel
 - the VC-WH will work with the WCPA-SC Advisory Group to guide implementation and development of the project within the WCPA.
- WCPA will take the lead in activity 5.1, “Global Fund for Natural Heritage”.
- WCPA will play a support role in the following activities:
 - Activity 1.2.1: Develop an annual statement on “The State of World Heritage”.
 - Activity 1.3.1: Form alliances to enhance the conservation of WH sites.
 - Activity 1.3.6: (a) Recognize IUCN experts through an accreditation scheme supported by ongoing training,
 - Activity 1.3.6 (b) Enhance WH site managers participation in WCPA activities as advisors,

trainers and mentors .

- Activity 2.1.6: Establish a WCPA science board under the governance of the IUCN WH Panel.
- Activity 2.2.4: Create a diverse network of WH Evaluators and Advisers giving priority to Arica and marine sites of the insular Pacific and Caribbean.

Based on the above, the following priorities are recommended for implementation in 2011:

- Governance
 - The WCPA-SC WH Advisory Group will support the VC-WH in guiding project activities during the year.
 - The VC-WH will participate in the annual WH Panel Meeting and MAVA project meeting
- Project Component 5.1 - Natural Heritage Fund (lead: WCPA)
 - Give priority to resolving in a timely manner the current impasse with respect to positioning, structure, and operational setup for the Fund.
 - It is recommended to build consensus around the following concepts:
 - The fund will be established as an independent entity with IUCN represented on the Board of Directors.
 - Establishment of the Fund will be guided by a Founder's Committee made up of potential stakeholders (IUCN, WCPA, WPALF, Ranger's Federation, donors).
 - Technical details with respect to Fund design will be guided by a Technical Committee made up of representatives of the CFA, RedLAC, the SOS Fund and the Critical Ecosystems fund.
 - The VC-WH will organize and support the activities of the Founder's and Technical Committees.
 - If consensus on the Fund among the WCPA, WHP, and GPAP cannot be reached within a credible timeframe, make a clear decision to abandon the effort so that institutional arrangements outside of IUCN can be pursued.
 - If consensus is reached, move judiciously to:
 - Establish and set in motion the Founder's and Technical Committees
 - Contract the development of high quality marketing materials (brochure and Powerpoint)
 - Seek donors with a target of raising US\$1 million to enable establishment of the fund, the hiring of minimal staff, and the development and implementation of a sophisticated fund-raising strategy.
 - Legally establish the fund with the pro-bono help of an international legal firm (already identified)
 - Work with thematic and regional VCs to identify potentials for multiple launch events in different regions of the world.
- Support activities for other MAVA Project components by working with the WHP to:
 - Organize inputs from WCPA members to a report on "The State of WH" (activity 1.2.1)
 - Develop an alliance with the California Based non-governmental Global Heritage Fund to improve the management of mixed WH sites (activity 1.3.1)
 - Develop an alliance with WWF to complete evaluations of management effectiveness in the LAC Region for all natural and mixed WH sites (activity 1.3.1)
 - Explore alternatives for an accreditation scheme for WH experts who have participated in training events or who have developed expertise through field experience with evaluations, monitoring missions, or by providing inputs to the "State of WH" report. (Activity 1.3.6a)

- Link planned training events in East and South Africa and the MENA Region with the development of a diverse network of WH evaluators and Advisers (activities 1.3.6a and 2.2.4).

Goal 4: Collaborate with the WH Centre, and the IUCN Marine Programme in development of marine WH.

- Implement the Strategic Plan for Marine WH, and the development of a thematic study on Marine WH (lead: VC- Marine)
- Develop a workshop for selected WCPA Marine members to enhance capacities to support WH (Lead: VC-Marine, support from VC-WH and Leader Task for on Capacity Building)
- Work with the WCPA Strategic Direction on Capacity to explore the possibility of developing a “Blue List” of marine WH sites that meet international management standards (Lead: VC-Marine, support from VC-Capacity and VC-WH)
- Organize a special event to roll out the marine component of the Natural Heritage Fund (Lead, VC-Marine, support from VC-WH)

Goal 5: Collaborate with the WCPA Strategic Direction on Connectivity Conservation Focus on Mountains to develop a strategy for mountain WH.

- Obtain funding for, and implement development of, a WH Heritage Strategy for Mountains. (lead: VC-Mountains; support: VC-WH)
- Carry out a thematic study on mountain WH (lead: VC-Mountains)

Goal 6: Collaborate with the WH Centre and IUCN’s WHP and GPAP to develop up-stream support to States Parties for the preparation of nominations for selected natural sites.

- Work with the WHP as required to organize and provide the required up-stream support both in the field and subsequently as nomination dossiers are prepared (lead: WH-VC; support: individual WCPA members with expertise related to the priority sites that are selected)
- Support the WHP in analyzing the results of the up-stream support process,

Goal 7: VC -Specific Goal: Serve as the WCPA focal point on WH

- Keep an overview of WCPA activities in support of the WH Convention and coordinate as required.
- Coordinate WCPA activities related to WH with the WHP and GPAP .
- Represent WH on the WCPA-SC (participation in annual SC meeting, consultation with and reports to the WCPA-SC WH Advisory Group)
- Represent the WCPA at key world heritage events (the World Heritage Committee, the IUCN WH Panel, and others as needed and where funding is available)
- Coordinate WCPA inputs into development of a regional WH capacity building project for the Latin American and Caribbean Region (lead: VC-WH; support VCs for South and Meso America, and participants of the Costa Rica Workshop of May, 2010)
- Participate in reactive monitoring missions as requested by the WHP.
- Contribute articles for the WH Newsletter (lead: VC-WH; support: individual WCPA members carrying out WH activities)
- Submit technical and financial reports

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- A review of the year’s results indicates a broad and diverse level of support for the WH Convention from a large number of WCPA members . One on one approaches to assignments arranged by WHP staff have apparently been efficient and effective, though the WHP is in the best position to make that determination.
- There was slippage, however, with respect to the implementation of collaborative projects due to diverging views on priorities, procedures, and methods, and the lack of effective mechanisms to

build consensus in a timely manner.

- Arrangements for WCPA – WHP collaboration on the capacity building project have shifted over the year, and agreed governance arrangements are yet to be put in place.
 - Work on the NHF has now been on hold for nearly 4 months, waiting for a decision with respect to its positioning, structure, and operational framework. No decisions seem likely for at least two additional months. This is an indicator of dysfunctional governance arrangements, which if not addressed, will make it impossible to work with the potential donors in the private sector.
 - These two cases underline the urgent need for the WCPA, WHP, and GPAP to agree on governance arrangements that are at once simple, efficient, and effective.
 - The ways WCPA activities related to WH are financed has varied considerably. Guidelines are needed to help rationalize and harmonize approaches to volunteer activities, compensated work, and collaborative project activities.
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- In my view, the potential impact of the NHF is far greater than any other single activity related to WCPA support for the WH Convention, and should be given highest priority. It has the potential to be a game changer for the WCPA, for WH, and for protected areas around the world.
 - The financial resources available through the MAVIA Project, roughly CHF 33,000 per year for 2011 and for 2012, provide seed funding that could potentially catalyse fundraising efforts.
 - Given the significance of the NHF initiative, the time and effort invested to date (much of it voluntary), the inclusion of seed funding in the MAVIA Project, and the potential donors that have been identified, it is recommended that the current impasse be resolved as a matter of priority, and that every effort be made to put the initiative back on track and moving forward at a credible rate.
 - It may be decided, however that the NHF concept is (a) not of interest to the Secretariat, WCPA, or both; or that (b) the IUCN/WCPA structure is unsuitable for this kind of effort. If either of these scenarios is true, it would save everyone considerable time and effort if this were recognized and articulated once and for all.

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION
PETER VALENTINE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a new approach to Best Practice Guidelines with appropriate Task Force Leaders the key reviewer for the Guidelines (began with the Training guidelines). Identification of future Guidelines and authors. Review of the future of PARKS with member survey to glean support levels for both Guidelines and PARKS. Explore prospect of having more peer-reviewed elements and engagement with more regions. Call for contributions and start the process of preparing a newlook PARKS for either web publication and/or paper publication.
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the Steering Committee meeting in Jasper, Canada.
Goal 2: Survey members about the future of PARKS journal and other publications issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The survey was conducted using survey monkey software and clarified the strong support for both the Guidelines and PARKS.
Goal 3: Call for articles for the PARKS journal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call went out to all regions (using regional membership lists) for contributions based on policy previously developed. Response to date very promising but variable in type of contribution and suitability. Demonstrates the need for better clarity on what is required for PARKS. Stronger and clearer guidelines to prospective authors need to be developed. Task for 2011.
Goal 4: Prepare PARKS edition for publication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited progress on this - needs close attention in early 2011.
Goal 5: Review Guidelines forthcoming editions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing task - more work needed.
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">

ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
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FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
Funding proposals in the pipeline
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee Meeting
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Goal 2: Produce PARKS journal in new format (editorial level), establish methods for VC review of content; review format.
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Goal 3: Collaborate with authors on Best Practice Guidelines being prepared
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Goal 4: Seek feedback from Members on WCPA publications (especially PARKS and Guidelines)
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Goal 5: Establish clearer directions to intending authors about the PARKS journal
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
• Need to have established a process for final production and printing of Parks and Guidelines, the current process is unclear.

5 CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC DIRECTION REPORTS

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS

ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: CAPACITY

NIGEL DUDLEY

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
This report covers all 'voluntary' activities carried out by the theme leader and other members of the (as yet rather informal) capacity development theme.
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
Goal 1: Building internal IUCN capacity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helping to ensure some basic 'housekeeping' issues at IUCN sorted out (e.g. ensure PA definition and translation included in key internal documents)• Members of the IUCN UK Committee representing IUCN WCPA
Goal 2: Training task force
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair (Edward Muller) has been appointed• Various concept notes developed for a proposed syllabus and (eventually) accreditation system in association with partners (work developed during a 2 day 'workshop' in Scotland)• Meetings (with the CBDS etc) carried out to further support for the development of the proposed syllabus and accreditation system• Workshop in Costa Rica attended to develop online training material for CBD POWPA• 2-day meeting in Scotland with Eduard Mueller to plan training TF work
Goal 3: Promoting key IUCN products and messages
Categories
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation of a draft supplementary guidelines for using the IUCN WCPA management categories in MPAs in collaboration with WCPA Marine and Science and Management Theme (activities included: drafting document, WCPA marine Google docs section set up for comments, comments reviewed, two workshops: Australia (GRMPA) and UK (UNEP-WCMC)• Published paper in Oryx (see below) on <i>The revised IUCN protected area management categories: the debate and ways forward</i>• Active participation of the IUCN UK Committees <i>Putting Nature on the Map</i> project, which is aiming to review PA data for all UK conservation sites (including helping set up the project, initial project meetings, members of the project's Steering Committee, prepared written material etc)• Active participation in the new joint WCPA/SSC taskforce on biodiversity and protected areas (meetings in UK (Birdlife International), Canada and in Nagoya, Japan)• We updated the Wikipedia page on the categories (however there were some subsequent difficulties with this as it was not done by IUCN – we thus sent Delwyn a detailed documenting noting all the changes we made. Some updates have been made but the Wikipedia entries could be a lot more informative on protected areas and IUCNs work.
Governance types
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended workshop and prepared and presented 'paper' on ICCAs and Pas (questions, issues, recommendations etc) at the <i>Building Capacities and Generating Support for the Sustainable Future of the Territories and Areas conserved by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (ICCAs)</i> ,

TOYOTA Shirakawa-Go Eco Institute, Working with IPACC and others on capacity building with indigenous peoples. And continue to work with UNEP WCMC re the links between the ICCA Registry and IUCN WCPA Categories.

- Detailed comments prepared for Governance Handbook

Goal 4: POWPA follow up

- One of the main focuses of work for the capacity theme this year was the CBD COP 10. As well as a backroom (or back hall) role in helping with the negotiations the theme organized a **side event** showing casing IUCN WCPA's contribution to future work implementing the PoWPA with speakers from WCPA themes, taskforces and IUCN regional offices etc. An accompanying **booklet** was produced and circulated.

Goal 5: Translations

- Progress has been slow and the only time spent on translations was trying to sort out errors in translations rather than move forward on new initiatives. Hopefully the underlying problems causing these problems have now been fixed and we can move ahead on promoting more translations of core IUCN WCPA material

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

The theme is led by Nigel Dudley with the support of Sue Stolton.

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

- At the moment the theme has no formal membership or recruitment process. As a cross cutting theme for WCPA it is perhaps better not have membership of the theme itself but just to concentrate on the development of a small number of task forces (i.e. training and new media) supported by 10-12 active members to support the work

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

The programme notes that the core programme for IUCN includes:

- the effective management of protected areas
- the establishment of new protected areas to fill major gaps in biodiversity coverage
- the delivery of ecosystem goods and services

All major focuses of the PoWPA and major areas (as the IUCN Nagoya booklet and side event showed) of IUCN WCPA.

ICCAs are noted in programme area 4: and we see a major role for WCPA to bring advice and clarity on the unique role these areas can play in contributing to PA networks.

The programme also notes: *IUCN has a major role to play in global environmental governance, for example, with the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Programme of Work on Protected Areas.* Much of the capacity development work is aimed at trying to fulfil this perceived role more effectively.

Finally the programme notes the Union's role in promoting standard with particular reference to the IUCN WCPA PA categories.

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

Publications:

We have contributed to many publications on protected areas which have promoted IUCN WCPA's protected area work throughout the year; however below we have only listed those produced voluntarily for WCPA:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edited and produced the Nagoya CBD COP 2010 booklet on IUCN WCPAs role in implementing the PoWPA • Paper in <i>Oryx: The revised IUCN protected area management categories: the debate and ways forward</i> (<i>Oryx</i>, 44(4), 485–490) • Chapter in the ICCA publication writing up the Japan meeting
Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main contribution this year was the organization of the presentation on IUCN WCPA’s work at the CBD COP 10 including the main side event and presentations/press conferences etc re Natural Solutions • Several presentations have been given in relation to the ICCAs (Japan ICCA Workshop); MPAs and the Categories (Australia workshop); Asia region WCPA meeting (HHP Congress, Australia); Categories in the UK (London meeting of UK agencies and NGOs)
Contributions to media, website, newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See publications above plus we have contributed to various IUCN WCPA newsletters (HQ newsletter; mountains newsletter, text for TBPA website and newsletter etc)
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting: attended the meeting in Canada • Attended COP 10 in Nagoya
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i> £4,532.25
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i> None
Funding proposals in the pipeline Proposal through IUCN Asia for guidance on IUCN WCPA PA categories assignment guidance
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Overall: produce medium term strategy for capacity building within WCPA
Goal 1: Building internal IUCN capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we took over the Capacity theme one of the first tasks we undertook was an analysis of the WCPA and linked websites including suggested next steps. This has yet to be acted on and we suggest we still need a frank discussion on the major web outlet: we have PALNET still limping along, the WCPA site, plus other linked sites: needs sorting out and then thoroughly updating. This however may now fall under remit of the staff in Gland rather than this theme. • Preparing a short briefing on protected areas for IUCN to be sent from Trevor. Many IUCN staff still do not know the categories, WDPA etc; and there remains plenty of evidence of confusion in IUCN publications. There is a great opportunity to address this now in context of revised POWPA.
Goal 2: Training task force <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Ranger orientated section of the syllabus to be launched at the IRF
Goal 3: POWPA follow up Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update, translate and reprint the Nagoya leaflet with IUCN commitments and use this as a fund-raising tool • Think-piece on implications of the new targets and new elements of POWPA • Investigate with the CBD updating the technical guide “post Nagoya” in collaboration with WCPA • Prepare journal article on conservation role of protected areas.

Goal 4: Promoting key IUCN products and messages

Categories:

- Finishing and testing the marine categories
- Preparing training materials on the categories suitable for translation (needs funds)

Governance types:

- Developing guidance on private protected areas
- Development of ICCA links to PA definition and categories in cooperation with the ICCA registry and UNDP SG
- Working with IPACC and others on capacity building with indigenous peoples.

Assignment:

- Funding proposal with Korean Parks Agency for more guidance on categories assignment for WCC (the proposal has been submitted by IUCN Asia office to WCC South Korean team for consideration)

Goal 5: New Media

- Further development of ideas surrounding the use of New Media (i.e. facebook, Youtube, blogs, twitter) to spread the PA message. Development of 'PA shorts' short films explaining key PA concepts; Ranger blogs (ideally to be launched at the IRF 2010 Congress) etc; ideally through a New Media taskforce chaired by a young enthusiast who understands these things!

Goal 6: Translations

- Better translation was identified as *the* top capacity need by the WCPA SC; we are addressing this for new publications but there is a backlog. We propose setting up a fund to translate more PA material, ideally held by IUCN (your programme) but a separate fund where we could encourage contributions from organisations and individuals to facilitate translation.

Goal 7: Capacity building and the WPC

- Start planning for capacity building at the WPC (and through lead up events such as the WCC and IRF 2012 congress)

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TASK FORCE: TRAINING

EDUARD MULLER

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together with Nigel Dudley we have worked on a three pronged approach to developing a strategy for professionalizing protected area management: • 1. Development of an open source curricula and course contents for three levels of PA management (Park rangers, managers and PA system managers) • 2. Conceptualizing a WCPA accreditation process for training institutions that want to have WCPA recognition to implement the training programs. • 3. International scholarship fund to finance the above. <p>These three initiatives were officially launched at the Ecosystem Pavilion Side Event in Nagoya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several different actions have been taken to get this process started and involve other partners. For example, in support of CBD, an international workshop was organized in Costa Rica for the development of on-line training modules to implement PoWPA and after that work continued for the development of some of the modules. The TF also participated in a meeting with World Bank president, vice president and other high ranking officials in Nagoya to discuss the possibility of establishing centers for excellence in PA training. Seeking further support for above initiatives, contact has been established with USFWS, International Ranger Federation, Vilm training Center, UNESCO MAB and World Heritage, GTZ, FAO, IUCN President, and other organizations. • The TF also supported the Vice Chair for Mountains Biome and Connectivity Conservation in order to have an international workshop in Costa Rica on connectivity conservation (in process).
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting
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Goal 2: Open source curricula, accreditation and scholarship fund
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held with VC for Capacity in Scotland to write the concept notes for the three areas • Participation in meetings with Conservation Finance Alliance and REDLAC to study the establishment of Trust Funds • Meetings were held with many different potential partners. • Got WCPA SC approval to go ahead with the three pronged initiative. • Establishment of partnerships with different organizations for marine component: Coastal Resources Center, U. Maryland, Florida Institute of Technology and other organizations for the development of the marine component.
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
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MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
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INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>

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COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
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Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation at Ecosystem Pavillion in Nagoya • Presentation at III Mesoamerican Protected Area Congress • Presentation at REDLAC meeting in Guadalajara
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interview in Nagoya
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
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FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
USD30.000 from CBD Secretariat for workshop in Costa Rica
USD10.000 from CBD Secretariat for working on e-learning modules
USD380 personal funds for two day meeting with VC Capacity in Scotland
Funding proposals in the pipeline
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Opens source curricula
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline ready for presentation at WCPA SC meeting • Funding proposals presented to donors by June 2011 • Curricula developed by July 2011 • Course contents in development (dependent on funding) • Partnership established with different organizations
Goal 2: Accreditation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and methodology ready for approval at WCPA SC meeting
Goal 3: Scholarship fund
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft organizational structure proposed to WCPA SC • Organization established by September 2011
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
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THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: NIGEL DUDLEY

SPECIALIST GROUP: ECONOMIC VALUATION

NICHOLAS CONNER

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in 2010 has concentrated on the Oceania Region , in developing links with the new Pacific Resource and Environmental Economists Network (PREEN) and working with IUCN Oceania Regional Office and University of the South Pacific on a major study of the economics of coastal zone management in the Pacific. • Meeting with Head IUCN Global Economics and Environment Programme over possible projects and project funding in the Oceania Region. • In November, I attended the 2010 Meeting of the PREEN in Noumea, New Caledonia, and also attended a workshop in Noumea organized by the French government-funded coral reef initiative for the South Pacific. • Actions to attract new members have focused on initiatives with PREEN to attract members from the Pacific region (especially francophone countries)
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
GOAL 1: attend WCPA Steering Committee Meeting
No funding available
Goal 2: Incorporate economic components in IUCN Programme for Biodiversity in EU Overseas Territories
Attempts to build on earlier positive contact with IUCN Pan Europe Office to develop economic components in IUCN Regional Programme for EU Overseas Territories appear to have foundered due to cancellation of planned specialist conference in the Canary Islands and changes in personnel in IUCN Regional Office supporting this initiative
GOAL 3: Develop links with Korean National Parks Service to carry out research programme on economic benefits of Korean National Parks
Promising discussions with Korean National Parks staff following visits to South Korea in 2008 and 2009 and presentations to parks staff are currently in limbo, following change to parks and IUCN regional protected area programme staff facilitating this initiative
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
N/A
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
Attention has focused on increasing membership of PREEN
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
Highly aligned with Global Programme priority: Green Economy – Integrating ecosystem conservation values in economic policy, finance, and markets
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:

Publication of report on Economics of Coastal Zone Management in the Pacific expected early 2011
Presentations:
Presentation on analysis of regional economic impacts of New South Wales Marine Parks provided to Head IUCN Global Economics and Environment Programme at 2010 workshop on valuation of coral reefs, Noumea
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
Publication of number of reports on the economic impacts of national parks on regional economies in New South Wales, Australia at http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/research/economicsresearch.htm
Invited by UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific to provide input to 5 th Global Environment Outlook (GEO-5) in relation to environmental issues facing countries in the Pacific Region
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
none
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
none
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
Limited financial support for travel obtained from project budget for study of economics of coastal zone management
Funding proposals in the pipeline
None at this stage
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1:
Finalize and publish report with IUCN Oceania Regional Office on economics of coastal zone management in the Pacific
Goal 2:
Attend 2011 Meeting of PREEN
Goal 3:
Liaise with Head IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme for East Asia on possibilities for reinvigorating initiative on capacity building in resource economics with Korean National Parks Service
Goal 4:
Redefine membership requirements for group and start recruiting new members
Goal 5:
Join CEESP/TILCEPA Specialist Group on social impacts on marine protected areas
Limited opportunities for fund raising restrict effective participation in steering group and other relevant meetings, and thus potential contribution of group to WCPA/IUCN programmes outside Oceania Region

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PROTECTED AREAS LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

BEN BOER

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

Background

As reported previously, in 2006, the Chairs of the WCPA and the Commission on Environmental Law established a Protected Areas Law and Policy Task Force as a joint initiative. From early in its life, the work of the former Taskforce became closely intertwined with two other initiatives. The first of these is a project of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre to prepare a comprehensive document entitled Protected Areas Legislative Guidelines. Several members of the Task Force became members of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre's project Steering Committee. The second was a project established in collaboration with the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, the Secretariat of which is at the University of Ottawa. The Ottawa project was entitled "Protected Areas Management: An International Comparative Study of Regulatory and Policy Framework, the aims of which included an examination of the legal and policy frameworks concerning the conservation and management of protected areas. That project was set up in order to support the work of the Task Force and was successful in gaining funding from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, with infrastructure support from Parks Canada and the University of Ottawa. As a result, the Terms of Reference originally negotiated evolved over time, because of the close correspondence of the work of the Taskforce with the project being carried out by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre and the University of Ottawa research. As a result of the joint work of the three initiatives, it has become difficult to separate the products of each of the three initiatives. The most concrete results of these initiatives are manifested in the IUCN Protected Areas Legislative Guidelines, and some 15 case studies on protected areas law, which are intended to be launched at a side event of the conference of the parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity in October 2010. The form of the publication will be both printed and electronic.

The integrated initiatives patterns of the various bodies are here proposed to be the basis for a new structure regarding IUCN's work on Protected Areas Law, as noted further in the next section.

2010: A transitional year

2010 was a transitional year for this Group, from the former Joint WCPA/CEL Taskforce on Protected Areas Law and Policy to a new structure. In my report to the 2010 Steering Committee in June, it was noted that the chair of CEL, Sheila Abed, had indicated that a new CEL Specialist Group would be established, in contemplation that the WCPA Protected Areas Legislative Frameworks Group would work closely with the CEL Group. However, as a result of recent communications, further negotiations are taking place with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law concerning the establishment of a joint, integrated WCPA/CEL Specialist Group. Details are still being settled as at the date of this report, and a further briefing document will be distributed to the Steering Committee for its meeting in early April 2011.

Activities of group members

Legislative Guidelines on Protected Areas

Several members for the Group have been involved in a multi-year project coordinated by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre on the preparation of the comprehensive Legislative Guidelines for Protected Areas and 15 case studies, together with associated legislative matrices. The Legislative Guidelines and Case Studies were launched in draft form at the Conference of the Parties of the Convention in Nagoya in October 2011. Ben Boer presented a paper on the Case Studies in Nagoya. (See further below on this project).

IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium 2011

The IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium was held at the University of Ghent, Belgium in September 2011. At the Academy's invitation, Nik Lopoukhine presented a plenary address by invitation for the Colloquium organisers. The conference included two specialist sessions on Protected Areas. Several members of the Group presented papers to those sessions: Ben Boer (Protected Areas and Climate Change) and Sandy Paterson (Protected Areas Law in South Africa). In addition, Penny Figgis presented a paper by invitation, on the subject of Connectively Conservation.

Responses to IUCN requests

Members of the Group have responded to a variety of requests on protected areas law, as detailed further below in *Assignments on behalf of IUCN*.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Please note that given that the CEL/WCPA Protected Areas Law Taskforce was in the process of being transformed in a Specialist Group format, no specific goals were set. In general terms, the Group's members fulfilled various of the Terms of Reference set out for 2010. The Goals below reflect those TORS.

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- Due to a conflict with teaching environmental law in China, I was not able to attend the 2010 meeting; however, a comprehensive report was prepared and sent for the purposes of the Steering Committee meeting June 2010.

Goal 2: To liaise with the IUCN Environmental Law Centre and the IUCN Protected Area Programme on research objectives and methodologies.

- As noted, a good deal of joint work has been done in collaboration with these bodies; with the new suggested structure, this liaison should become more systematized.

Goal 3: To liaise with the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law with respect to research to support the work of the Specialist Group

- There has been little possibility in the last year to conduct separate research work with the IUCN Academy, but this situation may improve with the new suggested structure and membership, where there is a good deal of overlap between membership of the CEL and the Academy.

Goal 4: To provide advice to other Specialist Groups of WCPA with respect to protected areas law and policy.

- This goal should be promoted in 2011, with the other Specialist Groups becoming more aware of the work of this Protected Areas Law group.

Goal 6: To act as a focal point for information and advice to both Commissions, the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, the Protected Area Program and other parts of the IUCN Secretariat with respect to protected areas law and policy.

- This goal has been carried out by individual members of the Group, as noted in other parts of this report

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

For 2011, it is proposed that a new membership structure be set up, namely a joint integrated WCPA/CEL Specialist Group on Protected Areas Law, which will include some of the past members of the former Taskforce, together with a number of other protected areas law and policy specialists. It is proposed that a new set of terms of reference will shortly be negotiated, expanding and refining the current TORs.

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

Members are being recruited from each of the world's regions, with both gender and younger people in mind, as well as a balance between legal and scientific experts in protected areas. The intention with this group is that they communicate by email and Skype, and to hold meetings where possible attached to other conferences, such as the IUCN World Conservation Congress in South Korea. It is proposed, unless otherwise advised, for people on this list to become members of both WCPA and CEL, where this is not already the case.

The following is a list of those to whom I have suggested should become members of the group.

