



IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
SPECIALIST GROUP: TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION
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REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2018

OVERVIEW OF 2018 (<i>insert 3-4 paragraphs reflecting highlights for the year</i>)
PROGRESS AGAINST GOALS (<i>Comment on progress on goals set for 2018. Add more lines if needed</i>)
Objective 1: Strengthen knowledge and information on transboundary conservation areas
Goal 1.1: Promote and encourage the development of a comprehensive global database of transboundary conservation areas by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, consulting the IUCN WCPA definitions of transboundary conservation area types.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A number of telephonic, email and Skype discussions were held with the WCMC in an attempt to catalyze collaborative efforts to update the world data base on TBCAs. Unfortunately nothing has come of this during this reporting period but efforts will continue.
Goal 1.2: Encourage the IUCN Environmental Law Centre to establish a legal resource centre on transboundary conservation areas, in cooperation with the Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group and the World Commission on Environmental Law.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No progress was made with this goal.
Goal 1.3: Coordinate the Global Transboundary Conservation Network (www.tbpa.net), a virtual hub of transboundary conservation related knowledge.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assistance was provided to a number of post graduate students wishing to access the network for information and expert opinion.The website was maintained in terms of the posting of news items passed on from members, with ICIMOD leading the way in this regards.Piet Theron has contributed to a process initiated to develop a thematic on-line resource library as part of the SADC TFCA Programme Intranet site – design of resource library will commence in February 2019
Goal 1.4: Enable efficient information and knowledge exchange through the electronic newsletter TB eNEWS and the e-listserv.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Efforts to secure funding to support the publication of the TBNews continued throughout this reporting period and although it appears that funding will be secured for the coming reporting period, no editions were published in 2018. Efforts by Piet Theron in the Eastern and Southern African Region have secured funding from BIOPAMA II and further efforts with the Peace Parks Foundation and USAID will hopefully also be successful.The e-listserv was maintained and used by members to liaise with the Specialist Group from time to time.
Objective 2: Provide technical guidance for successful implementation of transboundary conservation initiatives
Goal 2.1: Encourage the work on the improvement of the Diagnostic tool for transboundary conservation planners through the review, testing and processing of feedback from practitioners.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Efforts to secure funding to support this work continued throughout 2018 but were unsuccessful. A renewed effort was initiated towards the end of the year with a refreshed project description and funding call being compiled by Maja Vasiljević in partnership with Kevan

Zunckel and Todd Walters.
Goal 2.2: Promote the development of a methodology and tool for the monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of transboundary conservation programmes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clara Bocchino was commissioned to produce an M&E Framework for SADC TFCA's and this work was completed in 2018 with a number of SG members serving on a Community of Practice as a review mechanism for the work. Clara compiled a presentation on this work and Kevan Zunckel delivered it to the Contemporary Conservation Symposium hosted by Ezemvelo KwaZulu Natal in South Africa in November 2018. It is hoped that this framework may help in the quest to develop a global one.
Objective 3: Contribute to capacity development and networking of transboundary conservation specialists
Goal 3.1: Promote and contribute to the development and implementation of training modules for capacity building at all levels based on 2015 WCPA Guidelines.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IUCN ECARO, represented by Boris Erg, received funding from German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) to implement the project on development of a training module on initial stages of transboundary conservation process. The project has been implemented throughout 2018 and will be finalized at the beginning of 2019. It has been implemented in partnership with IUCN ELC and with support of the WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group. Maja Vasilijević was engaged in the development of the training module that consists of 8 lessons and that builds primarily on the IUCN WCPA Best Practice Guidelines <i>Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach</i>. The main aims of the module are: a) Strengthening national and local authorities, protected area managers, and enabling stakeholders to be able to assess the feasibility of establishing a Transboundary Conservation Area; b) Enabling conservation practitioners to develop strategies to address critical issues for success in the process of establishing a Transboundary Conservation Area and agreeing on joint management objectives and approaches, and to develop a clear, result-oriented and time-defined road map; and c) Ensuring an interactive approach, including cases and scenarios where relevant. The module will include all training material with detailed training notes so that the training can be replicated in different settings. The module was tested at the international workshop held from 30 October to 1 November 2018 in Ulcinj, Montenegro. Maja Vasilijević, Boris Erg and IUCN ELC's Lydia Slobodian, were trainers at the workshop. It is expected that the finalized module on initiating transboundary conservation will be available by the end of January 2019.
Goal 3.2: Promote, facilitate and contribute to international and/or regional workshops aimed at building capacity.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevan Zunckel has delivered a number of training courses in Protected Area Management Planning in Ethiopia in which these guidelines have featured prominently. Maja Vasilijević and Boris Erg attended the conference, 'Strengthening Regional Cooperation Across Transboundary River Basins and Landscapes in the Hindu Kush Himalaya', held from 15 to 16 November 2018 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The conference was organised by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and gathered about 120 people from the Hindu Kush Himalayan countries, including representatives of government agencies, academia and civil society, as well as ICIMOD's strategic partners, such as the governments of Germany (BMZ), United Kingdom (DFID), Australia (DFAT), and IUCN. The intense two-day discussions focused on transboundary and regional cooperation in river basin and landscape management in the Hindu Kush Himalaya, touching upon important topics of poverty alleviation, sustainable development and biodiversity conservation. Both, Boris Erg and Maja Vasilijević, provided input in the conference programme by taking part in the expert panel and moderating a session on transboundary cooperation respectively. Michael Schoon contributed social and ecological science background on transboundary conservation for a musical recital and concert organized around discussion and debate on the US-Mexico border (https://music.asu.edu/news/asu-organ-concert-explores-us-mexico-border-wall-through-music-and-media).

