



Transboundary Conservation

A systematic and integrated approach

Presenting IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on Transboundary Conservation

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12:00-13:30

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FOCUS OF THE PUBLICATION

Thirteen years after publishing a pioneer WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines *Transboundary Protected Areas for Peace and Co-operation*, IUCN is presenting the new publication, undertaking a more comprehensive focus on transboundary conservation. IUCN WCPA Guidelines, *Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach*, synthesize the most up-to-date scientific knowledge and global experience from practice, offering guidance to transboundary conservation practitioners and proponents to effectively initiate, establish, govern, manage and monitor transboundary programmes. Apart from elaborating on the innovative transboundary conservation principles, including transboundary governance models, these Guidelines provide a revised typology and definitions of types of Transboundary Conservation Areas. 37 examples are profiled throughout the Guidelines, demonstrating a variety of ecosystems, geographical regions, and models of cooperation worldwide.

WHO WAS INVOLVED

The main pool of expertise for the development of the Guidelines comes from IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group. It was a collaborative effort and extraordinary commitment of many members of this voluntary network to prepare the Guidelines. Key aspects of the publication come as a result of the *International workshop on defining transboundary conservation principles*, held on 16-18 October 2013 in Thayatal National Park, Austria. The hosts of the workshop were Thayatal National Park, Austria, and Podyjí National Park, Czech Republic. Wider WCPA network also collaborated in preparation of the Guidelines, which were initially based on the contents and ideas set out in the WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines from 2001.

DONORS

The project was funded by MAVA Foundation, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), and IUCN WCPA.

THE PRE-LAUNCH EVENT

The key objectives of the event at which the draft IUCN WCPA Guidelines, *Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach*, will be presented are:

- To present the key findings and concepts to a wider audience of transboundary conservation specialist and interested individuals
- To seek qualified feedback on the main concepts from an experienced audience
- To raise awareness about the Guidelines.

PROGRAMME

Chair

Mr. Boris Erg, IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe and IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group

12:00-12:30

Welcome address and introductory speeches

Ms. Maja Vasilijević, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group
Prof. Beate Jessel, BfN German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation
Dr. Charlotte Karibuhoye, MAVA Foundation
Dr. Jeff Mow, Glacier National Park

12:30-12:45

WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on transboundary conservation: Key concepts

Dr. Matthew McKinney, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Montana
Mr. Kevan Zunckel, Zunckel Ecological and Environmental Services

12:45-13:25

Discussion on the key concepts proposed in the Guidelines

13:25-13:30

Conclusions