1. Professor Jamie **Benidickson**, Environmental Law Professor, University of Ottawa, (author of Canadian and Ontarian Case Studies for the IUCN Environmental Law Centre Project on *Legislative Guidelines for Protected Areas*) Canada male
2. Professor Ben **Boer**, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Law, University of Sydney (Chair), author of Australian and New South Wales Case Studies for the IUCN Environmental Law Centre Project on *Legislative Guidelines for Protected Areas*) Australia male
3. Ms Melania **Di Vara**, Master of Environmental Law, University of Sydney, legal intern at the IUCN Environmental Law Centre 2010-early 2011, *Italy* (researcher on connectivity conservation law) female, younger
4. Dr Beatriz **Garcia**, specialist in Amazonian legal protection, *Brazil* (currently living in Australia; author of *Legal Protection of the Amazon*, Cambridge University Press 2011) female, younger
5. Professor Alexander **Gillespie**, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Waikato, *New Zealand* (author of *Protected Areas and International Environmental Law*, Martinus Nijhoff male
6. Mr Stefan **Gruber**, PhD candidate in Chinese heritage Law, University of Sydney; co-author of Australian and New South Wales Case Studies on Protected Areas Law or the IUCN Environmental Law Centre Protected Areas Legal Guidelines Project younger
7. Ms Michelle **Lim**, doctoral candidate, University of New England, *Australia* female, younger
8. Associate Professor Alexander **Paterson**, Institute of Marine and Environmental Law, University of Cape Town, Environmental Law Professor, (author South African Case Study for the IUCN Environmental Law Centre Project on *Legislative Guidelines for Protected Areas*) *South Africa* male
9. Dr Justin **Rose**, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of the South Pacific, specialist in island and customary environmental systems, *Vanuatu* male, younger

10. Ms Susan **Shearing**, Lecturer, Sydney Law School, Sydney Australia, teaches Biodiversity Law, female
11. Shannon **Sims**, JD Candidate,, University of Texas Law School, Houston, (worked on BP oil spill with US Coast Guard Legal Division), *United States* female, younger
12. Professor Jonathan **Verschuuren**, University of Tilburg, (specialist in European Union Nature Directive and Birds Directive) *The Netherlands* male

The following people are intended to be approached to join the group this year:

13. Associate Professor Natasha **Affolder**, University of British Columbia Law School, *Canada* (specialist in biodiversity, world heritage and mining) female, younger
14. Mr Edgar **Buhanga**, Uganda Wildlife Authority (member of former CEL/WCPA PA Law Taskforce), *Uganda* male
15. Mr Robert **Kibugi**, PhD candidate, University of Ottawa, on leave from the University of Nairobi (has worked on protected areas law issues under the auspices of the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Project on Comparative Approaches to Protected Areas Law) male, younger
16. Professor Irina **Krasnova**, Russian Academy of Justice, Moscow (Environmental Law Professor and former member of Governing Board of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, *Russia* female
17. **Dr Brent Mitchell, WCPA Specialist Group Leader, Private Protected Areas**, QLF Atlantic Centre for the Environment(member of former PA Law Taskforce), *United States* male
18. Dr Pedro **Solano**, Peruvian Society of Environmental Law, *Peru* (author of the Peruvian case study for the Protected Areas Legal Guidelines project) male
19. Dr Graeme **Worboys**, Connectivity Specialist Group, WCPA; Jagumba Consulting Pty Ltd, *Australia* (inter alia, co-author of PA Management books, and *Connectivity Conservation Management* 2010 (advisor to the Protected Areas Legal Guidelines Project) male

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME (*Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions*)

The interdisciplinary nature of this Specialist Group is intended as an example of the “One Programme” theme of the current quadrennial period.

Given the history of development of this group, there is an intentional cross-over of the activities of members of the group with the work of the IUCN Environmental Law Programme (that is, both the IUCN Environmental Law Commission and the IUCN Environmental Law Centre). The work of the group is intended to mesh with PA LAW initiatives in the WCPA as well as the Environmental Law Commission.

Various members of the group have been involved in the Protected Areas Legislative Guidelines work of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre. Several new initiatives have been commenced by the Centre over the past three months; these include work on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Protected Areas, and on Connectivity Conservation.

In addition, a legislative drafting training programme is being planned for government officials and others concerned with PA Law. A number of group members are to be involved in these projects, together with members of CEL and the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law.

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

Publications:

Several members for the Group were involved in a multi-year project coordinated by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre on the preparation of the comprehensive Legislative Guidelines for Protected Areas and 15 case studies, together with associated legislative matrices. The national and sub-national case studies are drawn from Australia, Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger, Canada, Chile, France, India, Italy, Peru, The Philippines, and South Korea.

The Legislative Guidelines and Case Studies were launched in draft form at the Conference of the Parties of the Convention in Nagoya in October 2011. A hard copy and final disk version will be published in 2011.

Alexander Paterson published a chapter on 'Contractual tools for implementing the CBD in South Africa' in Benidickson, Jamie, Antonio Herman Benjamin, Ben Boer and Karen Morrow (eds) *Environmental Law and Sustainability after Rio*, Edward Elgar, (forthcoming)

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Presentations: *(note: this will be added to in due course once further information is obtained)*

- Several members of the group have given conference papers and seminars on PA Law over the past year:
- Alexander Paterson:
IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium at Ghent University, October 2010, presentation on PA Law in South Africa
- Ben Boer:
 - IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Annual Colloquium at Ghent University, October 2010, presentation on Protected Areas Law and Climate Change European University Institute, Florence, Italy, Department of Law Staff presentation on Biodiversity, Climate Change and Protected Areas Law (this was the focus of a Fernand Braudel Fellowship awarded to Ben Boer by the Institute for September to December 2010)
 - CBD COP Nagoya, presentation at IUCN Environmental Law Programme event, on the Protected Area Legislative Guidelines Case Studies.
 - Presentation on CBD Nagoya Strategic Plan of Action, focusing on Protected Areas Law, for postgraduate students of the Environmental Law Research Group at the European University Institute, October 2010
 - Video presentation from Italy to Annual Conference of the Centre for Sustainable Development, Bogota, Colombia, on Protected Areas Law and Climate Change
 - Conduct of an intensive two day workshop on PA legislative drafting for a German Government sponsored project for Armenian, Azerbaijani and Georgian government officials, in collaboration with IUCN Environmental Law Centre legal officers. This workshop was seen as a prototype for an extended training project proposal over the next two years, which will involve members of the proposed expanded group.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- None in 2010; reports of the former Taskforce were published in the IUCN Environmental Law Programme Newsletter in 2008 and 2009.

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

- Alexander Paterson provided expert comment on a proposal for National Co-Management Framework for South Africa, in response to a request from Ali Kaka, Regional Director, IUCN Regional Office for Eastern & Southern Africa
- Ben Boer conducted a review of the proposed Solomon Islands Protected Areas Act in early 2010,

<p>involving, among others, the IUCN Fiji office; it was submitted to the Solomon Islands government,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Boer provided comment on legal aspects of World Heritage management for an IUCN publication by Nigel Dudley and Sue Stolten • Ben Boer, together with Françoise Burhenne of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, provided feedback to the IUCN Protected Areas Programme concerning the IUCN submission to the CBD COP 10 in Nagoya. • At the request of the Protected Areas Programme, Ben Boer communicated with several IUCN members in on proposals for implementation of the World Heritage Convention • At the request of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Ben Boer conducted two day workshop on the drafting of protected area legislation for government official form Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia in October 2010.
<p>FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p>
<p>Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i></p>
<p>Shared contributions to expenses for attendance at two conferences by Ben Boer, for presentations on Protected Areas Law, as noted in the financial report: CHF1504</p>
<p>Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i></p>
<p>No specific funds have been generated separately for the group at this stage; however, members of the former Taskforce have been involved in a number of protected area law research activities which funded some of their travel.</p>
<p>Funding proposals in the pipeline</p>
<p>Several members of the group will be engaged in research projects and workshop activities of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, for which funding proposals are being prepared at present on connectivity conservation law, and on PA legal drafting training.</p> <p>Alexander Gillespie has submitted a funding application for a project at the University of Waikato in New Zealand concerning Protected Areas and Maori interests. Ben Boer was invited to be part of this project. Ben Boer is part of a research team at the University of Sydney concerning governance of the Mekong river system, which involves some consideration of protected areas law.</p> <p>Jamie Benidickson has formulated a proposal on Protected Areas and Climate Change, which will be submitted to an appropriate funding agency in Canada in due course.</p>
<p>GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i></p>
<p>Goal 1:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Chair to attend WCPA Steering Committee April 2011
<p>Goal 2:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build up the joint Specialist Group to around 20 people (subject to further negotiation with CEL Chair and Deputy Chair)
<p>Goal 3:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out further research on the legal aspects of connectivity conservation
<p>Goal 4:</p>
<p>Carry out further research on the legal aspects of the links between protected areas and climate change</p>
<p>Goal 5:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperate closely with legal officers of the IUCN Environmental Law Centre on various research and training projects (see above re funding proposals) ‘train the trainers’ efforts, using the Protected Areas Legislative Guidelines
<p>Goal 5:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a joint website on PA Law, in collaboration with the Protected Areas Programme, the IUCN

Commission on Environmental Law and the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, and establishing an electronic 'help desk' on PA law

Goal 6: .

- Establish a list serve for the group, and extend it to the broader IUCN CEL/WCPA PA Law Specialist Group when agreed upon, in order to provide a regular avenue for communication with PA Law specialists and other interested experts from across the IUCN community

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- The major recommendation is to establish the joint WCPA/CAL Specialist Group on Protected Areas Law; I will provide a report to the Steering Committee of negotiations that will take place subsequent to the date of this report.
- It is my expectation the WCPA Specialist Groups that require advice and assistance with environmental law issues will contact members of the Group. A list of email addresses will be made available once the membership list is settled. In the first instance, WCPA members should contact me on ben.boer@sydney.edu.au and I can direct them to the relevant Group member as appropriate. I would recommend that this be facilitated by the WCPA Chair and the Head of the Global Protected Areas Programme.
- Concerning finance, I would expect that if the proposal for a joint group goes ahead, a reasonable financial arrangement could be negotiated, with contributions from both Commissions to the work of the joint group, as occurred with the former Taskforce.
- This reporting exercise, while time-consuming, has been a rewarding exercise in terms of focusing on goals, institutional structure and future planning. I expect that next year's report from the group will be rather easier as a result.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

TOURISM AND PROTECTED AREAS SPECIALIST GROUP (TAPAS GROUP)

REPORT BY DR ANNA SPENCELEY, PROF ROBYN BUSHELL, PROF STEVE MCCOOL, PROF RALF BUCKLEY, DR GLEN HVENEGAARD AND GIULIA CARBONE

27 JANUARY 2011

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

- 2010 has been defined by a resurgence of energy and activity within the TAPA-SG. Internally, the group has been revitalized through new leadership, a new ExCo, new monthly conference calls of the ExCo, development of a series of new strategies (on TAPA-SG, communication and membership), and the creation of a new action plan (2010-14).
- Market research was conducted among over 100 WCPA and non-WCPA members. This was used in combination with outreach to other IUCN commissions, task forces and specialist groups to guide priorities for the group. The outreach was also useful to identify potential new members, and find areas of mutual interest for collaboration. Activities proposed within the action plan were designed to be in line with the market research, the draft IUCN Strategic Action Plan on Tourism (2010), the WCPA Program of Work (2010-12), and the UNESCO World Heritage Site priorities¹.
- Technical activities by ExCo members were limited due to the internal re-structuring, but notably included: (1) a seminar on Tourism and Biodiversity at World Travel Market's World Responsible Tourism Day, with private sector speakers from Marriott, Kuoni, & Beyond and Wilderness Safaris organized jointly with the IUCN Secretariat; (2) a seminar on tourism training for protected area managers at a Sustainable Tourism conference in South Africa; (3) Attendance and presentations to Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress, Melbourne and attendance at WCPA meeting at the Congress; (4) Input to research and report Tourism & Natural World Heritage: priorities for enhancing performance with IUCN – Business & Biodiversity unit and IUCN- World Heritage Unit for the 34th meeting of the World heritage Committee, Brazil July 2010 ; (5) Input to research for Strategic Action Plan on Tourism with IUCN -Business & Biodiversity unit (6) review and contribution towards reports for IUCN and other specialist groups.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Institutional strengthening

- Between February and October a new strategy for TAPA-SG was developed for the period 2010-14. This includes a series of objectives and targets, addresses communication, membership, collaboration and partnership. The strategy sets a basis for developing a program of work and fundraising, and includes processes for monitoring and review. The strategy was largely developed by consolidating reports from the previous Tourism Task Force, and this strategy will be re-visited annually.
- A Google Group was developed to improve ExCo communication, and to supplement email

¹ The group is now in the process of integrating the Aichi CBD targets (2010)

communication. Important reference documents were uploaded on the group's website.

- Monthly skype conference calls of the ExCo have taken place since January 2010, and are minuted to include the roles and responsibilities of members.
- A vision and mission for the group have been developed.
- *Please also see below under 'Organisation'*

Goal 2: Develop a practical strategy and work plan for 2010-14

- An online survey was conducted to invite contributions from previous Tourism Task Force members and WCPA members on priorities for activities that the group should address.
- Over 100 people participated, and provided valuable information on their interest in the group, and potential activities for TAPA-SG
- Activities proposed within the action plan were designed to be in line with the market research, the draft IUCN Strategic Action Plan on Tourism (2010), the WCPA Program of Work (2010-12), and the UNESCO World Heritage Site priorities²
- *Please see the attached strategy and action plan.*

Goal 3: Reinvigorate membership

- *Please see below under 'Membership'*

Goal 4: Analyze options for linkages with other IUCN programs, Commissions, Task forces and Specialist groups.

- Emails were sent to the chairs of all IUCN commissions, task forces and specialist groups, in order to establish whether there were areas of potential collaboration and people interested in joining TAPAS.
- Positive responses were received from the Commission on Education and Communication; the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy; the Species Survival Commission; the WCPA chair, the Program on Protected Areas; 3 regional chairs; 4 policy chairs; and 13 SG / TF chairs.
- Working closely with IUCN -Business & Biodiversity unit and IUCN- World Heritage Unit

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

- An Executive Committee was established for the SG, by bringing together a small group of people who were keen to revitalize the group, namely Anna Spenceley, Paul Eagles, Robyn Bushell, Steve McCool, Liz Halpenny and Glen Hvenegaard, and Giulia Carbone from IUCN.
- Leadership of the group passed from Paul Eagles, Robyn Bushell and Steve McCool to Anna Spenceley in June 2010.
- A series of working groups have been established, in line with the action plan. These are membership (led by Liz Halpenny); capacity building (led by Steve McCool); communication (led by Paul Eagles); knowledge development, research and dissemination (led by Glen Hvenegaard with Ralf Buckley); outreach to governments (led by Ralf Buckley); enhancing the capacity of WCPA (led by Robyn Bushell); and strategic development, institutional issues and fundraising (led by Anna Spenceley).
- Each of the working group leads reports to the ExCo on progress during monthly skype conference calls.

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

- At the start of 2010 there were only 18 official members of TAPA-SG on record, and these were geographically focused in Australasia and North America. However, this list was not complete and included several people who were not active members.

² The group is now in the process of integrating the Aichi CBD targets (2010)

- Two online surveys, linkages with other SGs and Task Forces, and networking events were used to raise awareness of the group and identify potential new members.
- A database of 419 contacts was established, who were invited to join.
- A new membership strategy was developed, including targets to increase membership to 50 members and 200 associates by 2014, and to ensure that active volunteers are encouraged to participate.
- An online membership form was established, with data linked to a membership database.
- By the end of 2010, 146 people had applied for membership.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

The TAPA-SG strategy highlights four Global Results of the WCPA 2009-12 program of work that are addressed:

- Global Result 1.1 – Biodiversity-related policies and governance systems enable action towards the achievement of biodiversity conservation
- Global Result 1.2 – IUCN standards, tools and knowledge for sustainable natural resource management available and used for biodiversity conservation including effective management of global and regional common natural resources.
- Global Result 4.1 – Development policies and strategies to support vulnerable and poor stakeholders, especially women, to sustainably manage ecosystems for improved livelihoods.
- Global Result 4.2 – Sustainable environmental management reduces vulnerability to natural hazards and conflicts.

The TAPA-SG action plan indicates which proposed activities are aligned with individual global results.

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

Publications:

- Review and comment on reports for IUCN (e.g. the IUCN Strategic Action Plan on Tourism (2010) and the World Heritage SG (Managing Natural World Heritage Sites: a guide to Good Practice).

Presentations:

- Seminar organized and facilitated jointly with the IUCN Secretariat, on Tourism and Biodiversity at World Travel Market's World Responsible Tourism Day, with private sector speakers from Marriott, Kuoni, & Beyond and Wilderness Safaris.
- Seminar on tourism training for protected area managers at a Sustainable Tourism conference in South Africa.
- Healthy Parks Healthy People Congress, Melbourne - Tourism & World Heritage PAs - case studies from SE Asia

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- WTM seminar led to a press release, posting on Planeta.com, and podcast available on the WTM website.
- The text on the IUCN website was slightly updated with the new structure and objectives of the group.
- Contributions were made to newsletters created by other groups (e.g. IUCN, WCPA, CEC, SSC).

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

- None.

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)*

- None.

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

- So far TAPA-SG has relied on the support and personal funds of its ExCo members, to support travel,

website hosting and online survey tools.

Funding proposals in the pipeline

- World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC)-TAPA-SG concept note in development for \$15,000 for a meeting to explore options for an online platform for gathering tourism data from protected areas.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 *(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

Note: *The activities prioritized for 2011 can be found in more detail within the action plan, appended to this report. Currently this indicates where an activity is in line with the group's market research, the IUCN Tourism Strategy, the CBD targets, the WCPA program of work and the WCPA World Heritage group priorities.*

Goal 1: Institutional strengthening

- ExCo members will be responsible for leading their thematic groups, and managing the network of members who are interested in participating in particular activities.
- The draft action plan will be revised to indicate activities that are in line with the CBD targets.
- Performance by Working Group members will be monitored on an annual basis.
- Performance by ExCo members will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.
- By 2014, the group aims to have integrated democratic processes for leadership of the group, and its working groups.
- A list of potential partners of the TAPA-SG will be developed, including the UNWTO, CBD, Global Sustainable Tourism Council, the International Ecotourism Society and others.
- Activities indicated within the current action plan will be prioritized, with roles and responsibilities of leaders and participants included.

Goal 2: Membership

- The 150 people who have applied for membership of TAPA-SG will be invited to join.
- WCPA members will be invited as full members, who can participate in working groups and lead a group. These members will also be invited to a Google Group for the membership.
- Non-WCPA members will be invited to join as associates. They will be able to communicate with other members of the group using a new Google Group.
- Additional people will be invited to join during the year, with the objective of developing a fair geographical distribution of members globally, and encouraging a mixture of private sector, protected area managers, academics, NGOs, donor agencies, youth and others interested in protected area tourism, to participate.
- The membership strategy sets a target for 30 members and 50 associates in 2011, which already looks likely to be exceeded.
- The membership working group will invite participants, to guide and monitor the membership.

Goal 3: Communication

- Finalisation of the draft communication strategy.
- Invite members and associates to the new Google Group. Initially communications will not be moderated.
- Continue using a separate Google Group for ExCo communication.
- Maintain regular communication between ExCo members using monthly Skype calls, including participation of IUCN secretariat representatives.
- The development of a newsletter will depend upon identifying an editor, and engaging contributions for members.
- A new website will be developed where it can post information relevant to the group.
- Investigate the use of social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, Linked-In etc).

<p>Goal 4: Knowledge development, dissemination and research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to understand the role of tourism in protected areas implied by the Nagoya Protocol and the Aichi Target • Revise the 2002 Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas: Guidelines for Planning and Management. • Develop a concessions manual and training programs for joint-venture partnerships (linked with Jim Barborak). • Develop an online system for gathering tourism data from protected areas, in collaboration with the WCMC. • Develop a process to guide protected area authorities in establishing tourism research agendas.
<p>Goal 5: Capacity building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to assess the technical proficiencies needed to manage tourism and visitation in protected areas. • Implement a session on technical proficiency at the International Seminar on Protected Area Management • Develop a TAPA-SG learning platform • Engage with the private sector and public sector to build capacity in protected area tourism.
<p>Goal 6: Linkages with IUCN groups and other partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the 2011 WCPA Steering Committee Meeting. • Develop a collaborative program of work with the IUCN secretariat on tourism. • Reinvigorate dialogue with the World Heritage Group, IUCN and UNESCO on tourism and World Heritage, following the review of UNESCO -WHC Tourism Program • Engage the CBD secretariat to develop understanding of the interface between tourism in protected areas and the Nagoya Protocol and Aichi Target • Begin to develop a possible session on tourism and protected areas at the 2012 WCC • Continue to communicate, and establish areas for collaboration, with other IUCN commissions, SGs, TFs and others.
<p>REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A face to face meeting needed to kick off the revitalized group, and financial support is sought for this.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAPA-SG aims to position tourism as a core theme at the 2014 World Parks Congress, and to deliver its progress on its activities by 2012 World Conservation Congress.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support will be required to implement some of the action plan activities.

6 CONSERVATION CONNECTIVITY STRATEGIC DIRECTION REPORTS

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
2010 ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
VICE CHAIR (MOUNTAINS AND CONNECTIVITY CONSERVATION)

DR GRAEME L. WORBOYS

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2010
WCPA MOUNTAINS AND CONNECTIVITY CONSERVATION

1. ADVANCING CONNECTIVITY CONSERVATION GLOBALLY

1.1 A NEW TOOL:

IUCN WCPA's new book titled *Connectivity Conservation Management, A Global Guide*, was launched in Melbourne in April 2010 at the International Healthy Parks Healthy People Conference. The book was developed over 5 years by the M&CC team and is a new tool for assisting managers to deal with large scale connectivity conservation areas. It is the first document of its kind in this rapidly emerging conservation activity.

1.2 A NEW MEGA CONNECTIVITY CONSERVATION CORRIDOR

Participants at the July 2010 Ust-Koksa Workshop from Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Russia and other countries agreed to work towards a Mega Connectivity Corridor along the trans-boundary border area of Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and China and a Working Group has been established to help facilitate this

1.3 NEW UNEP-WCMC SPATIAL DATA

The concept of delineating connectivity conservation areas as new spatial data for the UNEP-WCMC Data Base progressed in 2010 from a robust vision to a tangible new initiative. More work has yet to be done in this exciting new development which is a significant response to threats such as the spread of oil palm plantations and other developments between protected areas.

2. ADVANCING MOUNTAIN PROTECTED AREA CONSERVATION GLOBALLY

This has included contributing to:

- COP 10 Mountain matters;
- COP 10 protected area matters;
- Gap Analysis work to facilitate new Mountain Protected Areas.
- World Heritage decision making
- The development of Climate Change adaptive management

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

(Yellow = 2010-2012 IUCN WCPA (M&CC) Strategic Plan):

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY

(Green = M&CC Strategic Plan) Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

(Grey = IUCN 2009-2012 Program): Biodiversity-related governance systems enable action towards the achievement of biodiversity conservation

- Graeme Worboys, Vice Chair Mountains and Connectivity Conservation attended the June 2010 Hinton Steering Committee Meeting. Direct contributions included:
 - An update presentation on Connectivity Conservation
 - Input notes for Kenton Miller Award (provided to Marc Hockings)
- Actions taken following the meeting:
 - **World Bank:** Negotiations seeking the funding of a Regional Climate Change Capacity Building Workshop for senior mountain protected area managers (Latin America)
 - **UNEP-WCMC:** Negotiations to help facilitate Gap analysis work for Mountain Protected Areas and for potential Mountain World Heritage Sites
 - **World Bank:** Negotiations to help fund UNEP-WCMC to undertake the Gap analysis work for Mountain Protected Areas and for potential Mountain World Heritage Sites
 - **Allen Putney:** Input to circulated papers concerning the WH Fund
 - **Jasper National Park staff member:** Signed up as a member of the Mountains and Connectivity Conservation team

M&CC Target 1.1:

Objective: Actively facilitate the establishment and effective management of connectivity conservation

IUCN 2009-2012 Program: : Biodiversity-related governance systems enable action towards the achievement of biodiversity conservation

Action 1.1: *Altai-Sayan Mega Connectivity Conservation Corridor (China, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Russia)*

- (VC) Joint facilitation of a climate change and connectivity conservation workshop at Ust Koksa, Altai Republic, Russia, July 2010
- Vision for a Mega Connectivity Conservation Corridor along the Altai-Sayan Mountains transboundary area achieved.
- A Working Group established and a Mission Report prepared (www.mountains-wcpa.org)
- The work is on-going

Action 1.2: *Great Eastern Ranges Connectivity Conservation Corridor (NSW, Australia)*

- (VC) Input as a Member of the GER Advisory Committee

Action 1.3: *Linking Landscapes Collaboration (Australia)*

- (VC) Input as a member of the organizing committee
- Joint facilitation of a National *Linking Landscapes* Forum, Melbourne, December 2010
- Author of a *Linking Landscapes* paper facilitating national collaboration for large scale connectivity (10 Mega Connectivity Conservation Corridors)

Action 1.4: *Mesoamerica's Biological Corridor (Costa Rica)*

- (Deputy VC Olivier Chassot) IV Mesoamerican Biological Corridors Symposium, San José, Costa Rica
- Design Workshop: Second Phase of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor San José, Costa Rica

Action 1.5: *Yellowstone to Yukon (Canada and the USA)*

- (Senior Advisor Larry Hamilton) Joint preparation of the “Preface” to the *Y2Y Moving Toward Climate Change Adaptation* research report

M&CC Target 1.2 Climate Change and Mountain Protected Areas:

Objective: Upgrade the Website-Communications tool for more effective connectivity conservation management

IUCN 2009-2012 Program: IUCN Tools and Knowledge for Natural Resource Management are available

Actions 1 & 2: Establish an interconnected, web-based connectivity conservation networking capacity

- (Deputy VC Linda McMillan) A new connectivity conservation section has been added to the website, along with an opportunity for visitors to the site to blog

Action 3: Spatial delineation of connectivity conservation areas-UNEP-WCMC project

(VC) A co-operative partnership has been established to progress this concept with UNEP-WCMC. The aim is to spatially present connectivity conservation areas in the landscape. The work is on-going

Objective: Facilitate mountain protected area management responses to climate change including adaptive management

IUCN 2009-2012 Program: Natural resource management policies and strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change are adopted and implemented

Action 1: PACT 2020

- Completion of draft PACT 2020 Pilot project for the Altai-Sayan Mega Connectivity Conservation Corridor by Dr Tatyana Yashina: Submitted to Trevor Sandwith
- Completion of draft PACT 2020 Pilot project for the Terai Arc Connectivity Conservation Corridor by Dr Ghana Gurung: Submitted to Trevor Sandwith

Action 2: Mountain Protected Area Gap analysis work

- This is work in progress. The aim is to facilitate the establishment of new protected areas as a response to climate change
- Correspondence with UNEP-WCMC has established a co-operative partnership approach for this work
- Negotiations with the World Bank are continuing to establish financing for the UNEP-WCMC work

Action 5: Climate change workshop, South America

- After WCPA follow-up, correspondence from IUCN-Sur identified that the workshop concept was canceled

Action 6: An Action Plan for World Heritage Mountains is developed

- This is work in progress
- (Senior Advisor Larry Hamilton) Has established a network of Mountain Protected Area managers and researchers to provide input to the Action Plan
- (VC) UNEP-WCMC has provided at no cost 2009 global Mountain Protected Area spatial images and statistics
- (VC) UNEP-WCMC has agreed to undertake a global analysis of mountain areas to identify very significant areas that are not currently World Heritage sites (work-in-progress, subject to funding)
- (VC) Discussions with Marc Hockings may lead to the linking of a generic World Heritage management effectiveness assessment to a more specific Mountain WH Site subset

Action 7: The Quarterly Mountain Protected Areas Update Newsletter

- (Senior Advisor-Update Editor Larry Hamilton) Four e-Update Newsletters have been produced
- (Deputy VC Linda McMillan) E-distribution of Update was achieved

Action: Vilm

- (VC) Provided Connectivity Conservation input to the Expert Workshop: “Managing for Climate Change-Developing Strategies for Protected Area Managers” Vilm, Germany, August 2010. The Workshop was facilitated by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation; Equilibrium Research; IUCN WCPA and UNDP.

Action: Australian Alps Catchments

- (VC) Principle author role for a major catchment condition assessment and climate change adaption response report for 1.644 million hectares and 11 protected areas of the Australian Alps catchments. The report was completed in June 2010.

