

IUCN Resolution #64 – Progress Report (by Co-sponsor activity), 04 October 2017

“Strengthening cross sector partnerships to recognise the contributions of nature to health, well-being and quality of life”

Co-sponsor	Implementation activity	Relevant Operative Statement
Australian Government Department of Environment and Energy	Commonwealth, state and territory environment ministers have agreed to collaborate on a common national approach to environment-economic accounting. This work will use the internationally accepted standards from the United Nations System of Environmental-Economic Accounting.	4
	Australia’s Biodiversity Conservation Strategy (2010- 2030) will be refreshed to highlight the links between environment for human health.	5
	Australia’s National Landcare Program and the Improving Your Local Parks and Environment Program now highlight the nature-health linkages.	5
	Australia’s Indigenous Protected Areas and the Indigenous Rangers- Working on Country programs are specifically aimed at environmental, social and economic outcomes for Indigenous people.	5
	The Australian Government supports each Australian state to establish green urban spaces for the benefit of human health.	5
	The Australian Government's Green Army and 20 Million Trees programs enables programs such as the Victorian State Government’s Greening the West 1 Million Trees project which aims to enable sustainable, liveable, healthy communities through urban greening in Melbourne’s west.	5
	Australia is an active Party to the Partnership for the Conservation of Migratory Waterbirds and the Sustainable Use of their Habitats in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway. A Ramsar regional initiative, the Partnership is an informal and voluntary collaboration of effort focusing on protecting migratory waterbirds, their habitat and the livelihoods of people dependant on them.	5
Department of Conservation New Zealand (DOC)	DOC is a contributing partner of the World Leadership Dialogue and Workshop – ‘Nature is Good Medicine’ at the 15th World Congress on Public Health 2017.	1
	DOC has promoted the Healthy Nature Healthy People (HNHP) approach to more than fifty national and regional organisations and agencies.	5
	DOC has developed a strategy to support adoption and integration of the HNHP principles and drive external growth of the movement.	5
Earthwatch Australia	No update provided	
Europarc	No update provided	

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	The IUCN have appointed a member of the Secretariat (Peter Cochrane) to sit on the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Biodiversity and Health, established by the Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat and the World Health Organisation. This aim of this role is to strengthen knowledge and awareness of the linkages between biodiversity and human health.	1
Korea National Park Service	No update provided	
The Nature Conservancy (TNC) (Australia)	TNC is in the process of developing the Melbourne Metropolitan Urban Forest Strategy which will provide an overarching vision for a greener city with a growing population. Critical to this strategy is the value nature (especially vegetation) plays in reduction of heat, increased amenity, and improved physical and mental health for Melbourne's residents.	5
	TNC supports Traditional Owners in northern and central Australia in managing their country through sustainable financing mechanisms such as carbon farming, and through Healthy Country Planning .	5
Nature Conservation Council of NSW	No update provided	
NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) (Australia)	OEH was a contributing partner of the World Leadership Dialogue and Workshop – 'Nature is Good Medicine' at the 15th World Congress on Public Health 2017.	1
	OEH is developing improved methods for valuing social, economic and cultural values of National Parks and biodiversity conservation. One major application of this work will be to develop indicators that can be tracked over time to identify whether an ongoing policies and programs lead to an improvement in social and economic wellbeing for the NSW community.	4
	OEH is an active partner of #N4A initiative and taking a leadership role for Australian agencies.	5
	OEH is sitting on the Healthy Eating Active Living Senior Officers Group to collaborate with other state government agencies to meet the Premier's priority of tackling childhood obesity. As part of this OEH is partnering with NSW Health to find ways to cross promote their Make Healthy Normal Campaign and our Young Adults Campaign, looking at how to deliver healthy food on park and encouraging kids to be inspired to get out into nature and be active.	5
	As part of commitments under the Health Eating Active Living Senior Officers Group OEH is also developing a Healthy Parks Healthy People Strategy.	5
	OEH also has numerous programs dedicated to facilitating Aboriginal peoples' connections to Country to enhance their wellbeing. These include the Aboriginal Joint Management Program and the Parks Partnerships Program.	5
	OEH is supportive of the IUCN's leadership in these areas and hosted a WCPA members meeting in May 2017 so that Sydney based members could meet with Dr Kathy MacKinnon, Chair of the Commission and Julia Miranda Londono, Deputy Chair and Director of Parques Columbia to further dialogue between members.	7
Parks Canada	Parks Canada is offering free admission to all visitors to its national parks, national marine conservation areas and national historic sites in 2017.	5
	Parks Canada is expanding their Learn to Camp program which is connecting more people with nature.	5