M&CC Target 1.3: Mountain protected areas are linked with collaboratively managed ecosystem networks**Objective: To establish a voluntary network**

IUCN 2009-2012 Program: : Biodiversity-related governance systems enable action towards the achievement of biodiversity conservation

Actions 1, 2, 3: Establish a voluntary network and linkages

- (Deputy VC Olivier Chassot) This work was initiated at the beginning of 2011

IUCN WCPA (M&CC) 2010-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2: KNOWLEDGE, SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS****OBJECTIVE: Review the CBD Programme of Work in relation to Mountains**

IUCN 2009-2012 Program: : Biodiversity-related governance systems enable action towards the achievement of biodiversity conservation

Action 1: Review the CBD Programme of Work on Mountains in preparation for COP 10

(Senior Advisor Larry Hamilton, Brian Martin) Research and analysis of the Program of Work completed and a report prepared for the IUCN Secretariat advising on improvements needed for the Mountains Programme of Work

IUCN WCPA (M&CC) 2010-2012 STRATEGIC PLAN**STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: CBD AND CAPACITY BUILDING****M&CC Objective: Facilitate capacity building for managers: Mountain Protected areas and Connectivity Conservation Areas**

IUCN 2009-2012 Program: IUCN Tools and Knowledge for Natural Resource Management are available

Action 1: Help facilitate the Altai-Sayan Workshop in July 2010

- (VC) The Workshop was jointly facilitated and a great success. Very positive feedback was received from participants from Kazakhstan; Mongolia; Russia and other international invitees (see the Mission Report, www.mountains-wcpa.org)
- (VC) WCPA has agreed to be a technical advisor to the Working Group charged with facilitating the connectivity corridor

Action 2: Book Launch, April 2010; IUCN's Connectivity Conservation Management Book, a new Tool for practitioners:

- (VC) The Book was successfully launched by The Hon Mr Bob Debus, MP in Melbourne at the International Healthy Parks, Healthy People Conference. The book provides guidance to managers on how to manage large scale connectivity conservation areas. Previously, no such guidance existed.

Action: Expert Workshops conducted by Dr Harry Biggs, SAN Parks

- (VC) Dr Harry Biggs of South African National Parks accepted an invitation from IUCN WCPA (M&CC) to provide a series of expert workshops in Australia dealing with adaptive management, the concept of complexity, and science and management working together. His very successful lectures and workshops were held in Perth, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Beechworth (Australian Alps) and Melbourne.

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

The mountain Protected Area Membership in January 2011 is 324 members from 58 countries. The list of members is reviewed annually, and in 2010 25 new members were included, while 10 were dropped due to their lack of interaction. Members are invited based on their expertise, skills and interest in mountain protected areas and their willingness to contribute to the Mountains Team. There are many new youth members, many who are female and many from different parts of the world. Many M&CC members are WCPA members, but not all.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

The M&CC 2010 work is aligned with the IUCN Quadrennial Programme (as shown above)

IUCN WCPA M&CC Collaboration: In 2010 this has included working with:

1. IUCN Secretariat

- COP 10: Mountains
- World Heritage: Altai-Sayan; Vredfort; China Danxia; Kenya Alkaline Lakes

2. IUCN Bangkok Office

- China Danxia; Altai-Sayan

3. IUCN WCPA Oceania

- Healthy Parks Healthy People International Conference
- Dr Harry Biggs lecture tour
- Linking Landscapes Collaboration Melbourne Forum

4. IUCN-WCPA Transboundary Specialist Group

- Altai-Sayan Workshop

5. IUCN WCPA Science and Management

- Vilm Workshop

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

IUCN M&CC Publications:

IUCN Book

Worboys, G.L., Francis, W.L. and Lockwood, M. (2010) *Connectivity Conservation Management, A Global Guide*, Earthscan, London 382p

IUCN WCPA M&CC Executive: 2010 M&CC Related Publications

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160, Earthscan, London

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Menhard, D. and Sarmiento, F. (2010) Vulnerability of tropical mountain communities to global change: the case of Honduras, *Journal of Sustainability Education* 1(1) pp 31-39

Sarmiento, F.O. (2009) Páramo: Language Hegemony and Politics of Translation in Andean Prehensive Environments and Conservation Implications, In (Ed) Victor, R. *Mountains of the World: Ecology, Conservation and Sustainable Development*, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat

Sarmiento, F.O. (2010) Geomorphology of Natural and Human Induced Disasters in Ecuador, In (Ed) Latrubese, E. *Natural Hazards and Human-Exacerbated Disasters in Latin America*, Volume 13, Special Volumes in Geomorphology, Elsevier Science pp 156-163

Sarmiento, F. (2010) Mountain Biosphere Reserves and Sustainable Development. In: Lange, S. (Ed). *Mountains and Biosphere Reserves*, Austrian MAB Committee. E.C.O. Deutschland GmbH Geschäftsführung

Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación [SINAC] (2009) Plan Estratégico del Programa Nacional de Corredores Biológicos de Costa Rica para el quinquenio 2009-2014. San José 40p

Villate, R., Canet-desanti, R., Chassot, O. and Monge, G. (2009) El Corredor Biológico San Juan-La Selva: una estrategia exitosa de conservación, *Asociación para la Conservación de la Naturaleza*, San José, 94p

IUCN WCPA M&CC Related Presentations

(VC)

- March 2010: University of Tasmania, PA Management Post Graduates, Connectivity Conservation
- April 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speech: International Healthy Parks Healthy People Conference
- May 2010: IUCN WCPA-Australian Alps Science-Management Workshop Presentation
- June 2010: IUCN WCPA presentation at the 3rd ASEAN Heritage Parks Conference, Brunei
- July 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speech: International Altai-Sayan Workshop
- August 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speech: International Vilm Workshop
- September 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speech: Kruger National Park
- November 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speech: MacKenzie Basin Conference, New Zealand
- December 2010: Ecological Society of Australia Speech, Canberra, Australian Alps and Climate Change
- December 2010: Linking Landscapes Collaboration: Interactive presentation, connectivity conservation paper

(Deputy Vice Chair Olivier Chassot)

- 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speeches: Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation
- 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speech: International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests, Ecuador
- 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speech, GBIF Science Symposium, South Korea

- 2010: Connectivity Conservation Speeches, XIV Congress Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation Costa Rica

(Deputy Vice Chair Linda McMillan)

- May 2010: Keynote Speech, Mountain Protection, International Mt Everest Day
- September 2010: Speech, Perth Mountains Conference, Scotland, Citizen Scientists
- October 2010: General Assembly of UIAA, Italy Speech, Mountain Huts as Mountain Protection Centres
- November 2010: California, Fall Forum, Speech – Collaborative partnerships to protect Mountain Regions
- November 2010: Prague, Alpinismus Festival Speech, How Alpinists can protect our Mountain World
- December 2010: Berkeley California, American Geophysical Union, MRI Side event, IUCN focused speeches

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

(VC)

- Late 2009: Published interview, Australian Alps: “Linking the Jewels”
- Early 2010: Published interview, Australian Alps: “Climate Change”
- June 2010: Published interview, Australian Alps: “Adaptive Management”
- July 2010: Interview, Russian State Television, Altai-Sayan Workshop
- November 2010: Interview, New Zealand State Radio, Connectivity Conservation

(Senior Advisor and Update Editor Larry Hamilton)

- Quarterly production of Update

(Deputy Vice Chair Linda McMillan)

- Webmaster, WCPA M&CC website
- E-production, M&CC Quarterly Update Newsletter

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

(VC)

- COP 10 Mountains (Review response prepared)
- China Danxia World Heritage Review work (Review response prepared)
- Altai-Sayan Workshop facilitation (Mission Report prepared)
- Vredefort Dome World Heritage Management (Mission Report completed)

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)*

WCPA M&CC operation: Source: Operating funds

- May 2010 allocation: CHD 7,500
- December 2010: Funds Committed CHD 7,500

July 2010 Altai-Sayan Actual Costs (Source: Chair WCPA funded)

- \$US4,195.00

September 2010 Vredefort Dome Costs and Honorarium (Source: IUCN WH)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHD 5,464.53
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
1. April 2010: IUCN Connectivity Conservation Management Book launch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship by Parks Victoria (Estimate \$AUD6,000)
2. June 2010: IUCN WCPA hosting of Harry Biggs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship by Australian Alps Liaison Committee; Parks Australia; Parks Victoria; Qld P&WS; WA Parks; NSW Parks; Parks Forum (Estimate \$AUD16,000)
3. July 2010: IUCN WCPA co-hosting of the Ust Koksa Workshop, Russia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation; UNDP; Katunskiy Biosphere Reserve; WWF-Russia; Weeden Foundation; MAVA Foundation; IUCN WCPA. (Estimate \$40,000-\$60,000)
Funding proposals in the pipeline
World Bank funded UNEP-WCMC data analysis
World Bank funded workshop: Mountain Protected Area Management in an environment of Climate Change
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair) (As per the IUCN WCPA (M&CC) Strategic Plan, 2009-2012, Updated 2011- Attached)</i>
Goal 1: Help facilitate the establishment and recognition of large-scale connectivity conservation areas and delineate these areas spatially as part of the data base on protected areas in co-operation with UNEP-WCMC
Goal 2: Facilitate the establishment of new Mountain Protected Areas in high priority conservation areas as identified by Gap Analysis
Goal 3: Facilitate a new International Network of Connectivity Conservation Area Managers
Goal 4: Develop an Action Plan for the improved management of World Heritage Mountain Protected Areas and help facilitate its implementation
Goal 5: Undertake Climate Change capacity building for Senior Mountain Protected Area Managers
Goal 6: Develop improved Web based information to assist protected area and connectivity conservation managers
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some small \$ investments in big picture, strategic initiatives such as the UNEP-WCMC Mountain PA gap analysis will allow volunteer time to be spent on helping to achieve strategic new mountain protected areas • On-ground capacity building for climate change is needed by senior protected area managers. The Mountains team and key Universities have been set to roll out the best available CC adaptive management training. The availability of (actual cost-logistic) funding has prevented this. • I have submitted to WCPA Chair Nik Lopoukhine a proposal for a 2014 World Parks Congress flagship

product (A Second Edition of “Managing Protected Areas”) produced in innovative ways including in multiple languages; as an e- product; as a free product; and as compartmentalized e-learning product developed as a partnership with Key Universities.

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS

ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

SPECIALIST GROUP: CAVES AND KARST

JAY ANDERSON

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

It has been a busy year and a lot has been achieved. I attended several conferences – which were all close together in time and location - the Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association (ACKMA Annual General Meeting week -Malaysia April 2010), UNESCO Geoparks Conference (Presentation of a “paper” on the CKSG at this conference in Malaysia, April 2010) and the Geotourism Conference (Malaysia, April 2010). I participated in these three events as a volunteer and while on holidays – it was an excellent opportunity to network and raise the profile of the Caves and Karst Specialist Group and also the IUCN/WCPA. I was also able to visit significant karst systems and participate in protected area tourism. It was most beneficial to be able to meet and consult with other karst management and protected area professionals

I attended a specialist meeting in Vietnam and met with Managers of karst protected areas and World Heritage sites. I was able to participate in an International expert panel discussion regarding cave and karst management and to contribute to the World Biodiversity day event. I know that a number of other CKSG members have been involved professionally (as karst consultants) in providing advice regarding cave and karst areas (usually tourism sites). As a group, our skills and expertise vary greatly – however all members have an excellent understanding of the importance of karst and the need for best practice management and of the importance of Protected Areas.

I have regular requests for information and advice and use my networks to assist people interested in caves and karst around the world. I look forward to further communication and collaboration with other WCPA Specialist Groups and the IUCN.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- It would be excellent if I could attend the WCPA Steering Committee Meetings or even the IUCN World Conservation Congress – however I do not have the funds required for this travel and associated expenses. In the future, I hope to obtain funding to allow for this important goal.

Goal 2: Fostering the proper protection of important caves and karst areas

- This key goal has involved ongoing liaison and consultation with Individuals, Organisations and Countries regarding the protection of caves and karst systems around the world. Much of this occurs by electronic methods. However, I also write letters of support and comment regularly on management documents. In addition, I have had ongoing communication with CKSG members and discussion of cave and karst management issues. For example – liaison with Cave Managers regarding best practice techniques in tourist caves and consulting with European members regarding International Show Cave Guidelines, and a petition against the trade of speleothems.

Goal 3: Advising land managers and others on problems in managing karst areas

The activities this year have included the provision of advice to countries that includes Australia, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia, Vietnam, China and Europe. I attended a specialist meeting in Vietnam and met with Managers of karst protected areas and World Heritage sites. I liaised with the Vice-chair WCPA (Pan-Europe) regarding nomination of European karst specialists as focal points for the CKSG. I have continued to provide support and advice to CKSG members in several countries.

More specific inquiries included liaison with the Co-chair IUCN Bat Specialist Group regarding a query in relation to the proposed revision of the Guidelines for Cave and Karst Protection (1997). I have also had queries regarding karst in Africa, Asia and Europe – and have been able to provide much needed advice and collaboration.

Goal 4: Providing advice on the assessment of sites for World Heritage listing on behalf of IUCN and in keeping with its advisory role to the World Heritage Convention

Whilst I have not been invited to be involved in any assessments regarding karst areas nominated for World Heritage Listing – I have been involved in a small request regarding the “Review & Comment on the State Party report for a World Heritage area” (Malaysia). I also attended a specialist meeting in Vietnam and Malaysia – both of which are World Heritage sites

Goal 5: • Fostering international co-operation and liaison on issues in cave and karst protection or management.

I have responded to queries in relation to cave and karst protection and management issues. This includes involvement in reviewing and commenting on a draft document following request from the IUCN-Holcim Expert Panel - feedback regarding considerations for karst in Holcim mining activities. There has been ongoing liaison with Karst Organisations - ISCA (International Show Caves Association), ACKMA (Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association) and UIS (International Union of Speleology). I have attended several Conferences and undertaken presentations - the Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association (ACKMA Annual General Meeting week -Malaysia April 2010), UNESCO Geoparks Conference (Presentation of a “paper” on the CKSG at this conference in Malaysia, April 2010) and the Geotourism Conference (Malaysia, April 2010).

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

The Caves and Karst Specialist Group consists of a number of karst specialists around the world. There has been no impact of any changes to either regional structure or to theme structure. This is as, regardless of country or region – our group operates to provide support, advice and liaison regarding cave and karst protection and management around the world. As seen in the “Terms of Reference” and “goals” for the group – the CKSG is slowly growing and members are involved in many issues and located in a number of countries. In the future, I hope that there can be more linkages between other Commissions and working together on significant projects.

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

Membership of the Caves and Karst Specialist Group is diverse – both in age range and gender composition. The recruitment of new members to the group is ongoing. As a result of both networks and communication, there are a number of karst professionals around the world that will join the Specialist Group in the next year. The science of speleology is broad and comprehensive and there are many different specialties and interests within the field of cave and karst protection.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- The IUCN has identified the core program area as being “conserving biodiversity” and this overarching goal fits well with the goals of the Caves and Karst Specialist Group. Much of the advice

and consultation regarding cave management and karst protection involves the need to conserve biodiversity. At an International level there is a greater awareness of the importance of karst systems as habitats for biodiversity and of the importance of biodiversity conservation. Likewise, karst systems play an important role for human wellbeing – particularly in the provision and storage of water in the environment.

The thematic program areas identified by the IUCN are:

Conserving Biodiversity--

- *changing the climate forecast
- *naturally energizing the future
- *managing ecosystems for human wellbeing
- *greening the world economy

All of these values are part of sustainable ecosystem management and the Caves and Karst Specialist Group’s goals of educating people about the significance of karst systems, and in providing advice regarding the proper management of karst areas, involves a whole of systems approach. Likewise, the role of the CKSG is to influence standards and practices – this may be in relation to the protection of a significant karst area, or the management of a tourist cave. Thus, the CKSG and its members play an important role in environmental management and in biodiversity conservation.

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

Publications:

- There have been no formal IUCN caves/karst publications released in the last 12 months – although several CKSG members are involved in starting a review of the IUCN Cave and Karst Guidelines. Other members are interested in translating the Guidelines into other languages, which would be most beneficial.

Presentations:

- As noted elsewhere in this report - I made a presentation to the International Geotourism Conference in Malaysia (regarding the CKSG) and also provided advice in Vietnam.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Whilst I have not contributed to IUCN publications/communication – I have submitted several articles to the ACKMA Journal (Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association). I also was invited to write a chapter in an International text on Geotourism (published during 2010).

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

- I have not personally been involved in any assessments or evaluations in the last year. I hope to have more time to commit to the role from 2012 and look forward to the opportunity to be involved further in this regard.

I did however, participate in an International expert panel discussion regarding cave and karst management in Vietnam in June 2010. I was invited in my role as Leader/Chair of the Caves and Karst Specialist Group – to contribute to the World Biodiversity day event in the Dong Hoi Quang Binh Province. This was a part of the Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park and World Heritage area project. I was able to contribute, network and liaise with local people. The trip was supported by GTZ and I was fortunate to be able to visit the tourist caves as part of the event. I hope to be able to return and to continue to assist in much needed improvement to the cave management and local practices.

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)*

N/A

Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
N/A
Funding proposals in the pipeline
I anticipate seeking funding and sponsorship for several projects. This would include the much needed funds to allow me to attend key IUCN/WCPA events and International conferences – to represent the IUCN but also to provide information, education and advice to people regarding caves and karst.
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011
Goal 1: Obtain funding to enable attendance at the WCPA Steering Committee Meeting and other important Cave/Karst related Conferences/Meetings.
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Goal 2: Continue to Liaise and Consult with Individuals, Organisations and Countries regarding the protection of caves and karst systems around the world.
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Goal 3: Have direct involvement in providing advice and assessment for nominations regarding World Heritage Areas.
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Goal 4: Facilitating Greater communication within the Caves and Karst Specialist Group – including establishing an internal newsletter
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Goal 5: Develop a comprehensive proposal for funding for the CKSG - to enhance communication exchange and learning.
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Goal 6: To attend the ACKMA Conference during 2011 and to facilitate a meeting with other CKSG members in attendance.
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<p>The year has gone by fast and there is always much to do. As a volunteer it is always a challenge to be able to find enough time to ensure my role in achieving the group’s goals and Terms of Reference. I am currently pursuing a profession which I anticipate will allow me to work part-time – this will allow me to focus more time and energy to the organisation and management of the Caves and Karst Specialist Group. My recommendations and goals include being able to seek much needed financial support so that I can meet other WCPA members and to be able to visit caves and karst systems around the world.</p> <p>Many CKSG members are busy professionals and often difficult to contact. I plan to establish a regular meeting schedule so that CKSG members can communicate and liaise in relation to their (and the CKSG) activities. I have begun to compile articles and items for an internal newsletter to assist in greater information provision and networking amongst the CKSG. There are many challenges in karst management and I anticipate that our role will continue to be important within the WCPA and the IUCN.</p> <p>I look forward to meeting you all and to working together for the future.</p> <p>Thanks, Jay</p>

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

TASK FORCE: FRESHWATER

YOUR NAME: HARRY BIGGS

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCPA (and Parks Forum) lecture and workshop tour of Australia which included freshwater experts and some freshwater-specific issues • Attendance at first African STRP of Ramsar Convention • Publication of river adaptive management paper and pending completion of brochure for freshwater managers
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
<p>Goal 1: Provide clarity with respect to the application of the IUCN definition of a protected area and its categories to freshwater ecosystems and how this ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This goal was substantively achieved in 2009 and reported on. However, because of suggested future improvements, it is kept on this list
<p>Goal 2: Advise on protected area measures for actions 1.2.4 and 1.2.6, and Goal 1.2 generally, in the Programme of Work on Biological Diversity of Inland Water Ecosystems ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress is unsatisfactory. Two steps towards this were however achieved. Michele Thieme's Global River Gap Analysis product was brought to the attention of CBD COP delegates at Nagoya at a side event; and Harry Biggs attended the first Ramsar African STRP in Johannesburg – Ramsar are the implementing agency for the POWPA freshwater components
<p>Goal 3: Ensure that freshwater-focused protected areas (eg. wild or heritage rivers, fisheries reserves, Ramsar sites, etc) are integrated into relevant systems, such as the World Database on Protected Areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This goal is intentionally passive, following recognition at the members' meeting in 2009 that it would take two years or longer to allow software products and layers to achieve greater coverage and utility, to make broader integration initiatives worthwhile. Preliminary contact was made with WDPA. Certain members are following progress of layers and products to decide on appropriateness and timing of any possible interventions by our group. Harry Biggs facilitated a CI meeting on aquatic KBAs in the Zambezi and other major river basins of southern-central Africa, an initiative developing and bring such layers (including those from IUCN's Freshwater Biodiversity Unit) closer together
<p>Goal 4: Produce advice on the adequate management of freshwater ecosystems within protected area systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant progress was made on this goal. A brochure started at the inception of this group, and which has received multiple reworks, and benefitted from developments in this area, is now nearing completion under the leadership of Richard Kingsford. A peer-reviewed paper backing the brochure content and rationale was accepted by Biological Conservation.
<p>Goal 5: Advise on measures needed to conserve and restore connectivity necessary for the health of freshwater ecosystems in protected areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apart from a proposed paper on free-flowing rivers being led by Jamie Pittock, little has been achieved on this goal, but it is believed necessary to retain it because of its high amenability for leverage by a group such as this

<p>Goal 6: Promote enhanced collaboration between IUCN WCPA and other freshwater protected area practitioners, eg. in the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical progress was made in this regard partly because through Harry Biggs’s attendance of Ramsar African STRP, his involvement with CI’s new interests in freshwater southern/central Africa, and his month-long WCPA lecture and workshop study tour in Australia (only about 20% of this was focused specifically on freshwater yet almost every audience or group had freshwater folk). In addition, advice was given to several incoming requests e.g. carbon status of peat wetlands; global listing of protected rivers. The Species Survival Commission is busy establishing a new Freshwater sub-committee and I have been in contact with Topiltzin Contreras to whom I have supplied what I believe will be useful information
<p>ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes were made to the organization during 2010, although a slightly modified list of goals is available for 2011, more in line with where we find ourselves now, as discussed between members.
<p>MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Chinese members indicated willingness to host a meeting of the closely allied and informal “Skukuza Freshwater Group” in 2011. No further changes were made during 2010 and there is a real need to concentrate on recruiting younger members, and to activate South American linkages.
<p>INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did examine this in detail in Somerset West in 2009, and there were major overlap areas. Can explicate this again in detail if required.
<p>COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i></p> <p>Publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kingsford, R.T., et al. Strategic Adaptive Management in freshwater protected areas and their rivers. Biol. Conserv. (2010), doi:10.1016/j.biocon.2010.09.022 <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry Biggs utilized a set of about 5 base presentations for his Australian lecture tour, all of which were made available to all attendees. <p>Contributions to media, website, newsletter</p> <p>Provided a short newsflash for the Sept IUCN news update on Miombo-Mopane Freshwater Priority Areas</p> <p>Many of our members contributed to the new book in the CEMEX Conservation series as released in late 2010: Freshwater the essence of life.</p>
<p>ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry Biggs’s Australian lecture and workshop tour, arranged in collaboration with the Parks Forum, can be considered a formal WCPA initiative headed up by Graeme Worboys but involving WCPA members from 6 regions.
<p>FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p> <p>Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i></p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i></p> <p>Not applicable</p> <p>Funding proposals in the pipeline</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
<p>GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i></p> <p>Goal 1: Expand in easily practicable ways the contributions (which started with context of IUCN category</p>

guidelines relative to freshwater needs) which further support application of these freshwater PA guidelines e.g. with core annotated bibliography and basic guideline pointers required in such application
Goal 2: Support Programme of Work on Biological Diversity of Inland Water Ecosystems as per CBD, recognising that Ramsar act as implementing agency. This includes recommendations in the face of climate change, promoting appreciation of environmental flows by PA communities, and identification and designation of a representative network of PAs, considering freshwater components thereof.
Goal 3: Endorse and promote the Global Freshwater Conservation Assessment Project lead by the Freshwater Working Group (FWWG) of SCB
Goal 4: Promote integration of information w.r.t. freshwater components of PAs. This includes working towards mapping of wetlands at different scales, and towards comprehensive Wiki-type catchment-scale information layers. "Working towards" may initially imply demonstration prototypes.
Goal 5: Remain involved with ongoing development of adaptive management and adaptive governance guidelines as being released (we are looking at CBD as possible distribution outlet, plus a website at the Australian Wetlands and Rivers Centre, Sydney).
Goal 6: Produce guidelines and publications on promotion of connectivity in freshwater systems
Goal 7: Promote increasingly representative and effective collaboration between players in the PA-freshwater domain
Goal 8: Distribute above products effectively within IUCN and more broadly.
Goal 9: Function as emergent expert/specialist panel on PA-related freshwater issues
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harry Biggs set himself the target of more involvement as an alternative to resignation (not as member but as co-ordinator) and achieved this partly. He would nevertheless be happy to hand over to a competent person with more travel time available and assist this person behind the scenes • Harry also wishes to investigate social networking options as a more engaging medium; I feel what has been achieved in 2010 is more the result of small two or three-person collaborations rather than effective overall functioning of the group (?).

7 GOVERNANCE STRATEGIC DIRECTION REPORTS

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS

ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE

STRATEGIC DIRECTION VICE CHAIR: TILCEPA

NIGEL CRAWHALL

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010

Social Assessment, Management Effectiveness, Rights & Participation

- Joint TILCEPA-PAEL workshop in Bangkok, 18-19 February 2010;
- English language SAPA-PAME publication released in April 2010;
- SAPA-PAME Publication launch at CBD SBSTTA 14, Nairobi along with IIED new SAPA publication;
- IUCN Southern African conference on transboundary conservation and social policy, at Golden Gate National Park, South Africa – April 2010;
- Contribution by a number of TILCEPA members to the 2010 Policy Matters on rights issues;
- TILCEPA / CEESP facilitation of Stream B (Bio-cultural Heritage) at the IUCN CEESP Sharing Power Conference, Whakatane, New Zealand, 11-15 January 2011

Governance Toolkit

- Neema Pathak-Broome & team have prepared CD for Governance training toolkit;
- Feedback and meeting at SBSTTA 14 and CBD COP10;

Biome specific-Social Policy Specialist Groups

- Marine Protected Areas / Locally Managed Marine Areas Specialist Group TOR drafted in cooperation with WCPA Marine and fishworkers advocacy groups;
- Mountain Connectivity & Transboundary social policy Specialist Group TOR drafted in cooperation with WCPA Mountain and CSVPA;
- CEESP SC requests a 3rd Specialist Group on Drylands / Sub-humid Protected Areas Social Policy
- Dialogue with ICIMOD, Mountain Partnership and WCPA and emails with TILCEPA members;

World Heritage Sites

- Meetings in July 2011 in Geneva and Gland with IUCN Secretariat on WHS procedures and issues about community rights, governance and livelihoods in relation to Natural WHS applications and reviews;
- Formal TILCEPA submissions to IUCN on Ngorongoro Crater WHS (UR of Tanzania) and Tri-National Sangha WHS application (CAR, Cameroon & Congo Republic);
- Correspondence on Papahānaumoku WHS Hawai'i issues and Himalayan / Nepalese WHS process and rights;

ICCAs / Sacred Natural Sites

- ICCA Consortium legally formalised in July 2011;
- ICCA and SNS side-events at CBD SBSTTA 14 & COP10;
- ICCA Workshop and planning meeting in Japan at time of COP10 & vision and action plan 2010-2011
- IUCN CEESP Briefing Note on ICCAs (*Strengthening what works*) and main lessons learned document (72 pages) *Bio-cultural diversity conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities* produced in three languages and delivered at SBSTTA and COP 10
- ICCA Consortium's General Assemblies held at EMRIP II, COP 10 and Whakatane Conference -- Statutes revised in January 2011

CBD PoWPA lobbying

- TILCEPA-PAEL recommendations to SBSTTA 14 on Social Assessment (text included by CBD parties);
- ICCA text adopted by SBSTTA and COP10;

- Written review by TILCEPA of the IUCN HQ submission on PoWPA to CBD COP10 (governance, equity, social assessment, ICCAs / non-State actors, benefit sharing, UNDRIP);
- Recommendation sent to WCPA on PoWPA social policy implementation ahead of VIth World Parks Congress, 2012 – more need to follow this up from CEESP and TILCEPA;

COP17 & Rio+20 Preparations

- ICIMOD / WCPA participation in Bhutan regional climate meeting, October 2011;
- Workshops and planning with Southern African Faith Environmental Institute and SADC Church Councils on COP17 preparations;
- Dialogue with IUCN Asia Regional Office and International Network of Engaged Buddhists on responses to climate change and environment – conference scheduled for 2012;

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- Neither co-Chair attended the last WCPA SC; participated in 2011 CEESP SC.