	Parks Canada is dedicating staff time to advancing the #NatureForAll initiative to connect people with nature in Canada and globally.	5
Parks Victoria (Australia)	Parks Victoria facilitated a World Leadership Dialogue entitled 'Nature is Good Medicine' at the 15th World Congress on Public Health 2017, bringing together the IUCN and the World Health Organisation to demonstrate the strong links between biodiversity and health and their commitment to working together https://www.cbd.int/health/wcph2017-nature-is-goodmedicine.pdf .	1
	Parks Victoria is leading the establishment of a new IUCN WCPA Health and Well-being Specialist Group https://www.iucn.org/theme/protected-areas/wcpa/what-we-do/health-and-wellbeing .	2
	Parks Victoria's Valuing Victoria's Parks report , which outlines a new framework for environmental ecosystem accounting of protected areas and provides estimates the ecosystem services and benefits from Victoria's parks (including health benefits) has been presented at four international conferences since 2016.	3
	Signed up partner of the #NatureForAll initiative.	5
	Parks Victoria, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning have commenced the development of new shared priorities and a targeted work program to implement the Victorian Memorandum for Health and Nature (April 2017).	5
	Parks Victoria is working with local governments across Victoria to ensure that their Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plans recognise the physical and mental health benefits from connecting with nature and that the Municipal Plans enable a range of new and innovative partnerships that deliver programs, experiences and research to improve the health of communities and nature.	5
	Parks Victoria is working with the State's health promotion foundation, VicHealth and the YMCA to deliver a ' Camp Out ' in Victoria's Government House grounds for disadvantaged children in November and to leverage this event as a promotion campaign on the benefits of time outdoors in nature for the upcoming summer school holidays.	5
	Parks Victoria is recruiting nine new 'community engagement' rangers and 40 seasonal rangers to develop and maintain diverse health sector partnerships for community activation, such as health programs, volunteering, learning and nature play.	5
	Parks Victoria in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services and Nutrition Australia has developed Healthy Eating in Parks guidelines to promote healthy eating as part of healthy active lifestyles for community health.	5
Scottish Natural Heritage	Parks Victoria has released a new Guide to Healthy Parks Healthy People, which provides information on what Healthy Parks Healthy People is, why it is important, the role of parks for community health and wellbeing, building knowledge, and commitments and priorities in Victoria.	5
	Parks Victoria is working in collaboration with the University of Melbourne (School of Population Health) to develop a new framework for evaluating the health and wellbeing benefits of being 'on Country' for Indigenous Australians.	6
	Scottish Natural Heritage is leading on the development of <i>Our Natural Health Service</i> action programme, a cross-sectoral initiative with key partners to mainstream green exercise into health sector policy and practice- http://www.snh.gov.uk/docs/A2239751.pdf .	5