Goal 2: Lobby CBD Parties and stakeholders to implement Element 2 of PoWPA

- Work with International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and CBD Alliance to promote awareness of TILCEPA / IUCN strategy on Protected Areas social policy;
- Publish TILCEPA report on SAPA-PAME;
- Participate in SAPA IIED / WCMC publication launch at SBSTTA 14;

Goal 3: Promote appropriate tools and methodologies to assist with PA social policy, in line with CBD, UN standards and Durban Accord

- SAPA-PAME workshop in Bangkok and subsequent publication;
- Review of SAPA task force mandate and TOR;
- Written review and promotion of Governance toolkit
- Inter-Commission working group on UNDRIP and indigenous rights, dialogue with Forest Peoples Programme, Whakatane, 11-15 January 2011

Goal 4: Strengthen cooperation between TILCEPA and CSVPA / ICCA Consortium

- Regular correspondence with CSVPA and ICCA Consortium (Face to face meetings in Nairobi and Nagoya);
- Policy dialogue with constituencies
- Meeting with Alliance of Religions and Conservation on SNS and TILCEPA

Goal 5: Contribute to social policy and equity issues in relation to the WCPA WHS

- Review of African WHS cases;
- Written response to Ngorongoro Crater review & Tri-National Sangha nomination
- Meetings with staff on WHS social policy procedures, norms and standards

Goal 6: Design a new strategy and structure for TILCEPA to increase policy influence and impact

- Drafted 8 structures proposal at Nairobi SBSTTA 14
- Revised to a 4 structure proposal;
- CEESP SC agreement on 3 biome Specialist Groups + SAPA / PAEL and Governance Toolkit TF;
- Consultations with NGOs and civil society at SBSTTA 14 and COP10;
- TOR drafted for Marine and Mountain Connectivity Social Policy SGs

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

- TILCEPA has designed 2 new Specialist groups (Marine and Mountain Connectivity);
- Efforts underway to strengthen the Social Assessment and Governance toolkits and policy teams;
- Name change formalized with CEESP (Theme on Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas)
- Co-chair resigned in June 2010

MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership is continually growing, with more emphasis on practitioners, social scientists and representatives of civil constituencies; • New membership management should improve transparency on geographic representativity. • Gender equity seems strong in TILCEPA, youth representation is likely weak.
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing interaction with staff (Social Policy, Marine, Development and WHS on integration of TILCEPA's mandate with quadrennial programme); • Written submission to Secretariat on key policy issues ahead of COP10; • Written submission to Secretariat via CEESP for mid-term planning review at HQ, January 2011
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protected Areas: Joint PAEL-TILCEPA workshop on Protected Areas Management Evaluation and Social Assessment of Protected Areas; IUCN / IPACC, 2010 (hard copy and online, English only) • Valuing Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Supplementing a Rights-Based Approach to Sustainability in Africa, in Policy Matters no. 17, 2010 • Electronic publication of CBD Alliance's 10 Top policy issues for COP 10, wrote, edited and facilitated Protected Areas contribution; • IUCN CEESP Briefing Note on ICCAs (<i>Strengthening what works</i>) and main lessons learned document (72 pages) <i>Bio-cultural diversity conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities</i> produced in three languages and delivered at SBSTTA and COP 10
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COP10 presentation on South African PA social policy; • COP10 contribution to Sacred Natural Sites workshop; • COP10 Youth workshop on WHS;
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated information on TILCEPA for websites; • Regular list-serv management and inputs / reports; • LinkedIn.com group established; • Media liaison for CBD Alliance on Protected Areas
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to IUCN on Tri-National Sangha World Heritage Site nomination, November 2010; • Contributions to IUCN HQ policy inputs for CBD COP10 – including PoWPA, ICCAs, Social Assessment and Sacred Natural Sites
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
See financial report
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
USD 11 500 from CEESP for the Bangkok workshop on SAPA-PAME in February 2010; USD 2000 from CEESP for database management until point of transfer.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congo Basin indigenous rights and protected areas workshop (WWF, WCS) • African pastoralists climate adaptation, traditional knowledge and meteorology workshop (UNESCO, WMO, CI)
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>

<p>Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend WCPA SC in Switzerland in April 2011; • Meet with IUCN staff on CIHR, WHS, climate change policy, SAPA & PAME • Meet with World Council of Churches on climate policy and negotiations; • Follow up meetings in UK with IIED and WCMC (SAPA), ARC (climate change and sacred sites), Rainforest Foundation and Forest Peoples' Programme (PAs and indigenous peoples rights)
<p>Goal 2: Work with other WCPA SGs / SDs on UNFCCC lobbying, linking PA social policy with climate change policy making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Asia regional meeting in Bhutan, October 2011 • Work with INEB and IUCN ARO on global Buddhist conference on biodiversity & climate change for 2012 • Attend Intersessional and COP17 (Durban) meetings of the UNFCCC; • Participate in IUCN / WCPA side events related to climate change as required
<p>Goal 3: Promote appropriate tools and methodologies to assist with PA social policy and PoWPA implementation, in line with CBD, UNDRIP, IUCN policy and 2003 Durban Accord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen effectiveness of SAPA task force in cooperation with TILCEPA (regular reporting, TOR, strategy document and funded activities / side events, publications); • Support and promote work of the TILCEPA task force on Governance toolkit, with option for running training courses in cooperation with CBD; • Work with Science and Capacity Building SDs on promoting PAME social policy and SAPA policy coherence and strategy ahead of WCC 2012; • Work with CBD Secretariat, GTZ, UNEP and UNDP to bring SAPA and PAME social policy capacity and methodologies into online training materials; • Organise workshops with SAPA and PAME specialists on filling PoWPA social policy gaps. • Work with IIED, WCMC and CARE to develop funding proposal to take SAPA forward into field testing phase
<p>Goal 4: Develop policy recommendations and standards for non-State Protected Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with CSVPA and other stakeholders on Sacred Natural Sites policy recommendations; • Work with ICCA Consortium, WCPA Capacity Building, Science and Categories SDs to provide guidelines on ICCAs and SNS ahead of COP11, in cooperation with CBD Secretariat and interested civil society constituencies
<p>Goal 5: IUCN adopts transparent procedures on WHS assessment and review that are in line with international norms and standards on human rights and rights of indigenous peoples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with WCPA VC-WH and IUCN staff to enhance the current IUCN guidance on natural WHS evaluation, highlighting issues of human rights and international norms and standards on the rights of indigenous peoples, as well as other necessary / recommended social policy instruments, such as governance description, access & benefit sharing protocols, norms on consent and consultation, conflict resolution procedures; • Work with WCPA VC-WH and IUCN staff on recommendations to IUCN World Heritage Programme and UNESCO WH Committee on the adoption of effective social policy standards within WHS nominations.
<p>Goal 6: Operationalise TILCEPA Specialist Groups on Social Policy and Marine PAs and Mountain Connectivity respectively; design TOR for Drylands PA SG.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise SG TOR; • Recruit SG Chairpersons for Marine & Mountain Connectivity; • Organise side-events at international / regional conferences on PAs and conservation;

- Consolidate partnerships, e.g. Mountain Partnership, Greenpeace, IIED
- Support SGs to produce strategy papers for WCC 2012 / Rio+20 / CBD COP11;
- Produce media on best practices, policy opportunities,
- Design integrated policy strategy and messaging for VIth WPC

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- WCPA needs a broader strategy and engagement on implementation of the PoWPA; in particular there is no funding now behind the PAME research team or the SAPA methodology work – both need to be ramped up ahead of COP11 and VIth WPC.
- WHS process and expert input on social policy and human rights needs greater attention from IUCN – the relationship between the Commissions and Secretariat need to be reviewed and the procedures defined and shared with Regional Offices, Commissions, Members and UN agencies
- Put more energy into the Inter-Commission task force on culture and conservation

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
CITIES AND PROTECTED AREAS SPECIALIST GROUP**

TED TRZYNA, CHAIR

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

For detailed information about this specialist group, please visit [www. InterEnvironment.org/pa](http://www.InterEnvironment.org/pa). The WCPA Cities and Protected Areas Specialist Group is concerned with the many connections between nature conservation and urban people, urban places, and urban institutions. We use the word “cities” to embrace all kinds of larger human settlements and all sorts of urban actors, not only city governments.

We emphasize the value of protected areas in and near cities. However, because our SG is the main locus of urban work in IUCN’s six commissions, we are also examining the urban dimensions of IUCN’s activities across the board. The year 2010 saw a step forward in this regard, with an invitation to draft language on urban matters for IUCN’s overall 2013-2016 Programme.

In addition, the SG made progress in the fields of urban protected areas; control of light pollution; biosphere reserves in an urban context; building an IUCN community around urban themes; and informing the members of that community and other IUCN leaders about news, events, resources, and opportunities related to cities and conservation.

We work as much as possible in cooperation with other organizations that have similar or complementary goals. We publicize their activities, respond to requests for participation in their events, carry out joint activities, and provide comments on their policy and technical documents. Examples of such cooperation are given below.

The secretariat for the SG is provided by InterEnvironment Institute, an IUCN member since 1980 that is based in California, USA. Since mid-2010, the SG Chair and his office have been in the process of moving to a different city. This has taken much more time than anticipated and has handicapped SG operations.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

SG Chair Ted Trzyzna attended the meeting, held in June at Hinton, near Jasper National Park in Alberta, Canada.

Goal 2: Goal 2: Implement IUCN Resolution WCC 3.063, “Cities and Conservation.”

This 2003 Resolution, which came out of the SG’s work and a Recommendation of the Durban World Parks Congress, calls for IUCN to give systematic consideration to urban dimensions of conservation, including in its quadrennial Programme.

In 2010, SG Chair Ted Trzyzna continued a dialogue with IUCN Director Julia Marton-Lefèvre and other IUCN leaders about implementation of the resolution. In December, at an IUCN members’ meeting in San Francisco, the DG asked him to submit draft language on urban matters for the next (2013-2016) Programme. At the same meeting, IUCN President Ashok Khosla expressed support for IUCN giving more attention to urban matters.

Goal 3: Promote, study, and exchange experience about urban protected areas as a distinct type of protected area.

The SG’s Working Group on Urban Protected Areas is co-chaired by Pedro da Cunha e Menezes, Brazilian Ministry of External Relations; Brett Myrdal, South African National Parks; and Glen Hyman, Institut d’études politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po).

BiodiverCities 2010 conference. The SG was a leading partner in the BiodiverCities 2010 conference, held at Sciences-Po, Paris, from 6-8 September. Organized by SG members Glen Hyman and Louise Lézy-Bruno, and with the participation of SG Deputy Chair Pedro de Cunha e Menezes, this event

brought together 60 researchers and practitioners to examine the interdependence of cities and protected areas. In addition to 20 paper presentations, roundtable discussions brought together city leaders and park managers from each of the four Urban Protected Areas Network sites mentioned above. A key lesson from the event is that PAs in cities represent a clear “urban exception,” and that such PAs require different strategies and approaches than those customarily used in wilder settings. Conference results will be posted at www.BiodiverCities.net.

Urban Protected Areas Network. In 2010, the SG became a partner of the Urban Protected Areas Network based at the Université de Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense and supported by the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS, the French National Center for Scientific Research) and the French Ministry of Ecology. The network, led by SG member Louise Lézy-Bruno, is commissioning extensive social-science research on the management and use of four urban protected areas in the global South: Nairobi NP in Kenya; Sanjay Gandhi NP in Mumbai, India; Table Mountain NP in Cape Town, South Africa; and Tijuca NP in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Learning partnerships: “Living on the Edge.” For students in the masters of public affairs program at Sciences-Po, SG Deputy Chair Glen Hyman began convening a series of applied research projects (“Capstones”) entitled “Living on the Edge.” The pilot project, 2009-2010, conducted in cooperation with SG member Brett Myrdal of South African National Parks, brought a team of advanced graduate students to Cape Town and produced an Atlas of Aims, Effects, Synergies, and Contradictions of Urban and Park Policy. For 2010-2011, in cooperation with the Kenya Wildlife Service and the Forest Department of the Indian state of Maharashtra, similar work is underway respectively in Nairobi NP and Sanja Gandhi NP (Mumbai). Lessons learned from these projects will contribute to the volume on urban Pas in the WCPA Best Practice Guidelines series (see 2011 goals, below).

“Growing Together.” A 156-page full-color book, *Growing Together: Thinking and Practice of Urban Nature Conservators*, was issued in late 2010 by the Cape Flats Nature partnership of the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI). Billed as a contribution to the work of the Cities SG, WCPA, and IUCN, it was produced by a team that included several SG members, notably Tanya Layne of SANBI, and benefited from comments from other SG members. SG Chair Ted Trzyzna wrote a back-cover endorsement: “Although this handbook focuses on Cape Town, the powerful community-building approach to urban nature conservation that it describes can be used anywhere in the world.” The book is online (go to the link at www.InterEnvironment.org/pa). Cape Town has been a focus of SG activity.

“The Manager.” This short film (14 minutes) also comes out of Cape Town, and is one of a series that profiles CareTakers of South African biodiversity. The “Manager” is Asieff Khan, an enthusiastic young municipal conservationist whose task is to manage the False Bay Ecology Park, an area containing a proclaimed nature reserve, a public aquatic recreation area, and a large sewerage works. The park is surrounded by clusters of dense, low-income urban communities, plagued by the usual curses of unemployment, drugs, and crime. It is Asieff’s vision to find the points of convergence between protection of nature and its restorative power for city dwellers. The film was directed and co-produced by George Davis of SANBI, a Deputy Chair of the SG. It was inspired in part by the SG and is seen as a contribution to its work. It may be viewed at www.caretakers.co.za.

Goal 4: Reduce light pollution in and around natural areas

The SG’s Dark Skies Advisory Group is chaired by David Welch (Canada). The group contributed to an article on light pollution and biological systems for the Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability. It started a world list of dark sky parks, which is posted on the group’s Web site, www.dsag.darkskeyparks.org. This unofficial list is an inventory of protected areas which have specific rules about light pollution.

Goal 5: Explore links between the biosphere reserve concept and urban areas.

The SG’s Working Group on the Biosphere Concept and Urban Areas is chaired by Peter Frost (Countryside Council for Wales, UK). The working group’s activities mostly involved information exchange among its members and information gathering on the increasingly fragmented set of international networks involved with the promotion of biodiversity in human settlements. SG Deputy Chair Glen Hyman was particularly active in this respect, representing us at a side event at

the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro.

A briefing was prepared for the chair of the UNESCO UK Man and the Biosphere Urban Forum in advance of his attendance at the World Expo held in Shanghai in October for a three-day International Symposium on Urban Futures and Human and Ecosystem Wellbeing. This event was sponsored by UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (UNESCO-MAB), the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE).

It was hoped that this event could lead to greater coordination among initiatives such as UNESCO-MAB, the URBIO Network focused on the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, the URBIS initiative of UNESCO's New York office, and ICLEI-LAB, but further work will be required before there is any prospect of this happening.

The BiodiverCities conference mentioned above included a site visit to the Fontainebleau and Gâtinais Biosphere Reserve near Paris.

At the Healthy Parks Healthy People conference held by Parks Victoria in Melbourne in April, SG member Glen Hyman presented a paper on the connections between biosphere reserves and urban areas. Peter Frost and Glen Hyman saw the publication of a chapter, "Urban Areas and the Biosphere Reserve Concept," in The Routledge Handbook of Urban Ecology.

In addition to the biosphere reserve concept in the strict sense and the meetings noted above, topics on which information was exchanged included: the Ottawa Biosphere Eco-City (BEC) initiative, which completed its one-year pilot study in March and sent an evaluation report to UNESCO, local authorities, and urban protected areas; the importance of contact with nature in the development of the desire to conserve it; and the role of urban green space in local climate amelioration.

Goal 6: Continue a theme on cities in Mediterranean-type ecosystems

An advisory group on this theme is led by Ted Trzyna and Joseph T. Edmiston (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California Natural Resources Agency). There was no specific activity in 2010, except for giving special attention to urban areas in such ecosystems. (However, see 2011 goals, below.)

Goal 7: Build an IUCN community around urban themes and inform the IUCN family about urban matters.

See below under Communication, and Integration with IUCN Programme.

Goal 8. Build relationships with other international organizations concerned with biodiversity and with urban affairs.

In 2010, emphasis was on the following:

- CBD Secretariat. The SG provided urban language for the strategic plan of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity through the IUCN Secretariat. SG Deputy Chair John Davidson participated in monthly teleconferences of the CBD Secretariat's Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity; and Katy Kintzele (Center for Humans and Nature, Chicago) represented the SG at CBD COP-10, held in October in Nagoya, Japan.
- UNESCO World Heritage Centre. SG Chair Ted Trzyna continued providing comments on documents regarding UNESCO's Historic Urban Landscapes initiative.
- European Parliament. IUCN was represented by SG Deputy Chair John Davidson at a European Parliament meeting in Brussels, to which he made a presentation on sustainable development and climate change.
- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. Glen Hyman is the SG's liaison with ICLEI's Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) project. In that capacity, he was appointed to LAB's Technical Committee and met with ICLEI leaders at their office in Cape Town and at the WUF conference in Rio de Janeiro. There are references to cooperation with other international organizations throughout this report.

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

The SG's leadership consists of Ted Trzyna, Chair (InterEnvironment Institute, California, USA), a former IUCN Councillor and commission chair; and four Deputy Chairs: Pedro da Cunha e Menezes, a Brazilian diplomat and former manager of Tijuca National Park in Rio de Janeiro, currently his country's Consul in Cape Town, South Africa; John Davidson (UK), InterClimate Network, London, a former IUCN deputy commission chair; George Davis, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Cape Town; and Glen Hyman of the Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po).

SG leadership also includes those listed under specific categories above. In addition, the SG's core team includes such prominent conservationists as Adrian Phillips, a former WCPA Chair; and Jeff McNeely,

IUCN Senior Science Advisor.

In 2010, Glen Hyman, based in Paris, was appointed the SG's focal point for the Pan-Europe Region of WCPA. He was also appointed SG liaison to the Local Action for Biodiversity project of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.

This SG has been regarded as an exploratory, cross-cutting effort and thus changes in WCPA region/theme structure would seem not to apply.

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

As of 31 December 2010, the SG had 101 members from 31 countries and five intergovernmental organizations. Countries represented included three in Africa, six in Asia, eleven in Europe, seven in Latin America and the Caribbean, two in North America, and two in Oceania. The intergovernmental organizations were UNESCO, UN World Tourism Organization, World Bank, Council of Europe, and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme.

As agreed at the 2010 WCPA steering committee meeting, the SG includes people who are not members of WCPA.

The cross-cutting nature of this SG requires that it include representatives of many professions and kinds of organizations, as well as geographic areas.

There is a deliberate bias toward appointing SG members from countries and urban areas that are evolving as SG focal points, which so far include cities in Australia, Brazil, France, India, Kenya, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Youth and gender are taken into consideration in appointing SG members and giving them responsibility. In 2010, in terms of youth, an SG member in his early thirties was appointed an SG Deputy Chair, and three others in the same age group, including two women, were appointed to the SG. In terms of gender, women represent 30% of the membership. We can do better in both categories and will strive to do so.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

As noted above under Goal 2, urban matters are not specifically included in the current IUCN quadrennial Programme. The SG has been working with IUCN leaders to ensure that an urban dimension will be included in the 2013-2016 IUCN Programme.

In late 2009 and early 2010, SG Chair Ted Trzyna (himself a former IUCN commission chair), with advice from chairs of other IUCN commissions, appointed a small number of their members to join the SG. So far, this has had mixed results.

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

IUCN Urban List. The SG Chair and others sent 82 messages to a listserv called the IUCN Urban List. The list consists of SG members, as well as other key people in IUCN and other networks. The messages were about events, resources, and opportunities related to cities and conservation, as well as about SG activities. Each message is about a single subject. We believe this has distinct advantages over issuing a periodic e-mail newsletter, in that recipients are able to see quickly what a message is about and forward it to those in their own networks who might be interested. There is much evidence that this is happening.

Responding to requests for information. The leadership responded to numerous requests for information and connected SG members and others individually with people and information resources related to their work.

Publications: There were no printed publications issued in 2010.

Presentations:

Contributions to media, website, newsletter In 2010, the SG's Web pages had over 78,000 pageviews, an improvement over the 60,000 pageviews reported for 2009. The Web pages are continually revised and added to

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

- Other than the presentation to a European Parliament meeting noted above, none, assuming this is defined as assignments on behalf of IUCN as a whole or the IUCN Secretariat

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)*

Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
In 2010, all SG activities were supported by individual SG members or by their organizations.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting(s).
SG Chair Ted Trzyna plans to attend the meeting(s).
Goal 2: Attend national and regional meetings to prepare for the 2012 World Conservation Congress in the Republic of Korea.
IUCN national committees and regional and country offices will be holding meetings during 2011 at which a major agenda item will be the quadrennial IUCN Programme to be discussed and voted on at the 2012 Congress. SG members will be encouraged to participate in these meetings and urge that urban elements drafted by the SG be included in the Programme.
Goal 3: Hold SG regional meetings and consultations
In 2011, there are tentative plans to hold SG meetings in Cape Town, South Africa, and California, USA; and meetings or consultations in the United Kingdom.
Goal 4: Implement IUCN Resolution WCC 3.063, "Cities and Conservation," revise SG terms of reference, and produce an SG work plan.
Strong urban elements will be submitted for inclusion in the draft 2013-2016 IUCN Programme, after consultation within the SG and WCPA and with other IUCN commissions, Secretariat staff, and selected IUCN member organizations. This language will center on IUCN's core purposes and roles. It will emphasize cooperation with other organizations and facilitation of cooperation among them. These elements will, in turn, result in draft revised terms of reference for the SG and, as time allows during the year, a more detailed work plan for the SG (such plan to leave room to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition, the idea of the IUCN Council appointing one or more IUCN senior advisors on urban affairs will be raised with WCPA and IUCN leadership
Goal 5: Promote, study, and exchange experience about urban protected areas as a distinct type of protected area.
A main priority is producing a volume on urban protected areas, already authorized, in the WCPA Best Practice Guidelines series. Much has been accomplished toward this goal. Funding is required for small workshops, editorial work, and production. The SG will continue to cooperate closely with the two Paris-based initiatives described above. Sciences-Po, in addition to completing the "Living on the Edge" learning partnerships currently underway on urban PAs in Mumbai and Nairobi, will begin new projects on the Country Park system of Hong Kong and the Ejidos de Xochimilco y San Gregorio Atlapulco in Mexico City.
Goal 6: Reduce light pollution in and around natural areas.
The Dark Skies Advisory Group will respond to requests for advice related to light pollution and ecosystem conservation. It will continue to maintain and develop the world list of dark sky parks in cooperation with the International Dark Sky Association. It will continue cooperation with the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and the UNESCO Centre for the Canary Islands (Spain).
Goal 7: Explore links between the biosphere reserve concept and urban areas
This group aims to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to exchange information and to link actors involved in international initiatives concerned with promoting biodiversity in human settlements, with particular reference to the use of UNESCO-MAB's biosphere reserve concept; Investigate the potential for promoting formal liaison between key initiatives including UNESCO-MAB, URBIO, URBIS, ICLEI-LAB, and others which may form in the coming year; In the light of results achieved, make recommendations about the future of the working group and its activities.
Goal 8: Continue a theme on cities in Mediterranean-type ecosystems.

The SG will consider organizing a side-event on urban conservation at the MEDECOS conference to be held in California in late 2011. MEDECOS conferences, held every few years, bring together several hundred natural scientists whose work focuses on the world's five Mediterranean-type ecosystems. For background on the SG's work in this field, visit www.InterEnvironment.org/med-5.

Goal 9: Build an IUCN community around urban themes, inform the IUCN family about urban matters, and coordinate with other elements of WCPA.

- **IUCN Urban List.** This will be separated into two listserves, one for SG members and another for the larger IUCN family and other key contacts. The second list will be expanded. The SG Chair and others will continue to send our messages relevant to cities and conservation.
 - **Involving other commissions.** The effort to involve representatives of other commissions in the SG's work will be continued, for example, in engaging the Species Survival Commission in the work of the Dark Skies Advisory Group (regarding effects of light pollution on organisms) and working with the Commission on Ecosystem Management (of which the SG Chair is a member) on setting up an urban theme.
- Improve coordination with other units of WCPA: specialist groups, task forces, and regions.** The appointment in 2010 of an SG focal point for Pan-Europe was a step in this direction. The Cities SG and its purposes need to be better understood within the Commission.

Goal 10: Review and act on SG membership and make recommendations for WCPA membership.

- SG membership will be reviewed. The few inactive members will be removed and priority will be given to recruiting women and young people. On a very selective basis, SG members who have been most active and are not yet full members of WCPA will be recommended for such status.

Goal 11. Build relationships with other international organizations concerned with biodiversity and with urban affairs.

We will continue to work with the organizations mentioned above. In addition, we will approach a select number of other key organizations. The mapping exercise described below will help in selecting candidates.

Goal 12. "Map" who's doing what.

The SG Chair's organization, InterEnvironment Institute, will begin to compile an online guide to who's doing what in connecting nature conservation with urban people, urban places, and urban institutions. The guide, designed as a contribution to the work of the SG, will include international organizations and organizations in the focal countries mentioned above. InterEnvironment Institute has much experience in producing such surveys, including editing and publishing the *World Directory of Environmental Organizations* in cooperation with IUCN (1972-2001). We expect that this guide and the research for it will result in a broader range of urban connections for the SG, WCPA, and IUCN.

Goal 13. Explore connecting the SG's work more systematically to social agendas.

Several SG members have been pioneers in this field, including Judy Ling Wong of the UK (Black Environment Network), George Davis and Tanya Layne (SANBI), and Joseph Edmiston (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, USA).

Goal 14. Explore connecting the SG's work more systematically to the climate change adaptation agenda.

A number of SG members are involved in climate change adaptation matters, including SG Deputy Chair John Davidson, who founded and leads InterClimate Network

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IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
SPECIALIST GROUP: TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION

MAJA VASILJEVIC

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

After the transition of the Transboundary Protected Areas Task Force to a new Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group (TBC SG) (decision taken by the WCPA Steering Committee, 2009), and the then Co-chairs Trevor Sandwith and Charles Besançon deciding to pass the coordination of the Specialist Group to the current Chair (autumn 2009), 2010 was a year in which the new leadership worked primarily on the revival of the Specialist Group. Strategic Directions for the Group's work were finalized by the end of 2009 with the help of former Co-chairs, and the Group's mandate in 2010 and years to come was clear. The mission of the TBC SG is: *"To promote and encourage transboundary conservation for the conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values while promoting peace and co-operation among nations, through enhancing knowledge and capacity for effective planning and management of transboundary conservation areas, in fulfilment of the Durban Action Plan and CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas."*

One of the first tasks to do was to strengthen the TBC SG's management by establishing an Executive Committee, which would support transboundary conservation in each of WCPA regions. During the 2010, the primary selected members and/or functions of the Executive Committee changed slightly (full composition of the Executive Committee is given in the 'Organization' section below).

Throughout the year we have tried to enhance communication between our members and revive the already established listserv. Relevant information has been sent to all network members on the regular basis and members have been encouraged to communicate with each other using the listserv. Awareness of the members' work related to transboundary conservation has been enhanced by launching the TB eNEWS, an electronic newsletter prepared by the TBC SG. The TB eNEWS contains information sent to us by our members and thus is one of the key tools for sharing of information between the members and wider networks outside of the Group. The newsletter is prepared on a biannual basis and is uploaded regularly on www.tbpa.net. Much of the work on revision of this website has been done in 2010, thanks to the commitment of the Executive Committee members and wider TBC SG network that sent their contributions for the website (to be launched in 2011). Funding for graphic design of both TB eNEWS and the new website has been secured.

Membership was strengthened in some regions (more details in the 'Membership' section below) and a comprehensive membership database developed. This database is being updated regularly.

In 2010, we focused on strengthening communication between members, networking, and promotion of transboundary conservation approaches through various events. Key events are listed below in the section 'Presentations'. A good working relationship was established with IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe as several joint activities were performed or have started in 2010 (still ongoing). Some of our Executive Committee members engaged in communication with other potential partners,

such as Mike Schoon with the University of Montana, and Boris Erg with EUROPARC Federation (agreed to share information on a regular basis, discussing the potential for international certification process based on the EUROPARC's 'Following Nature Design' certification). Tanya Rosen and Michelle Lim initiated the process of developing a Transboundary Legal Resource Centre. Peter Shadie involved TBC SG in the international conference regarding the peaceful use of the Demilitarized Zone between the two Koreas, at which a *Framework for Action* was adopted. Olivier Chassot has been acting as a link between TBC SG and WCPA Mountains and Connectivity Theme, as was Larry Hamilton. In general, the TBC SG Chair would like to acknowledge the work of the Executive Committee, as well as the whole Specialist Group in promoting transboundary conservation and the TBC SG.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- The TBC SG Chair did not attend the 2010 WCPA SC due to funding restrictions.

Goal 2: Enhance information exchange through web-based modes of communication

- The first issue of the e-newsletter called TB eNEWS was released in March 2010, and the second in October 2010. TB eNEWS is prepared by the TBC SG, primarily based on the information sent to the Editor (TBC SG Chair) by TBC SG members. The Chair would like to acknowledge excellent work of our graphic designer, Imre Sebestyen.
- Revival of communication and information sharing via electronic tbpa listserv was successful during the year. In 2010, there were around 150 messages circulated via the listserv about resources, research undertaken by our members, events, and other relevant issues for transboundary conservation.

Goal 3: Establish and coordinate a Global Transboundary Conservation Network

- Prepared key documentation to be uploaded on the restructured and upgraded website www.tbpa.net in early 2011. The website will act as a Global Transboundary Conservation Network, containing key information relevant for transboundary conservation issues (e.g. documents, transboundary resolutions from congresses, case studies, etc.). TBC SG members worked hard on preparing their contributions for the website. Overall coordination is done by the TBC SG Chair.
- It is planned that within the Global Transboundary Conservation Network, TBC SG establishes a Transboundary Legal Resource Centre. Tanya Rosen (TBC SG Vice Chair) and Michelle Lim (University of New England, Australia) have undertaken coordination of this task. They have prepared a survey which will be distributed to our members in early 2011, and based on the results, it is planned to elaborate a project concept focusing on the development of legal set of tools. These will form part of a TB Legal Resource Centre in the future.

Goal 4: Strengthen TBC SG membership

- Membership increased for 70% since the beginning of 2010. Additionally, several members of TBC SG's wider network were suggested and applied for WCPA membership, which got approved. Detailed information is in the 'Membership' section.

Goal 5: Promote awareness of the value of transboundary conservation

- It is evident that transboundary conservation initiatives require sensitive approaches if they are to be successful. But apart from that, TBC has been a controversial issue in some parts of the world and in order to assess its real value, much more work needs to be done by TBC SG and organizations working in this field. Clearly, there are many positive examples of transboundary cooperation worldwide, whether having benefits for scientific research in the protected areas involved, or for social relations, or political stability. TBC SG Executive Committee team attended several events during 2010 and presented transboundary conservation practices, promoting such approach to nature conservation, and enhancing visibility of the Specialist Group and WCPA in general. For example, the SG Chair gave two keynote speeches in 2010, at the 17th GBIF's Science Symposium,

and the international conference on conservation and peaceful use of the Korean DMZ. More details on events attended can be found in the section 'Presentations'.

- TB eNEWS sent to various networks outside the TBC SG.

Goal 6: Explore opportunities for preparation of TB guidelines

Resources on transboundary conservation are not exhaustive and there is a strong need to offer new knowledge, assessments, methodologies and guidance to protected area practitioners and everyone else working with transboundary initiatives. Several areas where TBC SG could contribute have been detected in 2010:

- Guidelines on transboundary World Heritage Sites nominations and management. The SG Chair developed a project concept for the preparation of two guidelines, which is currently being discussed with IUCN and UNESCO.
- Guideline on transboundary marine protected areas. Dorothy Zbicz (TBC SG Regional Coordinator for North America and the Caribbean) is coordinating this activity.
- A standardized questionnaire to assess feasibility for transboundary cooperation. The SG Chair discussed preparation of this tool with Boris Erg (IUCN SEE) and it will likely be implemented in 2011.
- Methodology for monitoring transboundary sites is being assessed by Jamie McCallum (TBC SG Vice Chair).
- Best Practice guideline on Transboundary Protected Areas (TBPAs) revision. There is a need to work on this, but we have not yet started with the plans.

Goal 7: Upgrade the database on transboundary conservation complexes

- Continuous discussions with UNEP WCMC.
- Started the process of improving the database by initially collecting contacts of internationally adjoining protected area managers. Key coordinators for data collection in each region have been selected. More about this goal under the goals in 2011.

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

The TBC SG's leadership body consists of:

Chair: Maja Vasilijevic (Consultancy)

Vice Chairs: Michael Schoon (Arizona State University); Tatyana Rosen (Wildlife Conservation Society); Jamie McCallum (Transfrontier International Ltd.)

Senior Advisors: Trevor Sandwith (IUCN); Charles Besançon (UNEP WCMC); Peter Shadie (Odonata Consulting)

Regional Coordinators: Asia - Rahimatsah Amat (WWF); Europe - Boris Erg (IUCN), North Africa & West Asia - Saleh Dadjouy (Iranian Department of Environment); West & Central Africa - Andrew Dunn (Wildlife Conservation Society); East & South Africa - Leo Braack (Conservation International); North America & the Caribbean - Dorothy Zbicz (Consultancy); Central America - Olivier Chassot (Tropical Science Centre); South America - German Andrade (University of the Andes and Wetlands Foundation); Oceania - Ana Tiraa (Asian Institute of Technology).

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

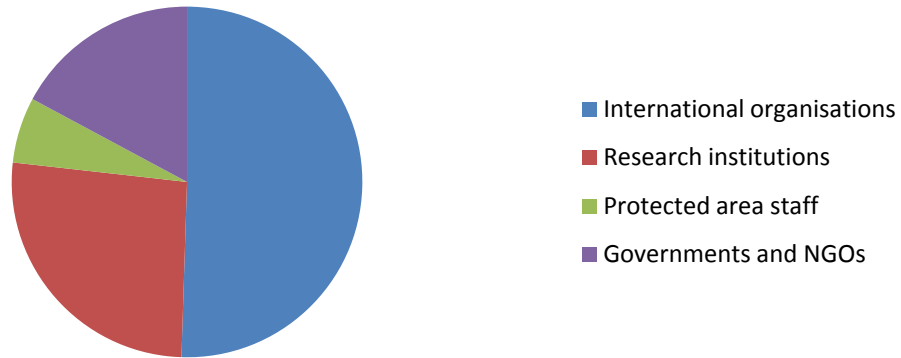
TBC SG currently has 198 members coming from 60 countries. 57% of TBC SG members are also WCPA members, while the others are part of a larger TBC SG network.

Since the beginning of 2010, our membership has increased for 70%. At the beginning of the year, we have initiated and developed a comprehensive membership database containing relevant contact information, professional affiliation and indication of particular field expertise related to transboundary conservation of each member. We have introduced a membership form as the only valid entry point into the TBC SG's network. As the Specialist Group distributes relevant information and maintains communication between its members via an electronic listserv, we have also reviewed the entire

membership and removed non-valid addresses from the listserv. The membership database is regularly being updated as new members join the Group. In October 2010, we have selected our member, Naomi Doak, to keep this database updated and welcome new members into the group providing relevant information. Based on the membership directory, the following statistical data is available:

- Membership by sectors. Half of our membership goes to international organizations, with research institutions having high percentage as well. More work needs to be done to reach protected areas staff.

Membership by sectors



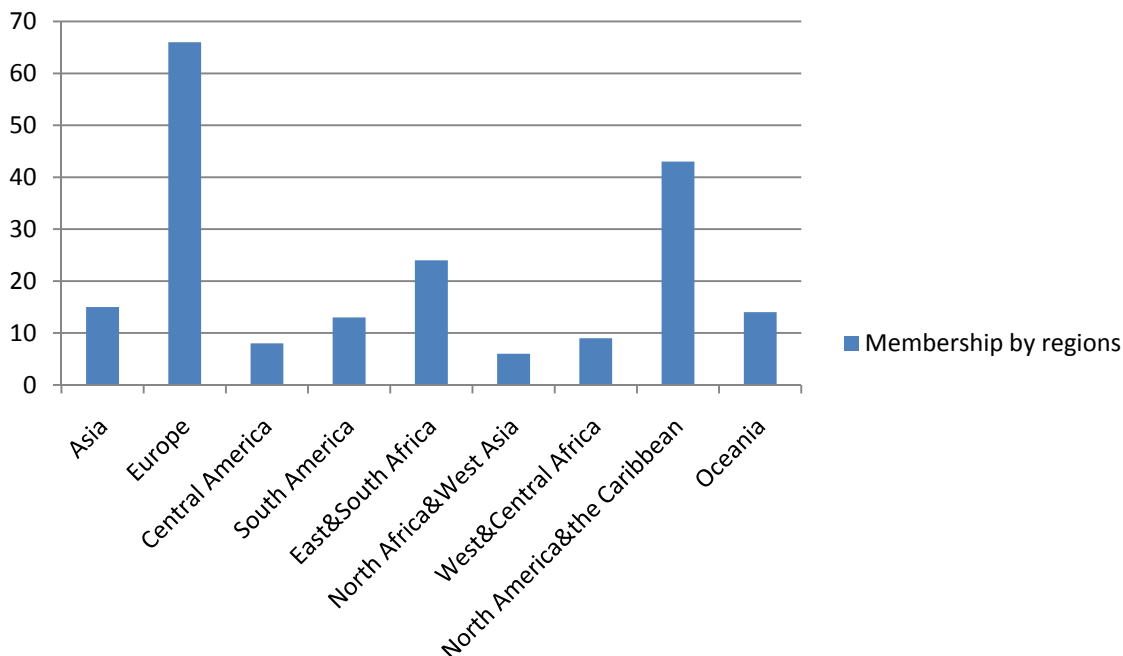
- Membership by gender. 66% of TBC SG's members are males, and 34% females.

Membership by gender



- Membership by regions. Clearly, members from Europe and North America & the Caribbean form the highest part of our membership (33% from Europe and 22% from North America). From the remaining seven regions, East & South African membership has 12%. Clearly, more effort is needed to strengthen the membership in the remaining regions, which will in 2011 be one of the primary tasks of the TBC SG's Executive Committee.

Membership by regions



- Membership by age. Our membership form does not include a category which would allow us to see how many youth members we have. However, by looking at how many members are enrolled in various University programmes (master or doctorate levels) we could suppose that at least 20% of our members are below age of 35.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

Transboundary conservation initiatives are normally established in protected areas and as such conform to all relevant aspects of PA planning and management. TBC SG promotes participatory approaches in the TBC processes. Moreover, by spanning political boundaries and being managed in a cooperative manner, Transboundary Conservation Areas (TBCAs) offer a platform for improved dialogue between protected areas, governments, and communities of the concerned countries, joint conservation planning, and improvement of economic situation at local and national levels. Apart from the goal of conserving biodiversity, integrating ecosystems (divided by political boundaries), TBCAs are important and have the potential to generate social benefits and reduce poverty.

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

Publications:

Contributions by the TBC SG Chair:

- Contribution to the report of the European Environment Agency (Report 6/2010): Vasilijevic, M. (2010) Dinaric Arc Initiative – A framework for sustainable development and conservation of the Dinaric Alps region, In *Europe's Ecological Backbone: recognising the true value of our mountains*, European Environment Agency, Copenhagen. Full report can be accessed at: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/europes-ecological-backbone>.
- An article titled 'Transboundary Conservation and the UNESCO World Heritage Convention' (Maja Vasilijevic) was written as a contribution for a book on European protected areas and international designations, to be published by the Italian National Research Council in 2011.

- Substantial work for a publication with working title 'Crossing Borders for Nature. European examples on transboundary conservation' was done in the second half of 2010. The publication will be published in 2011 by IUCN Programme Office for South Eastern Europe (IUCN SEE), with Tomasz Pezold (IUCN staff member) and Maja Vasilijevic as co-editors. Apart from co-editing the publication I contributed to it with two articles: 'Transboundary Conservation - A global context', and 'Benefits of Transboundary Cooperation in Nature Conservation'. With the approval of WCPA Chair, WCPA logo will be included on the front page.
- 2 issues of TB eNEWS, an electronic newsletter prepared by the TBC SG. These can be downloaded at: <http://www.tbpa.net>.

Several other important publications/contributions by TBC SG members are noted below:

- Ali, S. (2010) Building Biotic Peace at CBD COP10, Nagoya, In *Our World* online journal, United Nations University (<http://ourworld.unu.edu/en/building-biotic-peace-at-cop10-nagoya/>).
- Jefferies, B. (2010, draft) ASEAN Transboundary Protected Area Guidelines.
- Lim, M. (2010), Transboundary Conservation of Mountain Biodiversity in a Climate Change Impacted World, A paper presented at the 8th Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of International Environmental Law , Ghent-Belgium, 13-17 September 2010.
- Guerreiro, J., Chircop, A., Grilo, C., Viras, A., Ribeiro, R., van der Elst, R. (2010) Establishing a transboundary network of marine protected areas: Diplomatic and management options for the east African context, In *Marine Policy*, doi:10.1016/j.marpol.2010.01.014.
- Büscher, B. (2010) Seeking 'telos' in the 'transfrontier'? Neoliberalism and the transcending of community conservation in Southern Africa, In *Environment and Planning*, vol. 42

Presentations:

Presentations delivered by the TBC SG Chair:

- Workshop: 'Conservation of Biodiversity and Municipal Development Planning in Dragash', UNDP-IUCN, Dragash, UNMIK Kosovo, 2-4 March 2010. Delivered two presentations: global issues related to transboundary conservation, and protected areas and its benefits. Co-chaired a Working Group 'Improving Transboundary Cooperation' jointly with Zbigniew, Niewiadomski, Senior Advisor, UNEP. Moderated day 1 of the workshop. Hired by IUCN SEE to develop the curriculum for day 1 of the workshop. Three more TBC SG members gave presentations during the workshop: Martin Solar (Triglav National Park), Tomasz Pezold (IUCN SEE), and Lee Dudley (Woodland Trust).
- International Conference on Transboundary Cooperation in the Dinaric Arc, IUCN-SNV-WWF, Capljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 29 June-1 July 2010. Presenter. Presentation is available at: <http://www.dinaricarc.net/presentations.html>. The conference was co-organized by IUCN SEE and its Director and TBC SG Regional Coordinator for Europe, Boris Erg, gave a presentation.
- Workshop: 'European Protected Areas and UNESCO Designations', Italian National Research Council, Rome, Italy, 28 September 2010. Presenter. Presentation is available at: <http://www.isgi.cnr.it/>. The workshop was also attended by TBC SG member Boris Erg (IUCN SEE, with presentation).
- 17th Science Symposium: 'Transboundary Conservation Areas, Biodiversity Conservation and Peace Parks', GBIF, Suwon, South Korea, 12-15 October 2010. Keynote speaker. Programme is available at: <http://www.gbif.org/communications/news-and-events/gbif-symposia-and-workshops/gbif-annual->

[science-symposium/#c1903](#). Olivier Chassot (Tropical Science Centre) and Nakul Chettri (ICIMOD), both TBC SG members, were also presenters at this Symposium.

- International Conference: ‘Conservation and Peaceful Use of the Korean DMZ’, Korea National Parks Service, Goseong, South Korea, 11-13 November 2010. Keynote speaker. Programme is available at: <http://2010dmz.paforum.or.kr/main/program.html>. The conference was also attended by several TBC SG members who gave presentations: Kevan Zunckel (Zunckel Ecological and Environmental Services), Peter Shadie (Odonata Consulting), and Boris Erg (IUCN SEE).

Presentations delivered by the TBC SG team members on behalf of the TBC SG:

- International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests, ITTO Quito, Ecuador, 21-24 July 2010. Keynote speech by TBC SG Senior Advisor Trevor Sandwith (IUCN). Presentations by TBC SG Regional Coordinator for Central America, Olivier Chassot (Tropical Science Centre), and TBC SG member, Bruce Jefferies (WCPA Deputy Vice Chair New Zealand). Presentations are available at: http://www.fnatura.org/documentos/conferencia_2/c_i_bosques.php.
- Workshop: ‘Climate Change and Connectivity Conservation in the Altai-Sayan Ecoregion’, UNDP-GTI, Gorno-Altai and Ust-Koksa, Russia, 23-27 July 2010. Presentation delivered by Boris Erg, TBC SG Regional Coordinator for Europe.
- Seminar: ‘International Cooperation and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources’, Kyiv, Ukraine, 4 November 2010. Presentation delivered by TBC SG member, Gianfranco Tamburelli (Italian National Research Council).

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Regular contributions to IUCN SEE electronic newsletter.
- Attended press conference during the 17th GBIF Science Symposium in South Korea.
- Presentations from some of the above meetings uploaded on organizers’ websites.

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

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)*

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

Funding proposals in the pipeline

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 *(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting 2011

- TBC SG Chair intends to attend the 2011 WCPA SC meeting.

Goal 2: Work towards preparation of a web-based database on transboundary complexes

Currently, transboundary complexes, both TBPAs and internationally adjoining protected areas, are listed in a pdf document collated by UNEP WCMC in 2007. This is a relevant first step in trying to get a general idea on the numbers and locations of transboundary complexes worldwide (although one has to be careful as the list also contains mistakes that need correction). The list has many limitations in that it does not provide information necessary for performing any substantial qualitative assessments. As a Specialist Group that promotes the value of transboundary conservation, we need to be able to assess the real global situation regarding various aspects of TB initiatives (e.g. what are the challenges, which

levels of cooperation exist in certain sites, how many real TBPAs are currently operating, which legal tools are employed in certain sites, what are the benefits of TB approaches, governance structures, etc.). Only a comprehensive survey of TBPA managers would generate results that would enable us to do a comparative analysis and assess the value of TB approaches in ecological, social and political sense. The ultimate goal is to create a website-based database with appropriate search engine, based on the analysis of the survey results, and which would contribute to the general knowledge about transboundary conservation. Proposed steps for this task are:

- Collect contact details of internationally adjoining protected areas' managers. Work in progress.
- Develop a comprehensive survey containing relevant information (e.g. technical PA data, ecological data, social data, legal frameworks, political situation etc). The draft survey will be done by selected members of the SG and then finalized with the input of the whole Group.
- Perform the survey, collect and analyze the results.
- Translate the survey results to a web-based database.
- Launch the database and promote it widely.
- Link the results with WDPA and Protected Planet portal, as per agreement with UNEP WCMC.

Such database would not only be important for research purposes, monitoring of TB sites, and similar, but also as an important reference tool for practitioners working on transboundary conservation.

Indirect contribution of this goal is:

- Facilitation and enabling of exchanges of experiences and personal contacts between TBPA managers.

Goal 3: Set ground for development of TB guidelines/methodology

Continue with the plans from 2010 (as stated under goals in 2010):

- Develop methodology for assessing the feasibility of transboundary conservation and monitoring of transboundary conservation areas (potentially to be launched at the World Conservation Congress in 2012).
- Further explore the potential for development of TBC guidelines (TB World Heritage Sites nominations and management, marine TBPAs, Best Practice guideline).

Goal 4: Coordinate a Global Transboundary Conservation Network

- Following the launch of a restructured website www.tbpa.net (early 2011), there will be a need to further collect important information and upload on the website, as to allow the website to function as a real resource centre for transboundary conservation. E.g. we intend to 'map' institutions engaged in transboundary conservation work and present these details on the website.
- Continue to work on the establishment of a Legal Resource Centre as part of the tbpa.net. Steps:
 - Complete and perform a survey about the needs for legal tools involving TBC SG members;
 - Analyze results of the survey;
 - Prepare a project concept for the development of legal set of tools and seek funding;
 - Communicate extensively with IUCN Environmental Law Centre;
 - Develop the tools, promote, disseminate, and create a web-portal linked to www.tbpa.net.

Goal 5: Continue supporting knowledge exchange and dissemination

- Continue with preparation of the TB eNEWS (funding secured for 2011).
- Continue with information sharing via electronic listserv

Goal 6: Stimulate research on transboundary conservation

- Explore regional/global funds for research in a particular field. Getting access to such funds would enable us to sponsor research on transboundary issue of particular relevance to the Group.

Goal 7: Plan activities for the World Conservation Congress in 2012

Goal 8: Plan the TBC SG Executive Committee meeting

- It would be beneficial that the Executive Committee meets and discusses strategic issues related to the TBC SG future work. By now, this was not possible.

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- Better communication and information sharing between Chairs of the WCPA Task Forces and Specialist Groups to enable integration of activities and cooperation.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

SPECIALIST GROUP: CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES OF PROTECTED AREAS

ROBERT WILD AND BAS VERSCHUUREN

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

<p>OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been an active year for CSVPA with participation in a number of key meetings and progress on the development of the science underpinning the value of culture for conservation. The publication and launch of a major book on Sacred Natural Sites. A significant amount of time has been made into proposal development and fund raising, which has yet to bear fruit in a significant way. • The year started with the Meso American Parks Congress and other events in Mesoamerica. A dedicated session was held on Sacred Natural Sites at the International Congress for Ethnobiology, which was very well attended. A side event on sacred forests held at the Commonwealth Forestry Conference (Edinburgh, June) was attended by the Director of the UNFF Secretariat leading to an invitation to contribute to the preparation documents for UNFF9 and International Year of Forests. • The book Sacred Natural Sites: Conserving Nature and Culture published by Earthscan was a major effort and reactions to the book have been very positive. It has been seen as a benchmark publication on the subject. The book was launched at COP10 as a special event and was accompanied by two policy documents.
<p>PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i></p>
<p>Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No participation in Steering Committee meetings due to lack of funding (2011 now secured) However there was participation in many other WCPA meetings and events at the back of international meetings (BV @ Wild 9, Meso American Parks Congress, ISE, CBD).
<p>Goal 2: Mainstream cultural and spiritual values more deeply into the work of IUCN and other conservation agencies.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of BPG 16 through translation; Promotion of resolution 4.028 and 4.099; Development of a Meso American and Indian chapter to CSVPA; Events at Commonwealth Forestry Conference, ICE, Delos 3, COP10 etc
<p>Goal 3: Focus significant efforts on cultural and spiritual values towards the urgent issue of global climate change.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated a focus on forests as a key climate change biome. Started work on a SNS&CC project
<p>Goal 4: Further develop and harmonize frameworks for the identification, protection, and integration of cultural and spiritual values related to protected areas (including ICCAs)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in a CCIP (ICCA) pre-conference of the International Congress of Ethnobiology. Strengthened synergies with the ICCA consortium during post COP10 workshop. CSVPA collaborated with the Secretariat in significant contribution to the UNESCO WHS meeting on the role of religious institutions in WHS. Liaison with CBD-S on sacred sites through their new Biocultural diversity programme with UNESCO.

Goal 5: Further improve and expand the conceptual basis for including cultural and spiritual values in protected area management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of key reference on Sacred Natural Sites. Held first meeting of Culture and Protected Areas Working Group. Developed conceptual inputs into UNFF9
Goal 6: Further develop and strengthen the institutional linkages and alliances that the CSVPA enjoys with other institutions both within and outside IUCN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed an Inter-commission TF on Conservation and Culture. The first TF of this nature. Unfortunately a proposal to IUCN to support meetings of the TF was not successful and this limits effectiveness. Collaboration meeting with FFI. Proposals to work with the George Wright Society to test the BPG16. Collaboration with many other organisations
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian and Meso-American chapters launched but currently not active • Of Steering Committee membership of 15 only a 5 or so very active
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steady growth of membership from about 80 to about 100 • Specific effort was made to include young professionals and indigenous peoples
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSVPA work supports IUCN core programme of conserving biodiversity – we have demonstrated the value of SNS towards this. The programme also supports the themes on Climate Change, Well being and Greening the World Economy. On the latter the SNS provide significant cultural services which is the neglected ecosystem service area (arguments much heard in the MA and TEEB, not enough is done to value the alternatives on which much biodiversity conservation depends, community conservation and sacred natural sites).
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book: Sacred Natural Sites: Conserving Culture and Nature: CSVPA published a major book in Sept 2010 which was launched at the CBD COP10 Nagoya at a launch event. The book which has 26 authored chapters has been well received and is considered to be the leading publication on the topic of the conservation of sacred natural sites. • Delos Book, Sacred Natural Sites in Europe. Proceeding of the Delos 3 conference in Inari Finland now in press. • 2 CBD COP10 2 Issues papers, one Sacred Natural Sites and one on Monastic Communities Conserving Nature (coordinated by Bas Verschuuren with contributions from over 15 conservation organisations and scientists). • One Issues Paper on Sacred Forests submitted to the UN Forum on Forests as a contribution to the UN Secretary General's presentation to the UN at the launch of the International Year of Forests at UNFF9 – a number of clauses were included in the briefing documents. • One peer reviewed article for CEESP Policy Matters; A law on sacred sites in Guatemala, by Felipe Gomez, Wim Hiemstra and Bas Verschuuren. • One article for a Book on the international context on the conservation and legal perspectives for Sacred Natural Sites, by Bas Verschuuren and Robert Wild, to be published in Russian, • Translation of the BPG 16 on Sacred Natural Sites into Japanese, translations in other languages are being developed, • One article on Sacred Natural Sites in Japanese (national geographic like) Bio City Magazine, in Japanese,

- One book in press with Cambridge University Press on Sacred Sites and Species. The book contains a collection of papers drawn from CSVPA membership and edited by steering committee members plus IUCN HQ (Gonzalo Oviedo),
- One chapter contributed to the above on Sacred Natural Sites in Adaptive management by Bas Verschuuren,
- One article in the Spanish version of Times Magazine by Josep Maria Mallarach on Sacred Natural Sites and the conservation of cultural and spiritual values of nature.
- One internet publication, a popular story on the value of conservation strategies for sacred natural sites in north west Mexico (By Bas Verschuuren and Jaime Santiago Mariscal).