	Scottish Natural Heritage's NHS Greenspace demonstration project – www.paha.org.uk/Feature/nhs-greenspace is moving into a new phase as part of the <i>Our Natural Health Service</i> action programme, developing NHS Greenspace for Health Partnerships focusing on activating more use of the health service outdoors estate by patients, visitors, staff and local communities.	5
South Australian Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) (Australia)	DEWNR was a contributing partner of the World Leadership Dialogue and Workshop – 'Nature is Good Medicine' at the 15th World Congress on Public Health 2017.	1
	Healthy Parks Healthy People South Australia (HPPH SA) is influencing the state's mental health policy agenda and highlighting the importance of engaging with nature as a daily or weekly habit that helps to maintain mental health and wellbeing.	5
	DEWNR is collaborating across multiple sectors to develop research partnerships to improve Aboriginal people's health and wellbeing through Connection to Country and ensuring urban communities have access to quality green spaces and places for recreation, health and wellbeing.	5
	DEWNR's HPPH SA approach is influencing opportunities for all members of the community to connect with nature by completing significant upgrades to metropolitan parks which respond to user-needs and include accessibility upgrades, as well as new partnerships with organisations such as Autism SA.	5
	DEWNR has developed a research-policy network to improve coordination and collaboration between researchers and policymakers and to maximise the opportunities for research to inform decision making with respect to the benefits of nature to human health and wellbeing.	6
Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) (Australia)	DELWP was a contributing partner of the World Leadership Dialogue and Workshop – 'Nature is Good Medicine' at the 15th World Congress on Public Health 2017.	1
	The Victorian Biodiversity Plan, Protecting Victoria's Environment – 2037 sets a 20-year vision and framework for managing biodiversity in Victoria. It recognises that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping Victorians understand that their personal wellbeing and the economic wellbeing of the state are dependent on the health of the natural environment. • Helping communities act to protect the environment that underpins the health and wellbeing of every Victorian. • That by protecting and building the state's natural capital, it is possible to enhance Victoria's ability to generate wealth and economic productivity • That the use of environmental-economic accounting will help reveal the linkages between natural capital, society and the economy, and identify risks and opportunities for Victoria. That Victoria will increasingly need to protect and utilise its environmental assets, including its world-class tourism attractions, to deliver co-benefits for the economy and environment, and to help communities become more liveable, resilient and climate adapted.	3/4/5
	The Victorian Government is leading efforts to account for the benefits that natural capital provides to our communities. Some practical applications and studies are available online at our website .	4
	DELWP notes that the Victorian Memorandum for Health and Nature which was released alongside Biodiversity 2037 at the 15 th World Congress on Public Health 2017 is a commitment for the Victorian Government's health and environment portfolios to collaborate and maximise the health benefits that arise from connecting with nature.	3/5

US National Park Service	No update provided	
World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)	WCPA has demonstrated strong leadership in advocating health and biodiversity by establishing a new Health and Wellbeing Specialist Group.	2
Wilderness Society (TWS) (Australia)	TWS developed a joint formal request in collaboration with unions and industry for government development of specific carbon methods for native forests.	4
	TWS is developing next generation communications and branding centring on human dependence on nature's health.	5
REPORTS FROM IUCN COMMISSIONS/SG's		
Wildlife Health Specialist Group (WHSG)	WHSG is making efforts to improve environmental risk assessments and regulations for contaminants (e.g. veterinary pharmaceuticals, lead and intentional poisons, expert position of EU licensing of diclofenac for veterinary use and threat to vulture populations)—area of collaboration/interest with Vulture Specialist Group, Convention on Migratory Species and other IUCN partners.	4
	WHSG is coordinating with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) on solutions for simplified procedures to prevent delays in diagnosis and disease management strategies.	5
	WHSG is working in close collaboration with WHO, OIE, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and World Bank on issues relating to the human-animal-environment interface, including effects of environmental change on disease risk (e.g. producing operational and regulatory guidance, capacity assessments, and disseminating information via meetings/presentations, blogs and policy briefs).	5
	WHSG is investigating and/or information tracking of morbidity and mortality events of conservation importance: e.g. Saiga antelope killing of non-human primates in response to Yellow Fever outbreak in humans.	6
Medicinal Plant Specialist Group (MPSG)	The FairWild Standard, in which MPSG has been a founding partner, is implementing at least one certification of sustainable wild collection in a protected area— in Panda habitat in China.	5
	MPSG is working on ongoing Red List assessment of 150 species included in the WHO Monographs on Selected Medicinal Plants including gap analysis of in-situ conservation.	5
	MPSG is working on ongoing development of Plants for People regional initiatives — currently focusing on North America, South Pacific, and Europe, where we have some capacity that does not require funding. In-situ conservation gap analysis is a major component of these initiatives. Next goal is South America and Caribbean/Central America.	5