Presentations:

- Presented on Sacred Natural Sites and Biocultural Conservation at Pronatura Mexico (as part of a joint programme on testing a national assessment strategy for sacred natural sites), (January 2010).
- Organised a session on Sacred Natural Sites at the Meso American Parks Conference funded by the Alcoa Foundation with presentations from IUCN HQ, the Nature Conservancy, Oxlajuj Ajpop and others (March, 2010).
- Presentation on cultural and spiritual values in conservation and the importance of integrative research techniques for international PhD and masters students at the University of Kent in collaboration with the Global Diversity Foundation, special course on Biocultural Diversity (Canterbury April 2010).
- Participated CCIP community conservation training workshop and facilitated a session on SNS
- Hosted a side event at the International Conference on Ethnobiology, in Tofino in May, on Sacred Natural Site towards a global alliance, (April 2010).
- Presented on Sacred Natural Sites in the International Funders for Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) Conference in Tofino Canada (April 2010).
- Hosted a side event at the Commonwealth Forestry Conference, in conjunction with the Alliance for Religion and Conservation: entitled 'Towards a Strategy and Action Plan for the Cultural, Sacred and Religious Forests of the Commonwealth. Presented 2 posters at the CFC, special input from COMPAS and CIKOD – Report available (June 2010),
- The Delos Initiative, a member of CSVPA held a 3 day workshop in Finnish Lapland entitled: Diversity of Sacred Lands in Europe. The workshop had 22 participants and delivered several papers. During the meeting the BPG16 was reviewed for appropriateness to mainstream faiths. It also developed a statement called the Inari Statement For more details see: <http://www.meditina.org/delos/Inari%20Workshop.htm> (July 2010).
- Presentation on Sacred Natural Sites and session organizer at the first Indigenous and trans Cultural Psychology Conference in Yogyakarta Indonesia (June, 2010),
- Hosting a session and launching the book Sacred Natural Sites, a panel discussion facilitated by Bas Verschuuren with Jeffrey Mc Neely and Gonzalo Oviedo at the COP10 of the CBD, (October 2010).
- Attending the CBD PoWPA meetings and making a case for sacred natural sites and ICCAs (October 2010).
- Presentation of Bas Verschuuren together with Peter Bridgewater about the technical and human aspects of wetland conservation. Bas focused on the cultural and spiritual linkages people have with water. UNEP Ecosystem Pavilion, CBD COP10, (October 2010).
- Presenting SNS and Endogenous Development at the Sirakawa Community conference for ICCA's after CBD COP10 (October 2010).
- Podcast hosted by publisher Earthscan, Robert Wild and Luisa Maffi (Terra Lingua), present online on the importance of biocultural conservation strategies for SNS and nature in general (December 2010),

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on legal protection of sacred nature in the context of biocultural Community protocols and integrating SNS into BCPs at the UNDP, COMPAS and FRLHT Training the Trainers Workshop, (Bangalore India, May 2010), • A Scientific seminar on place nature relationships focusing on sacred sites and their meaning in traditional and contemporary culture was organized by CSVPA members and esteemed scientists (Prof. Bron Taylor and Will Douglas) in collaboration with the Society on Nature, Religion and Culture at the University of Florida (November 2010)
<p>Contributions to media, website, newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSVPA website has been maintained and updated frequently, • News articles on several websites, csvpa, cultural values of nature imitative, natural justice and many more, • Publicity of the new book on Sacred Natural Sites has generated linkages to over a few thousand of websites, • Web base seminar on the SNS book was attended by 200 people. • Contributions to IUCN news pages • Contributions were made to WCPA YP, CEESP and other IUCN newsletters and for a • Contributions were also made to the forum on Religion and Ecology and Nature, Landscapes and Terra Lingua and in fact several dozens more. • News articles were placed in Indian and Japanese newspapers.
<p>ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the November the UNESCO International Seminar titled “The Role of Religious Communities in the Management of World Heritage Properties”. Three members of CSVPA participated in the seminar. CSVPA participation was closely coordinated with the IUCN WH unit. A report on the seminar is available. CSVPA made substantial contributions to the final statement.
<p>FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i></p>
<p>Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No operating funds available, aim to secure a minimum of operating funds for 2011,
<p>Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised £4,775 from the Commonwealth Foundation towards CSVPA members’ participation in the Commonwealth Forestry Conference and hosting the side event. • US\$ 2,800 from the Alcoa Foundation for CSVPA members to participate in the Meso American Parks Congress and hosting the side event. • Many volunteer days contributed by CSVPA members
<p>Funding proposals in the pipeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for a sacred natural site guardians network is in the process of being approved with The Christensen Fund • Proposal under development with the Swiss Development Corporation regarding sacred natural sites and climate change, coordinated with the secretariat’s Ecosystem Management Programme and the Forest Programme. • Proposal for the collection and documentation of oral histories of SNS in collaboration with Terralingua

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several small grant proposals under development for support to the custodians of SNS
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSVPA will have a presence at the SC meeting in 2011 (BV has been confirmed)
Goal 2: Mainstream cultural and spiritual values more deeply into the work of IUCN and other conservation agencies.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If SNS&CC proposal is successful there will be strong collaboration between CSVPA, WCPA, EMP and CEM as well as the Protected Areas, ETC COMPAS, Natural Justice and Forest Programmes
Goal 3: Focus significant efforts on cultural and spiritual values towards the urgent issue of global climate change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 2.
Goal 4: Further develop and harmonize frameworks for the identification, protection, and integration of cultural and spiritual values related to protected areas (including ICCAs)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities will be taken to develop further linkages between the different frameworks working on cultural and spiritual values (ICCA Consortium, CIHR, UNU-IAS, Equator Initiative, TEEB)
Goal 5: Further improve and expand the conceptual basis for including cultural and spiritual values in protected area management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We plan to develop a conceptual model that links SNS, resilience in socio-ecological systems and landscape connectivity with climate change • Improved understanding of policies at the national and international level. A proposed legal review on SNS and ICCAs as well as the application of Biocultural Community Protocols
Goal 6: Further develop and strengthen the institutional linkages and alliances that the CSVPA enjoys with other institutions both within and outside IUCN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are working closely with the Sacred Land Film Project and also Gaia Foundation. We expect to sign MoU with these organisations over as Sacred Natural Sites Initiative. • Further consolidation of an SNS Initiative through collective support of a host of other conservation organisations. • Activate the Inter Commission Task Force on Culture and Conservation and coordinate a broader appreciation and entry point for culture in conservation throughout the commissions, subject to funding
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While this has been an active year for CSVPA there is not a sense that the membership is collaborating collectively. We will be attempting to address this in 2011 • Should we receive funding we will be progressing a Sacred Natural Sites initiative with will consolidate and expand work in this area • We recognise there is a gap on culture and protected areas and aim to strengthen work in this area • Support with fund raising needed

8 MARINE STRATEGIC DIRECTION REPORTS

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: MARINE

DAN LAFFOLEY

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

A significant year for development of the MPA agenda by WCPA Marine and its key partnerships with IUCN Member organizations and a wider circle of supporters, achieved through many routes. The following paragraphs provide some of the highlights for the year. The year could be characterized by helping to further consolidate the core agenda of WCPA and our core values, whilst at the same time providing new innovations and opportunities to broaden the scale of support and understanding we receive from external partners. Above all this approach is starting to show how we can accelerate efforts to protect the ocean.

From a technical standpoint we have made solid progress on extending the values base through work to incorporate carbon stocks – this is proving a major lever at the policy level and with potential funders, as well as giving a politically ‘easier’ reason why we must afford better protection to coastal habitats. This is still very much work in progress and we look to complete marine coverage by completing a new study on the open ocean. Further developments on the IT front enabled us to launch Protected Planet with Protect Planet Ocean at the CBD meeting in Nagoya. Discussions in the latter part of 2010 opened up the possibilities of vastly expanding the public’s access to (M)PA information as we started to explore with Google how to get (M)PAs onto Google Maps.

We continued to expand out guidance materials developing new information on how to best apply the IUCN management categories to the marine environment. We completed the draft blueprint for scaling up marine World Heritage – the Bahrain Action Plan – and started a central piece of implementation with the preparation of the Marine Thematic review. We provided definitive new information on the state of protection of the ocean, as well as ground-breaking new guidance in multiple languages on ocean acidification, prepared with many of the world’s leading scientists. We continue more generally to enable the outreach on ocean acidification and help shape the policy arena to accelerate action by nations on this most critical of issues.

A major part of 2010 was occupied with helping support Sylvia Earle’s TED wish. As the lead technical advisor we worked closely with Sylvia to develop the concept of hope spots and how her wish might be implemented. This culminated in the Mission Blue voyage to the Galapagos which not only raised millions of US\$ for MPA work but also inspired the many key individuals there to do more for the ocean. The impact of this event and Sylvia’s wish will be felt for many years to come as new partnerships provide innovative ways to better protect the ocean and help people to care, understand and act.

Finally 2010 was also the period where we laid down some of the initial frameworks for more and accelerated delivery in the coming years. Alongside the marine World Heritage work effort was also directed at delivering protection for the open ocean – through hope spots such as the Sargasso Sea - but also by the development of the High Seas Alliance – a new partnership framework to help all

conservation organizations work together to safeguard the half of Earth that still lies outside any overall, structured and effective conservation systems – the High Seas.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

Provided two presentations – one on WCPA – Marine achievements and a second on the Gulf Spill. Also provided an interactive session for the Steering Committee on Blogging and electronic newsletters – the latter which helped shape the new news system now used.

Goal 2: Produce new guidance for MPA practitioners

Significant work in year with a core team of experts to devise new guidance to help better application of the IUCN management categories to MPAs. Involved online questionnaires, eNews letters, and drafting of materials and consultations – new guidance due to be launched in 2011.

Goal 3: Provide state of the art guidance on MPA progress and threats

Significant work in year to produce the definitive report on the protection of the ocean for CBD Nagoya. Work also on assessing ocean acidification and leading the creation of international coordination to enable this pivotal issue, which should drive restoration of ocean resilience, to start to scale up in the political arena

Goal 4: Create new web-based systems to engage (M)PA professionals and the public in ocean protection

Ongoing work to ensure the Official MPA Bog is regularly updated – during the year the Blog won an award for one of the best ocean blogs on the web as voted by online travel company *Tripbase*. Also listed in another review as one of the top 100 ocean blogs on the web. Regular near-monthly eNews provide to marine members and a wider group of experts to engage them in WCPA work and inform about important developments. Significant work during the year to redevelop the WDAP and Protect Planet Ocean websites into single integrated systems called Protected Planet incorporating Protect Planet Ocean – this was launched at CBD Nagoya and brings a new level of connectivity and engagement through the web for PAs.

Goal 5: Through science advice to Sylvia Earle on her TED wish lever greater resources and attention on ocean protection issues

Significant work spent with Sylvia Earle to support her in implementing her TED wish to create large hope spots for the ocean. Included helping develop the hope spot concept and providing the key hope spot publication for the Mission Blue voyage to the Galapagos. Work also focused on working with the Government of Bermuda to develop the concept of better protecting the Sargasso Sea – this included donor visits to Bermuda, arranging for the Premier to speak to the Mission Blue ship with a recorded message of support, and supporting the creation of the Sargasso Sea Alliance which is now in the process of implementing this hope spot.

Goal 6: Continued development of scale-up in marine World Heritage and High Seas issues

Following the production of the Bahrain Action Plan work focused in 2010 at implementing one of the most important actions – the production of a thematic report on marine World Heritage. A workshop was devised and held on Vilm with support from the German Government and in partnership with UNESCO World Heritage. The outcome from this workshop is the production of the report which will be available later in 2011. Work also focused on supporting the High Seas Task Force and working closely to move the High seas agenda forwards, one of the other priorities alongside marine World Heritage that is identified in the MPA Global Plan of Action. The focus has been on supporting the creation of initiatives around specific hope spots such as the Sargasso Sea and the Ross Sea as well as supporting the creation of the High Seas Alliance to provide a common cause and structure to enable the work of many organizations on safeguarding the High Seas. Planning for the initial workshop was undertaken and this

will be held in early March 2011 in Washington DC.

Goal 7: Natural Solutions - innovative new approaches to deliver on-the-ground protection: Coastal Carbon Sinks

Work continued during the year under the banner on Natural Solutions to both consolidate the coastal carbon sinks work with the World Bank and the consultancy ESA PWA, well as devising the sister publication on offshore carbon sinks and pools. This latter publication is currently with donors for possible support. Much work also focussed on taking the coastal carbon work forward with partners through round tables, side events and conferences.

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

- Global system of regional coordinators covering all oceans completed during this period and appointment of country leads significantly advanced in some regions. The framework is struggling to survive however due to lack of recognition and resources from IUCN – this is proving very disempowering.

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

- As above – in addition to the overall ocean framework appointment of new members proceeds at a lower level but when it does it is frequently now through recommendations on email, reflecting the value WCPA is held in by many external to IUCN for them wanting individuals to be members.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- Significant collaboration as a ‘one programme’ approach with the Global Marine and Polar Programme and with World Heritage. Input already made on 2010 achievements by the GMPP report indicating the high degree of success in integration. Great links to many individuals and regions esp the DC Office of IUCN but visits also made to IUCN offices as far afield to Quito as well. Progress made with building stronger links to UNEP WCMC on the WDPA, and also attempts (mostly prevented due to lack of capacity, time and money) to join with the SSC in particular, and other Commissions. Joint working and advice later in 2010 for the SSC to secure a venue for the marine conservation subcommittee of the SSC annual meeting in 2011. Good working relations continue with Christophe Lefebvre who has a key ocean role on IUCN Council.

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

Publications:

- (1) For Sylvia Earle’s TED wish a special publication produced with in-kind support from NOAA:

Laffoley, D. d’A., & Earle, S.A. (eds) 2010. Dive in and help Protect Planet Ocean (1st Edition). IUCN WCPA, Gland, Switzerland. 8 pp.

- (2) For the CBD meeting in Nagoya we produced with partners a key publication documenting the state of ocean protection:

Toropova, C., Meliane, I., Laffoley, D., Matthews, E. and Spalding, M. (eds) (2010). Global Ocean Protection: Present Status and Future Possibilities. Brest, France: Agence des aires marine protégées, Gland, Switzerland, Wasgington, DC and New York, USA: IUCN WCPA, Cambridge UK: UNEP-WCMC, Arlington, USA: TNC, Tokyo, Japan: UNU, New York, USA: WCS. 96pp.

- (3) For a launch by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco in November 2010 and as a key contribution to enable the science of this matter we produced the key publication on ocean acidification, simultaneously in English, French, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic:

Ocean Acidification Reference User Group (2010). Ocean Acidification: Questions Answered. Laffoley, D. d'A., and Baxter, J.M. (eds). European Project on Ocean Acidification (EPOCA). 24 pp.

- (4) Following on from the success of the marine component of Natural solutions focusing on coastal carbon sinks we worked with the World Bank and to produce a new science report (to be released later in 2011) and a key guide for policy advisers launched at COP16 at Cancun:

This summary is based on Crooks, S., Herr, D., Laffoley, D., Tamelander, J. and Vandever, J. 2010. "New Opportunities to Regulate Climate Change through Restoration and Management of Coastal Wetlands and Marine Ecosystems." World Bank, IUCN, ESA PWA. It is currently being finalized. Please cite this information brief as Capturing and Conserving Natural Coastal Carbon: Building mitigation, advancing adaptation. 2010. World Bank, IUCN, ESA PWA.

- (5) Two significant reports are also at various stages of preparation: the **marine World Heritage thematic review** and the new **supplementary marine guidance on the IUCN management categories**. We also provided support to several member organizations with their publications including Conservation International for their publication on marine managed areas.

- (6) The Bahrain Action Plan for Marine World Heritage was also reviewed and produced in final draft during this period:

Laffoley, D.d'A. & Langley, J. 2010.(editors). Final draft. Bahrain Action Plan for Marine World Heritage Identifying Priorities for the World Heritage Marine Programme and enhancing the role of the World Heritage Convention in the IUCN WCPA Marine Global Plan of Action for MPAs in our Oceans and Seas. IUCN, Switzerland. 48 pp.

Presentations:

- Virtually every alternate week so not easy to provide a list....many powerpoints and several key notes at major conferences.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- A number of interviews during the year and also a significant article in UNESCO's World Heritage Magazine on marine World Heritage. Several OpEds around the Mission Blue voyage including the Huffington Post online. Also interviewed at length and contributed to the Mission Blue feature film which will be released in autumn 2011, as well as interviewed for a UK film on Ocean Acidification.

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

- None in this period but advised on others in the Commission who could support World Heritage evaluations

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 *(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)*

Commission Operating Funds used *(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)*

Total given via the COF was £5938, of which all but £1567 was spent. The £1567 remaining was due to having to withdraw from the CBD Nagoya meeting fairly late in the process due to funding cuts affecting my employment by Natural England in the UK.

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

Many millions of US \$ via Mission Blue work with Sylvia Earle. Summary below. From the voyage alone eight separate initiatives were kickstarted, aided by \$15m in commitments from the individuals on board. These included:

\$1m to complete a package to protect the waters around Galapagos themselves
 \$1.1m to launch a plan to protect the 1m-square-mile Sargasso Sea and commitments to raise a further
 \$2.5m to see the plan through to success
 \$350k to boost ocean exposure in schools
 \$3.25m to commence a campaign to end fishing subsidies
 \$10m to kickstart a new partnership to fund longer-term ocean projects

In addition resources were raised for example to support marine WH (Vilm meeting), Ocean Protection Report (TNC, French MPA Agency and in kind WCS, UNU), and from HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco's Foundations, Natural England, Scottish Natural Heritage, The European Programme on Ocean Acidification, the UK Research project on Ocean Acidification to support the Ocean Acidification RUG and publications.

Funding proposals in the pipeline

£5million ++++ of proposals have been developed are already drafted and sitting waiting to be move forward and funded. Most recently created in partnership with Duke University in the USA. Funding proposals with Pew Lenfest for oceanic carbon sinks work. Proposals also with the French MPA Agency about how to enable IMPAC 3 (see below) as well as discussions ongoing with Prince Albert's Foundations on ocean acidification.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 *(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)*

Goal 1: Create a new visibility for (M)PAs by securing a deal with Google for MPAs on Google maps as well as addressing stumbling blocks so that all PA information is widely viewed on the web (both on Google Earth and Maps). Investigate new IT innovations to go to the next level involving crowd-sourcing to engage the public in a practical way with MPAs beyond the PC! Achieving sponsorship of Protect Planet Ocean web real estate (in the circumstances that MPAs on Google Maps goes ahead) will be a key priority for WCPA Marine to bring in advertising revenue.

Goal 2: Continue production of guidance for MPA practitioners including publication of new guidance on the IUCN management categories and a thematic report on ocean acidification.

Goal 3: Create a sense of urgency for ocean protection via the formation of the High Seas Alliance and new analysis of synergies between already acute ocean impacts, the latter achieved in partnership with the International Programme on Safeguarding the Ocean. Also publications on ocean acidification in polar regions and during this period the Monaco Ocean Acidification Action Plan will be created following on from the Monaco meeting last November.

Goal 4: Commence detailed planning for the 3rd International Marine Protected Areas Congress in partnership with the French MPA Agency to be held in 2013 and build synergies with the World Conservation Congress and the World Parks Congress.

Goal 5: Demonstrate protection of the High Seas by enabling projects around key biodiversity hot spots such as the Sargasso Sea and the Ross Sea.

Goal 6: Create greater values for people to hold for the ocean by extending the Natural Solutions work on coastal carbon sinks to open ocean areas, as well as investigating an extension to the brand to create new political leverage through a better understanding of the relationship between MPAs and human health and welfare, and with food security, looking towards 2050.

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- Natural Solutions is a great brand that works – we should build on this so that the WCPA heartland is known for though-through practical innovation, as well as keeping true to our core areas of guidance and best practice

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
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TASK FORCE GROUP: HIGH SEAS MPAS

KRISTINA MARIA GJERDE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

The objective of the WCPA High Seas MPA Task Force is to promote and support establishment of a global network of marine protected areas to safeguard ocean health, resilience and biodiversity in the two thirds of the ocean that lies beyond national jurisdiction – the High Seas.

The WCPA High Seas MPA Task Force through its members has been a significant force in propelling progress and has achieved many of the targets set forth in World Parks Congress Recommendation 5.23 and the associated 10 Year Plan of Action adopted in 2003 .

A few highlights of 2010 include:

- **The first high seas MPA network of six sites** was established in the Northeast Atlantic.
- **The Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI)** has been recognized as a partner to the Convention on Biological Diversity's efforts in identifying significant areas and in building a centralized data repository. GOBI is the scientific partnership IUCN launched in 2009 with the German government and other leading scientific institutions and WCPA partners.
- **The Sargasso Sea Alliance** is now fully funded and operational, and as of 1 November, an Executive Director is in place. The Sargasso Sea Alliance is a multinational partnership spearheaded by the government of Bermuda with the support of the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, US NOAA, IUCN, WCPA and others, to promote protection of the Sargasso Sea. Many WCPA Task Force members are directly involved.
- **The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Living Marine Resources** in November agreed to organize an expert workshop to progress its work towards a representative network of high seas MPAs. IUCN and WCPA Task Force members have been very active in promoting Antarctic MPAs and in developing the underlying science basis.
- **The High Seas Alliance** is the most recent initiative aiming to bring together scientists, conservationists and other organizations from around the world. It will hold its first planning meeting 1-3 March 2011. The High Seas Alliance is envisioned as a coordination platform to pursue the shared goals of establishing high seas protected areas and reforming high seas governance. Promising regional efforts are under discussion for high seas protection in the Sargasso Sea, the Southern Ocean, the Arctic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the South Pacific. It is in those five areas that the High Seas Alliance would concentrate during the period 2011-2014.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Public outreach and communications

- Inserted high seas and deep ocean into climate change discussions
 - Ocean acidification meeting in London, November 2010

- COP 10 and SBSTTA discussion about ocean fertilization and climate change
- Promoting high seas and deep ocean through whales and dolphins
 - Work underway to identify critical high seas habitat sites for whales for new book on cetacean MPAs
- Galvanized support in favor of High Seas MPAs
 - Through Mission Blue voyage to the Galapagos, built relationships with educational and natural history filmmakers and production companies to develop films, photos and other visual material about the high seas
 - Worked with Sylvia Earle and others to identify and describe high seas “hope spots” as part of Mission Blue
 - TED talk on high seas posted on multiple websites: http://www.ted.com/talks/kristina_gjerde_making_law_on_the_high_seas.html
 - A keynote speech at the US Coastal Society Annual Meeting in June (recruiting allies)
 - Convened three international panels at California and the World Ocean Conference in September
- Building relationships with the private sector, including ocean industry and stakeholders in high seas governance and resource use
 - World Ocean Council an increasingly active member.

Goal 2: Advancing the science

- Advancing the scientific basis for identification of individual sites and development of representative networks of High Seas MPAs
 - Convened scientific and technical workshops for GOBI partners, including:
 - **GOBI Technical Planning Workshop**, Cambridge, UK, 14-17 January 2010
 - **GOBI Advisory Board Meeting**, New York, USA, 1 February 2010
 - GOBI Side event: *EBSA recommendations for CBD SBSTTA 14*, Nairobi, Kenya, 10-17 May 2010
 - **GOBI Science Board Meeting**, Gland, Switzerland, 12-14 July 2010
 - GOBI Side event: Background on CBD SBSTTA recommendations for CBD COP19, Nagoya, Japan, 18-29 October 2010
 - **GOBI Science Board Meeting**, Washington DC, USA, 8-10 December 2010
 - Many Task Force Members are directly involved in GOBI, providing technical support and science, including on potential EBSAs for cetaceans, seabirds, corals and sponges
 - Scientific articles published: see list below
- **The Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity** in October agreed to support a series of regional workshops to identify significant areas needing protection in the high seas. GOBI now involved in follow-up activities.

Goal 3: Building experience and good practices

- Worked with governments, scientists, NGOs and others to develop or support area-based projects in:
 - Northwest Atlantic, Sargasso Sea: TF members active in developing Sargasso Sea Alliance with Bermuda government to promote protection for the Sargasso Sea as pilot HSMPA.
 - Northeast Atlantic, Charlie Gibbs Fracture Zone and 5 other sites. Six high seas MPAs were established in September in the North East Atlantic by the 15 governmental members of the OSPAR Commission for the Protection of the Marine Environment.
 - Southern Ocean e.g. Ross Sea, South Orkney Islands: TF members helped to establish huge new high seas MPA below the South Orkney Islands and investigating more.
 - Mediterranean: TF members active in identifying potential EBSAs beyond national jurisdiction for RAC/SPA; work now accepted for identifying priority areas.
 - The Arctic high seas: TF members conducted workshop on identifying ecologically significant areas.
 - South Pacific: TF Members promoting Oceanscape Initiative which includes a major push to stimulate regional action towards high seas MPAs, TF members also promoting Salas y Gomez and Nazca Ridges as high seas MPA.
 - Pacific abyssal plain: TF Members articulated in an International Seabed Workshop in November to discuss environmental management plans for deep seabed mining in the Clarion-Clipperton Fracture Zone. Plans include a network of protected areas.
- TF Members involvement in development of High Seas Alliance as means to enhance, cooperation, share experience and exchange good practices across regions.

Goal 4: Advancing the legal and policy framework

- GLOBE International launched on Oceans Day, 8 June, a Marine Ecosystems Recovery Strategy for marine fisheries with the support of 40 Parliamentarians from the United Kingdom, Indonesia, South Africa, Brazil, the US and Japan, among others. GLOBE convenes parliamentarians to stimulate commitments on key environmental issues. Several TF members in GLOBE's advisory group on marine ecosystems, which helped to produce strong global recommendations for new legal mechanisms to support high seas MPAs
- The UNEP Regional Seas Programme in September agreed to modernize its governance structure and remit to include areas beyond national jurisdiction.
- The United Nations General Assembly in October endorsed recommendations from the UN Working Group on Biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction regarding the need to accelerate progress on environmental impact assessments and high seas MPAs. The UN Working Group will meet again in May 2011.
- World Economic Forum: recommendations on
 - Management of fishery resources and fishery subsidies' reform
 - Adaptation of the Law of the Sea to 21st century challenges, including need for high seas MPAs
 - Creation of large ocean reserves within and beyond national jurisdiction
 - Support of market mechanisms for sustainable practices and the reduction of subsidies

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

- No comment

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

- No comment

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- goals and activities of High Seas MPA Task Force are well aligned with GMPP as chair of TF is also consultant to GMPP

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

Publications:

Toropova, C., Meliane, I. Laffoley, D., Matthews, E. and Spalding, M. (eds) (2010). *Global Ocean Protection: Present Status and Future Possibilities*. Brest, France, Agence des aires marine protegess, Gland, Switzerland, Washington DC and New York: IUCN WCPA, Cambridge UK : UNEP-WCMC, Arlington, USA: TNC, Tokyo, Japan: UNU, New York, USA: WCS. 96 pp.

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GLOBE International Commission on Land Use Change and Ecosystems, A MARINE ECOSYSTEMS RECOVERY STRATEGY, Part I: Marine Fisheries Recovery, Report compiled by the Marine Technical Advisory Group in collaboration with the Zoological Society of London. GLOBE International.

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Gjerde, K. 2010. "Giving Marine Life an Address to Help Protect the High Seas" profile of Attorney Kristina Gjerde on Defending the Ocean, as an Ocean Voice. Webstory by SeaWeb released for the AAAS meeting in February 2010. <http://www.seaweb.org/getinvolved/oceanvoices/KristinaGjerde.php>

Roberts, J., Chircop, A., Prior, S. "Area-based Management on the High Seas: Possible Application of the IMO's Particularly Sensitive Area Concept"

Presentations:

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Many contributions to MPA news <http://depts.washington.edu/mpanews/>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TED talk: http://www.ted.com/talks/kristina_gjerde_making_law_on_the_high_seas.html
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
None offered or used.
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
\$125,000 JM Kaplan Fund to support work of Chair, workshops for Sargasso Sea and GOBI, GOBI publications
\$25,000 JM Kaplan Fund for Sargasso Sea workshop, February 2010
\$150,000 from Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund to support work of Chair, GOBI Secretariat, GOBI workshops, publications and equipment
\$357,140 from German for GOBI Secretariat, consultants, advisory board, workshops, supplies
\$24,000 from Belgian government to support GOBI workshops
\$50,000 from Dutch government to support GOBI
Funding proposals in the pipeline
Funding proposals are being developed as a part of the more inclusive High Seas Alliance
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i> <i>Note: Goals are for 2014, and for the High Seas Alliance as a whole, which will incorporate many High Seas MPA Task Force members and functions</i>
Goal 1: Consolidation of the High Seas Alliance to build global capacity and support for high seas MPAs in at least forty nations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial planning workshop in March 2011 • Agreement on structure, policy and activities for next three years • Significant fund raising efforts • Work with partners to implement agreed HSA action plan
Goal 2: Establishment of at least five model high seas MPAs – in the Atlantic Ocean, Southern Ocean, South Pacific, Indian Ocean and Arctic Ocean
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sargasso Sea—through the Sargasso Sea Alliance, building of political support, development of science case, and preparation of proposals for protection measures from relevant sectoral bodies • Southern Ocean – cooperation through Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition, a growing Ross Sea alliance and WCPA members to support Ross Sea and other Southern Ocean MPAs • Pacific—cooperation with CBD through GOBI to prepare for regional workshop to describe ecologically significant areas, cooperation through High Seas Alliance to support specific sites • Arctic Ocean –cooperation with High Seas Alliance members to promote protection of high seas areas identified as EBSAs at IUCN/NRDC workshop • Indian Ocean—cooperation with High Sea Alliance members to develop science case and build support within Seychelles and Mauritius for establishment of multi-jurisdictional MPA for the Saya de Mahla Banks
Goal 3: Establishment of at least one model network of multiple MPAs covered by a common regional plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive work within CCAMLR, including through CCAMLR MPA workshop in late August, to develop science case for Southern Ocean network of MPAs • Participation in NEAFC/OSPAR workshop in late September to identify EBSAs within Northeast Atlantic, to further expand their existing network of 6 high seas MPAs • Participation in Mediterranean legal and MPA expert group to build commitment and support for network of MPAs based on areas of interest identified in 2010

Goal 4: International commitments to: expand MPAs and MPA networks; provide for both water column and seabed protection; deploy effective monitoring and enforcement capacities

- Briefings and side events for relevant UN meetings in May and June and in the fall
- Promotion of these goals as part of agenda for Rio+20

Goal 5: Governance reforms for transparency in all high seas decision-making and a strengthened role for scientific advisory bodies, particularly in decisions on fishing, mining and shipping

- Participation and support for reforms through High Seas Alliance, World Economic Forum Ocean Agenda Council and GLOBE International

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

Reflections for 2011 Need to scale up—As demonstrated from the list of achievements and meetings above, there is growing interest in high seas conservation. But there are so many briefings, meetings and workshops that we need more players, more funds and more coordination. With organizations such as WWF, Mission Blue and Conservation International involved in high seas projects, there are exciting opportunities for expanding the scope and scale of activities. Hence we are now building the High Seas Alliance to expand IUCN and WCPA’s capacity as well as to build alliances and coordinate activities with other organizations. The High Seas Alliance offers a tremendous potential for scaling up as it is a non-branded coalition that will have built in capacity to raise funds for itself as well as for its members.

The WCPA Task Force for High Seas MPAs has been a tremendous benefit in building a community of organizations and individuals committed to high seas MPAs. However, if the WCPA Task Force is to be successful in the long run, serious thought needs to be given to ways to enhance access to funds to pay for a part time coordinator, as well as to support specific products and projects. There will remain a need for the WCPA High Seas MPA Task Force even after the establishment of the High Seas Alliance, as WCPA remains the best source of scientific and technical expertise on MPAs per se.

Presentations 2010 by Task Force Chair: Kristina Gjerde

Date	Name of the meeting	Name of the presentation
2010		
14-17 January	GOBI technical meeting, Cambridge, UK	GOBI introduction and overview of meeting aims
1-5 February	UN Working Group to study issues related to biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction, NYC, NY	Some recommendations relevant to the CBD EBSA criteria and marine protected areas beyond national jurisdiction
18-19 February	AAAS annual meeting, San Diego, CA	Bringing COML discoveries and technology together to establish Protected Areas on the High Seas
24-26 February	Sargasso Sea Meeting, Hamilton, Bermuda	High Seas governance and history of High Seas MPAs
5-10 April	TED Mission Blue, Galapagos, Ecuador	High Seas: How to protect 50% of the planet
23-25 March	OSPAR Stakeholder meeting, Funchal, Madeira	Progress in establishing MPAs in ABNJ beyond the North-East Atlantic
12-16 April	HERMIONE Annual Meeting, Malta	Open Ocean and deep sea MPAs
3-7 May	Global Ocean Forum meeting, Paris, France	Approaches and tools for integrated management of the high seas and seabed beyond national jurisdiction
10-17 May	CBD SBSTTA 14, Nairobi, Kenya, IUCN/GOBI side event	GOBI side event: EBSA recommendations for SBSTTA 14
13-17 June	Coastal Society, Wilmington, NC	Problems and progress in protecting 50% of the planet – the High Seas
21-25 June	UNICPOLOS, New York, NY	GOBI side event: Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative: Working towards high seas conservation
12-15 July	Gobi core group meeting, Gland, Switzerland	Identifying significant areas beyond national jurisdiction: the international context CBD SBSTTA 14 outcomes and the evolving policy context for High Seas conservation/CBD COP 10
30-31 August	High Seas Governance Meeting, Zeist, Netherlands	High seas MPAs: goals, challenges and opportunities

7-10 September	California and the World Ocean 2010 Conference, San Francisco, CA	High Seas MPAs: management and governance issues
		Making the ocean transparent – New tools for identifying and protecting significant areas in the open ocean and deep sea
20-25 September	Regional Seas Conventions and OSPAR ministerial meeting, Bergen, Norway	Cross-sectoral cooperation in managing marine areas beyond national jurisdiction
		GOBI presentation
25-28 May	Sargasso Sea Meeting, Hamilton, Bermuda	High Seas governance framework
4 October	Census of Marine Life News Conference and Panel Presentations, London, UK	The Census Legacy
18-29 October	CBD Conference of Parties, Nagoya, Japan	GOBI side event: Background on CBD SBSTTA recommendations for CBD COP19
		Oceans Day: Strengthening cross-sectoral regional oceans governance
		GLOBE: Legislative actions to restore marine biodiversity and ecosystem services
		FAO, UNEP: Cross-sectoral management in the open ocean
8-12 November	International Seabed Authority Workshop on environmental management plan for the Clarion Clipperton Zone, Kingston, JA	IUCN work relevant to development of environmental management plan for deep seabed mining
18 November	Presentation for prospective donors, Hamilton, Bermuda,	Sargasso Sea Initiative Objectives – strategies - background
8-10 December	GOBI science board meeting ,Washington DC	CBD COP 10 and UNGA: taking stock of outcomes for GOBI

9 SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC DIRECTION REPORTS

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT**

MARC HOCKINGS

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 <i>(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Science and Management theme used 2010 to help consolidate membership and planning for the future. An intern worked with the program in second half of the year to conduct a member survey and recruit new members from within WCPA and the broader science community. The preparatory work in 2010 will see a number of new initiatives commenced in 2011 including a literature alert service highlighting new publications relevant to management of protected areas. • Limited progress was made with the preparation of PA Manager Guidelines on adapting to Climate Change with a workshop (funded by UNDP and Vilm Academy) held in Vilm in August. Further plans for the project were discussed at the COP10 meeting in Nagoya with commitments to join the project from WWF and WCS but funds that were sought from the German Government to continue this work have not been forthcoming. • The vice-chair and members of the SD have contributed to management effectiveness projects in Colombia, Thailand and Galapagos Islands. • Work on the Green List proposal by PhD student, Katia Lemos Costa proceeded with a case study in Brazil. • A number of task forces and specialist groups under the SD (Management Effectiveness and Biodiversity Outcomes in PAs) made significant progress during the year. The Vice Chair and SD members have been active in these projects.
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS <i>(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)</i>
Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting and other major PA events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCPA Steering Committee in Hinton was attended by the Vice-Chair and Chair of the Biodiversity Outcomes Task Force • COP10 in Nagoya was attended by the Vice-Chair who participated in three side events and assisted with the PA negotiations. The PoWPA target relating to management effectiveness assessment was lifted to 60% (by area) by 2015.
Goal 2: Contribute to 2010BIP project on behalf of IUCN WCPA for Management Effectiveness indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair and Co-chair of the Management Effectiveness Specialist Group represented IUCN-WCPA on the 2010 BIP partnership and contributed to the production of two papers in <i>Science</i> arising from this work. A 2nd draft of the Global study report was prepared.
Goal 3: Prepare Guidelines for PA managers in adapting to climate change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop was held in Vilm in August in association with UNDP. Full project plan prepared and additional funding is being sought.
Goal 4: Prepare supplementary Guidelines on application of IUCN PA categories in marine areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Guidelines prepared in association with Capacity Theme Vice-Chair and others. Two surveys of marine PA managers conducted through involvement of an intern at University of Queensland. Draft Guidelines circulated for comment.

Goal 5: Contribute to Management Effectiveness assessments globally where appropriate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair has led/participated in projects in Colombia, Thailand, Brazil and Ecuador (Galapagos Islands) and study of management effectiveness in marine World Heritage sites. • Work on Green List proposal has progressed with a case study in Brazil undertaken by PhD student at University of Queensland
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of members to determine key issues and preferred means of operation conducted by intern in second half of 2010.
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review process undertaken by Intern was used to recruit a number of new members with a focus on youth.
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with SSC through the joint Biodiversity and PAs Task Force.
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
Leverington, F., Lemos Costa, K., Pavese, H., Lisle, A. and Hockings, M. (2010) A global analysis of protected area management effectiveness. <i>Environmental Management</i> . 46:685–698
Butchart, S. H. M., Walpole, M., Collen, B., van Strein, A., Scharlemann, J.P.W., Almond, R. E. A., Baillie, J., Bomhard, B., Brown, C., Bruno, J., Carpenter, K., Carr, G. M., Chanson, J., Chenery, C., Csirke, J., Davidson, N. C., Dentener, F., Foster, M., Galli, A., Galloway, J. N., Genovesi, P., Gregory, R., Hockings, M., Kapos, V., Lamarque, J-F., Leverington, F., Loh, J., McGeogh, M., McRae, L., Minasyan, A., Morcillo, M.H., Oldfield, T., Pauly, D., Quader, S., Revenga, C., Sauer, J., Skolnik, B., Spear, D., Stanwell-Smith, D., Symes, A., Spear, D., Stuart, S., Tyrrell, T. D., Vie, J.-C. and Watson, R. (2010). Global biodiversity: indicators of recent declines. <i>Science</i> 328:1164-1168.
Walpole, M., Almond, R. E. A., Besancon, C., Butchart, S. H. M., Campbell-Lendrum, D., Carr, G. M., Collen, B., Collette, L., Davidson, N. C., Dulloo, E., Fazel, A. M., Galloway, J. N., Gill, M., Goverse, T., Hockings, M., Leaman, D. J., Morgan, D. H. W., Revenga, C., Rickwood, C. J., Schutyser, F., Simons, S., Stattersfield, A. J., Tyrrell, T. D., Vie, J.-C. and Zimsky, M. (2009). Tracking Progress Toward the 2010 Biodiversity Target and Beyond. <i>Science</i> 325(5947): 1503-1504.
Fiona Leverington, Katia Lemos Costa, Jose Courrau, Helena Pavese, Christoph Nolte, Melitta Marr, Lauren Coad, Neil Burgess, Bastian Bomhard, Marc Hockings (2010) Management effectiveness evaluation in protected areas – a global study. Second edition 2010. The University of Queensland , Brisbane AUSTRALIA
Contributed to Protected Areas section of GBO3 Report
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numerous presentations on management effectiveness in Thailand, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Australia and at COP10
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
•
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Colombian National Parks Service • Assessment of management effectiveness of marine and coastal protected areas in Thailand

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i> 4234.95 CHF plus carry forward of -214.18CHF from 2009 (7500CHF received)
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i> \$37000 for Vilm CC workshop (contributed by UNDP) \$7000 from UNESCO for Marine WH management effectiveness study
Funding proposals in the pipeline Funding from UNDP and WCS for climate change guidelines (\$50000 committed from UNDP and \$5000 for WCS) – additional funds are being sought.
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Complete management effectiveness assessments in Colombia, Thailand and Galapagos
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to be completed by Vice-Chair
Goal 2: Finalise Green List proposal for consideration by WCPA Steering Committee in 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student to complete case studies in Brazil and Australia – prepare proposal based on these results
Goal 3: Implement recommendations from Science and Management study by UQ intern
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Literature forum proposal • Continue to recruit new members • Initiate working group on Invasive Species • Establish newsletter for SD
Goal 4: Climate Change Adaptation Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure additional funds and recruit contributing authors • commence drafting and hold writing workshop (completion in 2012)
Goal 5: Complete Marine PA category guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete revision of guidelines and test in field study sites (in collaboration with Capacity SD)
Goal 6: Attend WCPA and IUCN meetings as appropriate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Leverington is attending SC on behalf of Vice-Chair. Other meetings will be attended as appropriate and feasible. • Contribute to WCPA SC and Exec Committee activities as appropriate
Goal 7: Contribute to WCPA activities in Australia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to SC for WCPA in Australia and contribute to activities in preparation for WPC (if event is to be held in Australia)
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Study of Management Effectiveness has been the major commitment over the last 3 years – this is coming to an end as an intensive activity but funds to maintain the study as an on-going monitoring project need to be obtained – will depend in part on extension of the 2101BIP project. • Work on Biodiversity Outcomes Task Force is significant commitment – especially in relation to PhD student at UQ working on the project

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
TASK FORCE: ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
KAREN KEENLEYSIDE

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010

The primary purpose of the Task Force is to develop a *Best Practice Protected Area Guideline for Ecological Restoration* in response to a resolution of the World Conservation Congress at its 4th Session in Barcelona Spain, 5–14 October, 2008.

Work is underway to deliver on the following outcomes:

1. Raise awareness and support for a global approach to making consistent, credible, and informed decisions about ecological restoration in protected areas.
2. Produce, prior to the next World Conservation Congress, a Best Practice Protected Area Guideline for Ecological Restoration.
3. Identify next steps for working with governments on the dissemination, application and use of the Guideline, including, for example, programmes for further guidance, awareness raising, capacity building, monitoring, and research in regards to ecological restoration in protected areas.

During 2010, we were able to capitalize on opportunities to draw linkages between this initiative (among others) and the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA), through presentations at side events during the CBD SBSTTA meeting in Nairobi (May) and the CBD COP 10 in Nagoya (October). In doing so, we underlined the important work of the IUCN-WCPA in contributing to the effective delivery of the PoWPA. In part as a result of this effort, the Protected Areas Decision of the CBD COP 10 calls upon the IUCN-WCPA and other relevant organizations to (among other things) develop technical guidance for ecological restoration in protected areas.

This has been an important year for moving ahead with the development of the Best Practice Guideline. The Task Force membership was formalized and members have become actively engaged in developing content for the Best Practice Guideline. The bulk of this work will be conducted during 2011.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

Goal 1: Raise awareness and support for a global approach to making consistent, credible, and informed decisions about ecological restoration in protected areas.

- Presented an overview of the objectives of the Task Force, with a focus on linkages between this work and the priorities of the IUCN and CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, during side events at the CBD SBSTTA meeting in Nairobi and the CBD COP 10 in Nagoya, Japan (May and November, 2010, respectively)
- Presented an overview of this initiative, with linkages to the priorities of IUCN and the CBD during the closing plenary of the European meeting of the Society for Ecological Restoration (August 2010)
- Contributed to the Rio Conventions' Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion at COP 10 in Nagoya by making a presentation on the key role of ecological restoration in protected areas in enhancing resilience to climate change
- Succeeded in reaching agreement with the Society for Ecological Restoration to support this

initiative as one of its priorities
Goal 2: Produce, prior to the next World Conservation Congress, a <i>Best Practice Protected Area Guideline for Ecological Restoration</i> .
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented an overview of Task Force objectives and sought support of IUCN-WCPA Steering Committee during its meeting in June • Established a Task Force, with membership as follows (note that we are currently seeking an additional member with marine expertise): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Watson (Australia) Ian Walker (Australia) Ricardo Miranda de Brites (Brazil) Mr. Jussi Päivinen (Finland) Daniel Vallauri (France) Gregory E. Eckert (USA) Joseph Smith Abbott (British Virgin Islands) Eduard Muller (Costa Rica) Dr Daf Ould Sehla Ould DAF (Mauritania) Mike Powell (South Africa) Fethi Ayache (Tunisia) Chang-suk Lee (Korea) • Through a contract with Wrangellia Consulting (Canada), conducted a global scan of restoration best practice guidance, solicited input from all Task Force members on content and approach for Best Practice Guideline and began compiling case studies
Goal 3: Identify next steps for working with governments on the dissemination, application and use of the Guideline, including, for example, programmes for further guidance, awareness raising, capacity building, monitoring, and research in regards to ecological restoration in protected areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributed to the development of a CBD PoWPA e-learning module on mitigating threats to protected areas through restoration http://www.cbd.int/protected/e-learning/ (module 5)
ORGANIZATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable
MEMBERSHIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force represents all regions but is gender biased (all male except the chair) and youth are not well represented.
INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of the Task Force directly supports the themes “Conserving Biodiversity”, “Changing the Climate Forecast” and “Managing Ecosystems for Human Well-Being” and indirectly supports the theme “Greening the World Economy”. The Best Practice Guideline will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be an important tool for policy makers and protected area managers in making decisions about appropriate actions to take in restoring biodiversity and thus contributing to global conservation outcomes. ○ Provide specific guidance on the role of (and approach to) ecological restoration in and around protected areas in contributing to climate change adaptation and mitigation. ○ Provide guidance on the restoration of ecosystem services and the engagement of indigenous and local communities in restoration efforts. ○ Include some high level guidance on possible opportunities for funding ecological restoration efforts in protected areas through carbon markets and finance mechanisms such as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD +).

COMMUNICATION
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None yet
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecological Restoration Guidance for Protected Areas (Karen Keenleyside). IUCN-WCPA side event at CBD SBSTTA meeting in Nairobi (May 2010) • A Global Approach to Ecological Restoration in Protected Areas (Karen Keenleyside). Closing plenary at 7th Society for Ecological Restoration European Conference in Avignon, France (August 2010) • Investing in Ecological Integrity and Resilience in a Changing World (Karen Keenleyside). Rio Conventions' Ecosystems and Climate Change Pavilion Protected Areas Day at CBD COP 10 in Nagoya, Japan (October 2010) • IUCN-WCPA Global Protected Area Programme – Implementing the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (Karen Keenleyside; contribution to group presentation). IUCN Side Event at CBD COP 10 in Nagoya, Japan (October 2010)
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentations in Nagoya were highlighted in the IUCN-WCPA newsletter.
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010
Commission Operating Funds used (<i>Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details</i>)
None
Funds Raised (<i>Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above</i>)
<p>\$15,000 from Parks Canada for contract support in 2010</p> <p>\$25,000 from Parks Canada for contract support in 2011</p> <p>\$10,000 from the Society for Ecological Restoration for 2011</p> <p>Significant in-kind contribution from Parks Canada (travel and salary for Karen Keenleyside)</p>
Funding proposals in the pipeline
Funds (\$10,000 to \$20,000) will be required to bring Task Force members to a face-to-face meeting in Mérida, Mexico in August 2011. A funding proposal has not yet been developed.
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011
Goal 1: Draft Guideline is approved by Steering Committee by December 31, 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Best Practice Guideline prepared by June 2011 and seek external review • Solicit Steering Committee Review and approval (September/October, 2011)
Goal 2: Draft guideline informs the development of documentation on ecological restoration for the CBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing liaison with the Secretariat of the CBD and the Society for Ecological Restoration to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ensure the draft best practice guidance contributes to the development of documentation on ecosystem restoration to be considered by the parties to the CBD at SBSTTA-15 (November 2011) – assuming restoration remains on the agenda ○ ensure the best practice guideline is adopted as technical guidance on restoration for the CBD PoWPA (in 2012).
Goal 3: Engagement among Task Force members and with the ecological restoration community is increased
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize Symposium on a best practice approach to ecological restoration in protected areas during the international meeting of the Society for Ecological Restoration in Mérida, Mexico (August 2011) and solicit additional advice on content for the guideline

- Face-to-face meeting of Task Force members in Mérida (August 2011; dependent on financing)
- Contribute to Steering Committee discussions on future planning during its April 2011 meeting in Switzerland

REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011

- This has been an important year for initiating the core work of the Task Force and for raising awareness of the importance of ecological restoration in protected areas in contributing to achieving the conservation goals of both IUCN and the CBD.
- The challenge for 2011 will be to effectively follow up on the activities that have been initiated and to capitalize on the opportunities that are arising to raise the profile of this work. My effectiveness as chair will continue to be dependent on support from Parks Canada.

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE**

SPECIALIST GROUP: WILDERNESS

VANCE MARTIN

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010

Nagoya COP 10 - IUCN's COP 10 Positions: Following on the launch of the Nature Needs Half initiative at WILD9 in Merida, the Wilderness Specialist Group worked to integrate this concept into IUCN's policy platform for COP 10 in an effort to strengthen the protected areas target. This included working to raise the percentage target and also providing input into the supporting text providing guidance for the target.

Nagoya COP 10 – IMPTF: Following on the climate declaration from WILD9, and in light of the poor results in UNFCCC negotiations in Copenhagen (in particular given weak safeguards and other problematic design elements emerging from UNFCCC negotiations on REDD+) the Wilderness Specialist Group contributed to efforts to design a framework for a more conservation focused (including wilderness conservation) interim mechanism, potentially under the auspices of the CBD, to ensure that emissions from deforestation and degradation in the tropics are greatly reduced in the short term, and more broadly to promote better integration of CBD and UNFCCC objectives.

WILD10 Planning – WILD10 will likely be in Europe in 2013 and liaising with IUCN regional offices in Europe is a priority. IUCN Spain discussions underway. WILD began discussion with IUCN HQ on WILD10 in 2010.

Raising Awareness of Category 1b/Acting as a Reference point on Category 1b – Raising awareness of Category 1b is an ongoing priority. Wilderness Specialist Group members developed two publications on wilderness which include a focus on IUCN Category 1b in 2010. One is by Dudley, N., Kormos, C., Marin, V., Locke, H. in press in the International Journal of Wilderness, due August 2011 and focuses on the new PA definition and new Category 1b guidelines. The other is an article by Kormos, C. on wilderness in the Encyclopedia of Sustainability (Berkshire Publishing 2011). Secured funding from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to produce the French version of International Handbook on Wilderness law and policy, for publication in 2011. Wilderness Specialist Group members also continued work begun at WILD9 on developing a consensus document on the concept of marine wilderness. C. Kormos is also participating on planning committee for 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act of 1964 with U.S. NGOs and government agencies.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS

Goal 1: Nagoya - PA Targets

The Wilderness Specialist Group's input was instrumental in generating a stronger PA target in IUCN's policy platform for Nagoya, and in particular in introducing the need to protect larger areas in countries with significant remaining wilderness resources.

Goal 2: Nagoya – Integrating the Rio Conventions

Successful launch of the IMPTF concept, which helps broaden the REDD+ debate and strengthens the

<p>linkages between the CBD and UNFCCC, which has increasingly been an area of focus for the CBD. This involved supporting a workshop in San Jose Costa Rica endorsed by the CBD Secretariat on an “Interim Mechanism for the Protection of Tropical Forests” (IMPTF), substantial follow up work to draft a concept paper further describing the IMPTF and support for presentation of the paper at a side-event in Nagoya.</p>
<p>Goal 3: Liaising with IUCN regional offices/Secretariat re: WILD10 in Europe</p>
<p>Spain is a strong candidate for WILD10 and WILD has had initial meetings with IUCN regional offices in Spain regarding partnership on WILD10. Meetings have also been held in Brussels, Geneva, Zurich, London, Berlin, Vienna, with members of IUCN specialist groups, regional offices, task forces as part of the EU initiative Wild Europe, and WILD10.</p>
<p>Goal 4: Raising Awareness/Understanding of Category 1b</p>
<p>Successfully raising awareness and facilitating better understanding of Category 1b through advocacy work within IUCN, publications (see below) and media/conferences, including the Western Wilderness Congress, participating on the planning committee for the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Wilderness Act of 1964.</p>
<p>MEMBERSHIP</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership recruitment lagged in 2010. The Wilderness Specialist Group needs to review its roster of members, assess how membership needs to change/expand to ensure the appropriate diversity of expertise, and develop a plan to invite new members in 2011.
<p>INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work of the Wilderness Specialist Group is closely aligned with IUCN’s core thematic programme of biodiversity conservation, and also closely aligned with thematic areas 2 (climate change) and 4 (ecosystems and human well-being).
<p>COMMUNICATION</p>
<p>Publications:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dudley, N., Kormos, C., Marin, V., Locke, H. in press in International Journal of Wilderness, due August 2011 Kormos, C. : “The Wilderness Act” in Encyclopedia on Sustainability (Berkshire Publishing 2011).
<p>Presentations:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Kormos chaired a panel on marine wilderness at the Western Wilderness Congress Other presentations by Vance Martin and Harvey Locke in India, Brussels, Italy, Canada, Australia, and United States
<p>Contributions to media, website, newsletter</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
<p>ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
<p>FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010</p>
<p>Commission Operating Funds used</p>
<p>N/A</p>
<p>Funds Raised</p>
<p>Funding proposals in the pipeline</p>
<p>GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011)</p>
<p>Goal 1: Website</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WILD has launched a Nature Needs Half website, and is currently updating the WILD site. Updating

the Wilderness Specialist Group website is an objective for 2011
Goal 2: Membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review membership, assess need for expanding/diversifying membership, assess need for a Wilderness Specialist Group co-chair and invite co-chair if necessary.
Goal 3: WILD 10 planning with IUCN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First step of IUCN integration with WILD10 occurred by creating working partnership with Regional Office in Spain, and coordination with WCPA.
Goal 4: Continued Awareness Raising
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue publications and presentations at events to raise awareness of the wilderness concept and Category 1b, including publications/events addressing marine conservation and wilderness MPAs, and protected areas more broadly at the George Wright Society meetings in March 2011.
Goal 5: Continued Work on Integrating the Rio Conventions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop technical publications highlighting the need for greater policy integration between climate change mitigation/adaptation and conservation priorities, and in particular REDD+. Provide input into WPC planning and Rio + 20 planning to ensure that these events carry forward the message of integration of the conventions as well.
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The work of the Wilderness Specialist Group has successfully raised awareness and understanding of the wilderness concept within IUCN to the point that policy guidance to the CBD now explicitly mentions wilderness. Wilderness is by no means fully integrated into IUCN policy, let alone in CBD or UNFCCC contexts, but broader acceptance within IUCN represents progress. The Wilderness Specialist Group believes that WCPA should have two overarching objectives over 2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working towards a “transformational” World Parks Congress that clearly defines protected areas objectives in terms of science-based needs, and Continuing to work towards stronger integration of the Rio Conventions (a goal strongly supported by the CBD).

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
SPECIALIST GROUP: MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS

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REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010

During 2010 the second phase of the Global Study, funded by the Biodiversity Indicators Partnerships, came to an end. During the year two major reports were finalized; the second edition of the Global Study report and the first European Study report. A combination of these funded activities and voluntary support from the specialist group enabled us to report on progress towards the CBD PoWPA targets for 2010 and this information was also used for reporting to the Global Biodiversity Outlook Report.

A highlight of the year was the new target recommendation from the Nagoya meeting of the CBD that member states should assess 60% of their protected areas. Our ability to track and report on PAME studies over the past five years has contributed to the continuation of this focus.

Communication has continued between members of the Specialist group on these studies and on many other issues: however overall there is a need for better communication with the group as a whole. Plans are underway for a renewal of group energy and to establish better mechanisms for sharing information. The Co-chair of the Management Effectiveness Specialist Group represented IUCN-WCPA on the 2010 BIP partnership and attended the final project meeting.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

- 1. Goal 1:** Encouraging action and tracking progress towards the goals, targets and actions relating to management effectiveness in the CBD Program of Work for Protected Areas. This task needs to include some focus on the regions that are under-performing in relation to conducting and reporting on MEE.

Tracking and reporting on progress occurred through a number of processes including the BIP index/ Global Study which was being conducted by University of Queensland and WCMC with NGO partners. . All task force members encouraged further studies and contribution of data where possible The funded Global Study project was completed in September 2010. A report was submitted at COP10. A second version of the Global Study report has been completed and will be available on the WCPA website shortly.

A website recording known assessments was established at WCMC <http://www.wdpa.org/ME/Default.aspx>. Reports were prepared for presentation at COP10 in October 2010, indicating progress towards the 30% targets. The results were also included in the BIP reporting <http://www.twentyten.net/>.

In addition, a detailed study was co-funded by the German Government and undertaken by the Global Study team in conjunction with the University of Greifswald And other partners: UNEP-WCMC, EUROPARC, and the German Agency for Nature Conservation . The report is available at <http://www.bfn.de/index+M52087573ab0.html>

<p>This progress and our ability to report on it helped to bolster the arguments for continued PAME targets. In October 2010, the Nagoya COP recommended to States Parties that they lift the target for PAME assessments to 60% of their PA network by 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing work by a number of specialist group members has been attempting to continue and improve the collation of all Management Effectiveness Tracking Too (MAETT) I information. A dedicated database has been created for data from the Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool and all GEF data has been entered. Various PhD students and Post Doctoral Fellows from a number of Universities are working with PAME data in conjunction with WCPA, and are investigating links to measuring outcomes in terms of species trends, habitats trends in PAs around the world.
<p>2. Goal 2: Developing and establishing a framework and possibly methodologies for assessing and reporting on protected area system-wide (country, state or organisation) management effectiveness.</p>
<p>A common reporting format for system-level assessment has been prepared and data has been compiled from many studies. System-level studies have been conducted with assistance of task-force members in a number of countries including Colombia.</p>
<p>3. Goal 3: Developing and disseminating standards and decision frameworks for MEE including selection and adaptation of methodologies.</p>
<p>Summaries of methodologies compiled in the first phase of the Global Study are available on the WCMC website. In addition, a thorough review of methodologies that have been used in Europe was prepared as part of the European Study and is available from the German government website http://www.bfn.de/index+M52087573ab0.html.</p>
<p>4. Goal 4: Developing and communicating approaches for better integration of planning, management and evaluation through ecosystem management and adaptive management approaches. 'Mainstreaming' of MEE into management and business planning and regular park management operations is an important goal.</p>
<p>Further ideas about this process were developed and included in the European study report.</p>
<p>5. Goal 5: Providing an overview and reference group for studies and analyses relating to the Global Study on Management Effectiveness, including reports for the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership. Assisting with preparation of regional MEE reports.</p>
<p>Reports for the Global Biodiversity Outlook were prepared and integrated into the book published in 2010. A second version of the Global Study report has been prepared and will be released in early 2011. A number of task force members were involved in this publication either as authors or acknowledged contributors. A regional PAME report for Europe was published in 2010 with contributions from many taskforce members . Information has been compiled for other regions but reports have not been completed.</p> <p>In addition, task force members have contributed to and/or refereed a number of other publications and have given advice to numerous agencies undertaking PAME studies.</p> <p>The joint IUCN WCPA / SSC Task Force through several postgraduate students has been using PAME data to establish linkage between PAME links and environmental outcomes</p> <p>See report for Goal 1.</p>
<p>6. Goal 6: Developing training materials and possibly a self-funding capacity to deliver training packages in management effectiveness. Investigating mentoring approaches and other means to</p>

<p>establish a strong cadre of MEE capacity internationally.</p> <p>Some task force members have worked extensively with their own agencies and with other agencies across the world, though this has been generally at their own initiative. The European study enabled deeper sharing and mentoring within that region.</p> <p>The CBD is currently finalizing an e-learning module on PA management effectiveness.</p> <p>A number of undergraduate and postgraduate students, volunteers and postdoctoral fellows have been supervised, mentored and encouraged by members of the group, with extensive cooperation among institutions in this regard.</p>
<p>7. Goal 7: Ensuring that management effectiveness information is appropriately included in the WDPA and maintained over time.</p> <p>Lack of continuing funding for this activity at WCMC is a limitation; results from the European Study have been incorporated but apart from this only limited work in this field has occurred over 2010. This is a priority for further fundraising, as it enables reporting linked to CBD targets, regional reports, and preparing for the 2014 Parks Congress.</p>
<p>8. Goal 8: Providing a forum for communication and a community of practice through internet as well as a focus group for discussion on management effectiveness issues at national and international conferences and other gatherings.</p> <p>The group has communicated with varying frequency on an informal basis, and has established a facebook page for management effectiveness. A focus for this year is to establish more effective communication mechanisms.</p>
<p>9. Goal 9: Investigating a 'green list' or other means of certification of protected area management.</p> <p>A proposal for a green list has been developed and trial work has begun to establish how this might operate.</p>
<p>ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none
<p>MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recruitment of potential new members underway.
<p>INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME <i>(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i></p> <p>Publications:</p> <p>Belokurov, A, C Besançon, N Burgess, N Dudley, M Hockings, F Leverington, K MacKinnon, H Pavese, S Stolton and T Whitten (2009) New resources for assessing the effectiveness of management in protected areas. <i>Oryx</i> 43, 14.</p> <p>Butchart, SHM, M Walpole, B Collen, A van Strien, JPW Scharlemann, REA Almond, JEM Baillie, B Bomhard, C Brown, J Bruno, KE Carpenter, GM Carr, J Chanson, AM Chenery, J Csirke, NC Davidson, F Dentener, M Foster, A Galli, JN Galloway, P Genovesi, RD Gregory, M Hockings, V Kapos, J-F Lamarque, F Leverington, J Loh, MA McGeoch, L McRae, A Minasyan, MH Morcillo, TEE Oldfield, D Pauly, S Quader, C Revenga, JR Sauer, B Skolnik, D Spear, D Stanwell-Smith, SN Stuart, A Symes, M Tierney, TD Tyrrell, J-C Vié and R Watson (2010) Global Biodiversity: Indicators of Recent Declines. <i>Science</i> 328(5982), 1164-1168.</p>

Leverington, F, Anne Kettner, Christoph Nolte, Melitta Marr, Sue Stolton, H Pavese, S Stoll-Kleeman and Marc Hockings (2010a) Protected Area Management Effectiveness Assessments in Europe: Overview of European methodologies. BfN- Scripten 271b. BfN, Vilm, Germany.

Leverington, F, KL Costa, H Pavese, A Lisle and M Hockings (2010b) Management effectiveness evaluation in protected areas -a global study. *Journal of Environmental Management* **46**(5), 685-698.

Leverington, F, J Courrau, H Pavese, C Nolte, M Marr, L Coad, N Burgess, Bastian Bomhard, KL Costa and M Hockings (2011) Management effectiveness evaluation in protected areas: a global study. Second edition. University of Queensland, IUCN- WCPA, TNC, WWF, St Lucia, Australia.

Nolte, C, F Leverington, A Kettner, M Marr, G Nielsen, B Bomhard, S Stolton, S Stoll-Kleeman and M Hockings (2010) Protected Area Management Effectiveness Assessments in Europe: A review of applications, methods and results. BfN- Scripten 271a. BfN, Vilm, Germany.

Presentations:

Marc Hockings has given numerous presentations on management effectiveness in Thailand, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Australia and at COP10. Other members have presented in their own countries and through a range of projects. Presentations. Internal presentations in University of Copenhagen

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

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

- Marc Hocking and Fiona Leverington travelled to Brazil to advise the government on MEE matters and to investigate the potential for the Green List pilot (April 2011)

FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 (*Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted*)

Students

PhD and MSc studentships utilizing PAME data in University of Queensland, University of Copenhagen, University of Oxford, UNEP-WCMC and University of Michigan are assisting pulling data together within databases, and undertaking analyses that can be published. In the absence of secure core funding this is one way to maintain momentum in PAME work.

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

Funding proposals in the pipeline

German Government for African study report: rejected for 2011

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 (*Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair*)

Goal 1: Encouraging action and tracking progress towards the goals, targets and actions relating to management effectiveness in the CBD Program of Work for Protected Areas. This task needs to include some focus on the regions that are under-performing in relation to conducting and reporting on MEE.

- Currently there is no established institutional capacity to track or report on progress towards the new CBD targets or to compile, store, analyse and report on PAME information to show trends in management and threats over the next five years. While the volunteer taskforce can play a very important role in obtaining and sharing information, it requires full-time commitment to continue the Global study as it existed in 2006-2010. Therefore a critical action is to obtain funding for a continuation of this study in some form.

Goal 2: Promote and assist in implementing a framework for assessing and reporting on protected area

<p>system-wide (country, state or organisation) management effectiveness. Compile information to gain a better international picture of system-level effectiveness</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be desirable to report internationally on system-wide indicators from as many countries as possible. The specialist group could play a major role in developing this reporting framework and compiling information.
<p>Goal 3: Disseminating standards and decision frameworks for MEE including selection and adaptation of methodologies.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a priority, translation of existing material is needed, as there is little non-English access to any of this material Summaries of any new methodologies will be prepared and placed on the WCMC PAME website: this is a task that can be undertaken by any of the specialist group members. The summaries can be prepared in any language, as is most appropriate for the potential users.
<p>Goal 4: Developing and communicating approaches for better integration of planning, management and evaluation through ecosystem management and adaptive management approaches. ‘Mainstreaming’ of MEE into management and business planning and regular park management operations is an important goal.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least two proposed task force members are particularly interested in progressing this work and will develop approaches in the near future. A particular challenge relates to engagement with site managers and management agencies to move from theory to practice –encouraging people to learn from assessments and implement findings. This will be a focus of future work of the specialist group. Progress led by Task Force members is occurring in individual agencies. For example, through 2009-10 on member led a process in Ontario Parks to update the management planning manual and develop a series of supporting guidelines, including assessing for ecological integrity. The manual and guidelines employ the principles of management effectiveness evaluation in various ways, tailored to their circumstances. WE need to investigate better ways of sharing this information.
<p>Goal 5: Providing an overview and reference group for studies and analyses relating to the Global Study on Management Effectiveness, including reports for the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership. Assisting with preparation of regional MEE reports.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is needed to enable further reports for be completed. Specialist group members will be involved in sourcing and compiling information and in reviewing prepared material. Possible funding is being sourced for an Asian study and an African study.
<p>Goal 6: Developing training materials and possibly a self-funding capacity to deliver training packages in management effectiveness. Investigating mentoring approaches and other means to establish a strong cadre of MEE capacity internationally.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For discussion – the group set this as a goal but it may not be realistic without a core group with time to develop further materials.
<p>Goal 7: Ensuring that management effectiveness information is appropriately included in the WDPA and maintained over time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of actions by WCMC; assistance from task force as needed. Better promotion of the WDPA-MEE website and links to it from other sites are needed.
<p>Goal 8: Providing a forum for communication and a community of practice through internet as well as a focus group for discussion on management effectiveness issues at national and international conferences and other gatherings.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of website and community of practice for information exchange. An early point for group discussion and proposals will relate to how such a site and community of practice

should operate and where it should be hosted
Goal 9: Investigating a 'green list' or other means of certification of protected area management.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is proposed to trial the green list concept in Brazil and in Queensland, Australia. A PhD student is developing the concept in conjunction with the Task Force
Goal 10: Preparing for a major PAME presence and theme at the 2014 World Parks Congress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning will begin for PAME activities and presentations at the Congress • Any publications, audiovisual materials etc needed for the Congress will be planned for and their development begun. • Funding applications for these activities and materials will be prepared
REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support from WCPA and IUCN to source funding for a continuation of the Global Study, for conducting regional studies, for translation of existing materials and for developing training materials would be appreciated. Strong endorsement letters would help approaching potential donors • Better mechanisms for communication, including a website which is easy for the Specialist Group to update immediately and to use as a 'blog' would be helpful

IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
SPECIALIST GROUP: PROTECTED LANDSCAPES/SEASCAPES

JESSICA BROWN

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

The WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group promotes the protected landscape approach by documenting and presenting experience worldwide, mobilizing global expertise, and developing guidance on protected landscapes. Protected Landscapes are protected areas based on the interactions of people and nature over time in which “safeguarding the integrity of this traditional interaction is vital to the protection, maintenance and evolution of such an area” (IUCN 2008).

The mission of the Specialist Group is *to promote and demonstrate the value of Category V Protected Landscapes as a functional and practical mechanism for the protection of biodiversity, cultural diversity and the sustainable use of resources*. Members of the Protected Landscapes Specialist Group (PLSG) are drawn from many different countries and bring a diversity of experience and expertise. Recent publications of the Task Force can be viewed at:
http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_puball/wcpa_pubsubject/wcpa_landscapespub/

This report provides a brief review of activities and accomplishments of the Protected Landscapes Specialist Group over the past year. Highlights are described below.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Promote the value, importance and understanding of the protected landscape concept as a management approach to a range of protected areas categories and the wider rural area

- We have promoted the protected landscape approach to a wide audience this year through publications, presentations and workshops. In addition to publications aimed at practitioners we have made an effort in 2010 to bring out this material in the academic literature, including publication in peer-reviewed journals such as *Management of Environmental Quality* (see below) and *Journal of Conservation and Society* (in preparation). Also we continue to work on new volumes in our series on *Values of Protected Landscapes and Seascapes*. Several members of the Specialist Group participated in the Global Workshop of the Satoyama Initiative hosted by UNESCO in Paris in January 2010 where they addressed this international session on topics related to protected landscapes and protected area governance. A workshop on “Community Conservation in Practice” convened by the Global Diversity Foundation in May 2010 was another venue where SG members contributed experience with protected landscapes.
- A more detailed list of presentations, workshops and publications is detailed in the section below.

Goal 2: Develop and disseminate guidance for protected area managers regarding the application of the protected landscape model

- Preparation of Volume III in our publication series on *Values of Protected Landscapes and Seascapes*. This series, launched at the World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, explores the diverse environmental, economic, cultural and social values that Category V protected areas can provide.

Volume (*Protected Landscapes and Agrobiodiversity Values*) and Volume II (*Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Landscapes*) have been receiving broad distribution. We have begun work on Volume III, *Protected Landscapes and Wild Biodiversity Values*, with Nigel Dudley serving as lead editor for this volume. Originally we had envisioned a publication date of late 2010, in time for Nagoya, but this had to be postponed. (See attached call for papers)

- Specialist Group members Nora Mitchell and Mechtild Rössler produced a UNESCO publication setting out guidance on World Heritage Cultural Landscapes (see below).
- In one example of how SG members are influencing policy and providing guidance for protected areas managers in their own countries, Richard Partington produced Natural England’s draft policy on Protected Landscapes which, following consultation, sets out Natural England’s position with respect to furthering the role of protected landscapes in England.

Goal 3: Support an emerging IUCN strategy with respect to World Heritage Cultural Landscapes, in particular contributing to the evaluation of Cultural Landscape nominations.

- Building on a 2009 agreement between the Specialist Group and the IUCN Programme on Protected Areas during 2010 we continued to provide support with evaluation of World Heritage Cultural Landscapes. Nora Mitchell has been serving as focal point for the SG in this area. We recommended desk reviewers from the SG and other WCPA Task Forces for the 2010 World Heritage Cultural Landscape nominations.

Goal 4: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

- Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the June 2010 WCPA Steering Committee meeting due to budget constraints. I had been hoping to participate in the 2010 meeting, particularly since SG and TF chairs had not been included in the 2009 meeting. With more notice (I learned of the invitation only 6 weeks prior) I could have planned accordingly and found a way to finance my travel to Hinton.

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)*

- During 2010 we have added a number of excellent new members to the Specialist Group, including several youth, representing diverse regions and institutions.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

- The Specialist Group continues to collaborate with the inter-commission Strategic Direction TILCEPA and with themes/networks related to governance and ICCAs. A number of SG members are active members of the ICCA consortium.
- We have cooperated with IUCN regional programs where possible, as was the case with our regional workshop in Bolivia in late 2009 on protected landscapes, which brought together many Latin American WCPA and CEM members. We are continuing to explore joint activities coming out of that session. I have recently met with IUCN regional staff in East Africa (Tanzania program) and have discussed the work of the SG with them. There are doubtless many untapped opportunities for cooperation at the regional level.

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

Publications:

Specialist Group members contributed to a recent publication of the CBD Secretariat on *Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity in Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes* (CBD Technical Series 52) <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-52-en.pdf>. The report was distributed at the meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 14) in Nairobi, Kenya (May 2010) and the CoP10 meetings in Nagoya, Japan (October 2010). Papers by SG members in this publication include:

- *Bridging managed and natural landscapes: The role of traditional (agri)culture in maintaining the diversity and resilience of social-ecological systems* (Pablo Eyzaguirre)
- *The ayllu system of the Potato Park* (Alejandro Argumedo)
- *Protected Landscapes and satoyama in North America: Diverse landscapes, diverse governance models* (Jessica Brown)

We brought out a special issue of *Management of Environmental Quality: An International Journal*, focusing on the theme *Traditional Agricultural Landscapes and Community-Conserved Areas*. Jessica Brown and Ashish Kothari served as guest editors for the issue, and several Protected Landscapes Specialist Group members contributed to this peer-reviewed publication, which came out earlier this month.

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/journals.htm?articleid=1907302&show=abstract>

Nora Mitchell and Mechtild Rössler produced the publication, *Cultural Landscapes*, #26 in the UNESCO World Heritage Series <http://whc.unesco.org/en/series/26/>

Terence Hay-Edie and Jessica Brown produced a publication on the Community Management of Protected Areas for Conservation (COMPACT) initiative of the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), *COMPACT: Engaging Local Communities in Stewardship of Globally Significant Protected Areas*, which highlights how this program of grant-making and capacity-building takes a landscape approach in its work with communities near World Heritage sites.

http://sgp.undp.org/index.cfm?module=ActiveWeb&page=WebPage&s=compact_1

Presentations:

- Over the past year our Specialist Group members have contributed to many conferences and workshops on themes related to protected landscapes. A partial list includes:
 - At the Global Workshop of the Satoyama Initiative (January 2010), Adrian Phillips presented on *Perspectives of potential partners in the Satoyama Initiative*, focusing on WCPA's work on categories and Category V in particular. Jessica Brown presented on *Features of Sustainably Managed Biocultural Landscapes in North America and their Benefits for Biodiversity Conservation and Human Well-being*. Other members of the Specialist Group contributing to the session on the topics related to protected landscapes were Alejandro Argumedo from *Asociación ANDES* in Peru and Terence Hay-Edie of the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme.
 - Specialist Group members Nora Mitchell and Mechtild Rössler made presentations on cultural landscapes to the *International Conference on Biological and Cultural Diversity: Diversity for Development – Development for Diversity* <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/icbcd/> (Montreal, Canada – June 2010). The conference was convened by UNESCO and the CBD Secretariat, along with other partners.
 - At the 2010 conference of the International Funders of Indigenous Peoples Jessica Brown convened a session on *Innovative ways of integrating traditional knowledge and practices with present-day community engagement*, which featured case-studies from bio-cultural

<p>landscapes in Latin America and Africa (Tofino, Vancouver, Canada – May 2010).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – At the International Congress on Ethnobiology (Tofino, Canada – May 2010) Specialist Group members Jessica Brown, Bas Vershuuren and Alejandro Argumedo contributed to sessions on protected areas categories and governance including: <i>Community Conservation in context: can designations embrace the diversity of global experiences?</i> They also contributed to several sessions on sacred natural sites, ICCAs and safeguarding traditional knowledge. http://www.tbgf.org/ice/content/about-congress – Specialist Group members Bas Vershuuren and Jessica Brown contributed to a session at the annual conference of International Funders of Indigenous Peoples (IFIP) on <i>Dueling Designations: Supporting official recognition of indigenous participation in community protected areas and sacred natural sites.</i> (Tofino, Canada – May 2010). http://www.internationalfunders.org/conferences.html
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
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ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
• None in 2010.
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010 <i>(Indicate Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
NA
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
All of the above activities were covered directly or in-kind. Funds raised in 2009 (from GTZ and Natural England) for the publication series were carried over into 2010 and the next year for Volume III.
Funding proposals in the pipeline
Funding has been committed by the USNPS and the UNDP/GEF SGP for the international workshop on Landscape-scale conservation in Spring 2011. No other proposals are currently in the pipeline.
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: Promote the value, importance and understanding of the protected landscape concept as a management approach to a range of protected areas categories and the wider rural area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of Volume III <i>Protected Landscapes and Wild Biodiversity Values</i> in 2011. • Working with SG member Jorge Recharte we are exploring a publication on Cultural Landscapes focusing on the Andean region with possible support from UNESCO. • We are in discussion with SG member Gunnar Finke about a possible publication on the relationship between World Heritage Cultural Landscapes and Category V protected areas building on research he has recently done in this area. • A partial list of presentations and workshops envisioned for 2011 includes: several panels on topics related to protected landscapes/seascapes at the upcoming conference of the George Wright Society (March); a panel on the landscape approach in grant-making at the upcoming conference of the Environmental Grant-makers Association, and a workshop in West Africa later in the year.
Goal 2: Develop and disseminate guidance for protected area managers regarding the application of the protected landscape model
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities envisioned for 2011 include: an international workshop in collaboration with the US National Park Service, the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme, and QLF/Atlantic Center for the Environment on “Taking Conservation to Scale” which will reach protected area managers from several regions.
Goal 3: Support IUCN’s strategy with respect to World Heritage Cultural Landscapes, in particular

contributing to the evaluation of Cultural Landscape nominations

- We envision continuing to provide support in the following areas: providing advice to the IUCN World Heritage Panel on the values of nominated properties; recommending desk reviewers (from the PLSG and from other WCPA Task Forces); and recommending evaluators to take part in field missions

Goal 4: Explore new opportunities for collaboration between the WCPA Protected Landscapes Specialist Group and other groups

- We are exploring areas of cooperation with the CSVPA Specialist Group, including a possible joint project on Sacred Natural Sites and Protected Landscapes.
- Several SG members also active with CSVPA are in discussion with Terralingua about a joint project on Sacred Natural Sites and oral history, drawing out the connections between traditional ecological knowledge and sustaining landscapes.
- We are seeking new opportunities to highlight topics related to protected landscapes at gatherings of foundations.
- Several SG members are active partners in the Satoyama Initiative and we are continuing to explore ways to be involved in this initiative.
- Many of our Specialist Group members continue to be involved in this consortium initiative coming out of the World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, which aims to promote the recognition and appropriate support of ICCAs at national and international levels. As many Category V protected areas are under the governance of indigenous and/or local communities – and thus can be considered ICCAs—the program of work for the consortium is an opportunity for PLSG members to contribute to an area of mutual interest.

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- Despite limited resources we were able to implement a full program of work in 2010 and envision a similar level of activity in the coming year. However, finding resources for our activities continues to pose a challenge particularly in the current funding environment. While we have funding in place for the next volume in the publications series, due to the economic downturn several of our past sources have been unable to commit support for the ongoing work of the SG. For example, Natural England, which had provided multi-year funding through 2009 was not able to support our 2010 request for support due to budget cuts. Though I now work for a (very small) foundation my travel budget for these activities is actually more limited than it had been prior to 2009. Piggybacking on existing events, such as some of the conferences and workshops mentioned above, has been one strategy, but there are obvious limitations to this approach. For example, I had been invited to contribute on behalf of the Protected Landscapes SG to several workshops at the CBD CoP10 in Nagoya, but was unable to travel there due to lack of funding.
- My hope is that going forward, and with the additional capacity of Trevor as Director of the Global PPA, those of us leading WCPA's Specialist Groups and Task Forces might be reconnected to the WCPA Steering Committee -- if not by actually participating in the SC meetings, then through more regular access to information. These WCPA working groups play an important role in advancing the work of the Commission.
- At the same time, the Protected Landscapes Specialist Group continues to grow in membership and this is, of course, our most vital resource. The time given by Specialist Group members to activities such as the World Heritage nomination reviews, participating in regional and international meetings, undertaking research and producing publications demonstrates their active engagement. This kind of engagement by a network of volunteers is at the heart of WCPA

and each of the IUCN Commissions -- and it should be enthusiastically supported by IUCN.

Attachments:

- Report on the January 2010 Global Workshop of the Satoyama Initiative (submitted to IUCN and WCPA by Jessica Brown and Adrian Phillips)
- Call for Papers – Volume II in the series *Values of Protected Landscapes and Seascapes*
- Copy in pdf of the CBD publication (Technical Series #52), *Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity in Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes*
- Reprint of paper *Traditional agricultural landscapes and community conserved areas: an overview (Brown and Kothari 2011)*, *Management of Environmental Quality: An International Journal*

10 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS STRATEGIC DIRECTION REPORT

**IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
THEMATIC VICE CHAIR: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
SVETLANA KOPYLOVA**

REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010

OVERVIEW OF 2010 *(insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year)*

In 2010, the organizational work on completing and re-activating the WCPA YP Group was continued – as a result, we now have a diverse and dynamic core group. New members are joining the Group, while the most active ones are nominated to become WCPA members.

Efforts were invested into developing communication tools: several social networks were put in place (as people tend to stick to their favorite social network) with Facebook showing up as the most popular one (about 400 members). The Group newsletters are now disseminated through the MailChimp, which allows tracking the reaction of the audience. Following numerous discussions with members, the decision was made to create an independent website for Young PA Professionals, which will integrate info sharing tools, distance learning materials, informal communication, mentoring by senior experts and other opportunities. This will be the priority for 2011.

The efforts were also put into providing YP with information on existing career development, training and volunteering opportunities within and outside IUCN – this was seen as an added value of WCPA for its young members. A lot of positive feedback was received from members, so there is a need to continue providing this service (using a new website as a tool). The challenge, however, is an increasing work load on a few active Group members with others being very passive in sharing information with their colleagues. Possible solution can be better division of responsibilities through appointing thematic focal points and more region/national focal points.

Finally, improved collaboration with other IUCN YP Groups (IUCN CEC and IUCN CEL, IUCN Youth Councilor) is one of the outputs of 2010. More needs to be done to better co-operate with IUCN Regional offices, Headquarters and SG/TFs within WCPA.

PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS *(State goals and comment on progress set for the year- add more if needed)*

Goal 1: Attend WCPA Steering Committee meeting

SC Meeting in Hinton, Canada attended

Goal 2: To activate WCPA YP and increase YP membership within WCPA

The YP **active** membership doubled since 2009 (see details below), the members are getting news on WCPA activities and participating in many of them, writing on their work to YP Group newsletters, volunteering for the Group, presenting it at different youth gatherings.

Goal 3: To make young members aware of professional development and networking opportunities including awards, scholarships, internships, trainings, conferences, etc

Information of professionals development opportunities for young PA professionals collected and regularly posted at YP Group pages (Facebook, Linked In, Yahoo Group or sent by e-mail);
2 YP Group newsletters released in 2010;
YP website structure developed and agreed with web designer. The site is plan to be done in 2011 and will include info sharing and, potentially, distance learning tools for PA YPs.

Goal 4: To facilitate YP involvement in key global and regional conservation events and to represent WCPA YP Group at these events

WCPA YP Workshop and presentation of YP Group to WCPA members at Healthy Parks – Healthy People Congress, Australia, April 2010 – 21 participants;
2 YP Group members participated in CBD COP10, represented the Group, recruited new members and liaised with other WCPA members and other youth networks, helped with organization of Rio Conventions’ Pavilion. They reported live on Facebook during the Conference;
YP workshop at Parks Forum, Australia, conducted.

Goal 5: To help managing WCPA/IRF Young Conservationist Award

YP VC serves as one of the members of the evaluation committee for this Award. The evaluation of the applications is now on-going and the winner will be defined by mid-February, 2011.

Goal 6: To promote greater recognition and implementation of Intergenerational Partnership for Sustainability (IPS) as an important partnership strategy within the IUCN

All activities are done in close connection with IUCN CEC and IUCN CEL YP Groups and with IUCN Youth Councilor, Grace Mwara.

Proposal on IUCN-wide Task Force on IPS drafted and submitted to WCPA Chair in preparation to IUCN Council meeting.

The YP website in development will be the joint website for YP groups of the 3 IUCN Commissions. As soon as other Commissions will have their YP groups, they will be involved as well.

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

The YP Group currently includes 8 regional deputies, 5 national focal points, and 1 newsletter editor, who help to work with members and recruit new members in their respected regions/countries. Some regions still don’t have their focal points – this need to be addressed in 2011.

In 2011, it’s planned to also have thematic focal points within the Group to ensure better YP involvement in different SG/TF activities.

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

Currently the YP Group has **140 active**³ members – the active youth membership **doubled** from the middle of 2009. Besides, **about 200** young PA professionals are members of the Group Facebook page and other social networks (Linked In, Yahoo Group) – they’re in touch with the group and potential WCPA members. Based on their experience, commitment and activity to help the group, some of them are being nominated to become WCPA members.

There is no lack of potential young WCPA members, but it’s important to ensure the “quality” of membership, i.e. to select only those, who will be of real value to the Commission. This requires more advises from regional VCs, as it’s difficult to select people only based on their CVs. The network of regional deputies and national focal points for the YP Group is being developed - they help much with selection process. It’s important to improve communication between these focal points and regional WCPA VCs.

INTEGRATION WITH IUCN 2009 – 2012 QUADRENNIAL PROGRAMME *(Comment on alignment and collaboration with themes and regions)*

Involvement of young professionals is a cross-cutting issue for IUCN work at all regions and topics – therefore, all group activities contributed to this. Additionally, the Group focused on higher interaction with other IUCN Commissions Young Professionals groups and IUCN Youth Councilor with a view to promote the establishment of IUCN-wide task force on intergenerational partnership (IUCN Resolution

³ There may be more youth members in the official WCPA membership database, but I’m counting here only those, who demonstrate some activity: respond to mails, posts, send their news, participate in events etc.

4.098 from IUCN Members' Assembly in Barcelona).
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
There were no independent Group publications, but the young members are informed as soon as there is a chance for them to participate in any of the WCPA SG/TF publications.
Presentations:
Multiple presentations of the Group and broader WCPA activities made by Group members at Healthy Parks – Healthy People (Australia), CBD COP 10 (Japan), Youth Go4BioDiv Forum (Japan), several gatherings of Latin America PA Network, for Russian PA directors, for alumni of Management of Pas Program of Klagenfurt University (Austria), at least, in 10 more countries at national level.
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
WCPA YP Group is issuing a newsletter for its members (once per half a year). Members and focal points contribute to its content.
The Group has its web pages at IUCN/WCPA web site and has contributed to IUCN GPAP newsletters. The concept of an independent website for Young PA Professionals (in co-operation with IUCN CEC and IUCN CEL YP Groups) is developed, and the website will be in place during the next several months.
The main communication within the Group is through social networks , mainly, Facebook. The network involves not only young, but also senior PA professionals, and not just WCPA members, but also potential ones – this facilitates broader partnerships. The Group also shares a Wiki-space with IUCN CEC and IUCN CEL YP Groups .
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
No assignments
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2010
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2010 and use financial report for details)</i>
CHF 3 716
Funds Raised <i>(Indicate the source and amount of funds raised in pursuit of the activities listed above)</i>
About CHF 9 000 contributed as a volunteer work of the VC (@ CHF 100/day)
Funding proposals in the pipeline
no
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2011 <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2011 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
Goal 1: To develop website for Young PA Professionals to serve as a single communication channel of all IUCN YP Groups (external and internal communication)
Technical creation of the website; Assigning thematic and regional moderators; Promotion of the website; Regular updates.
Goal 2: To get prepared to the WCC 2012
To collect members ideas and develop a program of WCPA YP Group presence at WCC; To co-operate with WCPA Asia, regional IUCN office and other stakeholders to ensure effective program for young PA professionals at the WCC; To secure funding to allow active WCPA young members to participate at the WCC and conduct additional capacity building activities for young PA professionals at the WCC
Goal 3: To increase involvement of young WCPA members into the work of specific WCPA SG/TFs and the work of regional IUCN offices
To conduct a survey among SG/TF leaders to explore potential involvement of young members into their

work;

To communicate these opportunities to the YP Group members;

To contact IUCN regional offices' staff to explore potential involvement of young members to their projects;

To assign thematic focal points within the YP Group to represent WCPA SG/TFs within the Group

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- There is a need to better focus the Group activities in order to place more efforts into the priority areas. There is also a need to involve more active members to push the Group forwards.
- It's important to plan objectives and priority activities together with WCPA regional and thematic VCs (probably, conduct the joined planning exercise during the next WCPA SC meeting) to ensure more collaboration and more focused impact.