Goal 3.3: Promote and encourage the translation of the WCPA Best Practice Guidelines No. 23 to other global languages.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No progress has been made in this regards.
Goal 3.4: Establish partnerships with relevant institutions to promote and enhance transboundary conservation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above in relation to efforts already reported on and that relate to working with other institutions.
ORGANIZATION <i>(Comment on implementation of changes to region/theme structure)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes have been made to the organization of the SG in 2018.
MEMBERSHIP <i>(Comment on recruitment of members in regions and themes, gender and youth)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership growth was slow this year with only three new members joining the SG.
COMMUNICATION <i>(Provide full details of publications released, and note other contributions below)</i>
Publications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maja Vasiljević reviewed Patrick Kupper’s book, <i>Creating Wilderness: A Transnational History of the Swiss National Park</i>, for PARKS, May 2018. Saleem Ali made a contribution to an upcoming Stimson Center volume on novel approaches to peace-building between India and Pakistan (https://www.stimson.org/content/use-environmental-diplomacy-resolve-sir-creek-dispute). Elaine Hsiao, Nomoscaping Peace in Times of Conflict: A Case Study of the Greater Virunga Transboundary Collaboration (GVTC) and Conflict, IUCN AEL EJournal Special Issue on “Protecting Nature in Conflicts & Building Peace: Success Stories in Conflicts & their Aftermaths” (Sept. 2018) (http://www.iucnael.org/en/e-journal/current-issue).
Presentations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaine Hsiao delivered the following presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designing Environmental Cooperation for Peace: A Review of Transboundary Conservation Area Agreements (Nature of Peace Conference, 26 April 2018); From Wildlife to Peace: Transboundary Protected Areas as Vehicles of Conflict Resolution (18th International Wildlife Law Conference, 18 April 2018); Just Peace for People and Nature: Transboundary Protected Areas in Post-Conflict Borderlands (AAG Conference, 10 April 2018); and Protecting Place, People and Peace: A Critical Socio-Legal Review of Transboundary Parks (ARCOS Brown Bag Presentation, 26 March 2018).
Strategic Stakeholder Communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported on above.
Contributions to media, website, newsletter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular contribution to www.tbpa.net news section
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported on above.
FUNDS UTILISED IN 2018 <i>(Indicate the total of funds used in 2017 for WCPA activities)</i>
Commission Operating Funds used <i>(Indicate total used in 2017 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 that are raised and managed in the name of IUCN WCPA)</i>
None
In-kind value <i>(Indicate the number of days you have worked on WCPA issues without remuneration in 2018)</i>
20
Funding proposals in the pipeline <i>(for funds to be used directly for IUCN WCPA activities)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The IUCN BIOPAMA Phase II Programme was approached for funding for the resuscitation of the TB eNews letter. BIOPAMA II has committed a total amount of USD2,000 for 2019. PPF and the USAID funded Resilient Waters Programme have also been approached in this regard – awaiting further feedback from PPF and Resilient Waters in this regard.

GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2019	
IUCN WCPA has the following goals within the 3 programme areas of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020. Please identify which goals your group or region will support in 2019 by placing an X in the relevant box(es). Specify only those where you will contribute directly.	
IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 1: Valuing and conserving nature	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.1:	
(i) Protected Planet includes all relevant information to monitor and report on implementation of Aichi Target 11	X
(ii) Protected area quality enhanced through Green List of Protected Areas	
(iii) Marine protection towards achieving Aichi Target 11 accelerated	
(iv) Effectiveness of World Heritage Convention and protection of listed sites is enhanced, leadership on performance demonstrated, and nature/culture integration advanced	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.2:	
(i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity	
(ii) Institutional and professional capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is developed	
(iii) Financial capacity to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity is enhanced	
(iv) The value of protected areas is communicated to key constituencies including urban dwellers and young people	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 1.3	
(i) The ecological and functional connectivity of terrestrial and marine ecosystems is enhanced	
(ii) Criteria for the identification of OECMs developed and applied	
IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 2: Promoting and supporting effective and equitable governance of natural resources	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.1:	
(i) Governance and equity assessment approaches for protected area systems are developed	X
(ii) Pilot governance assessments conducted	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.2:	
(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 2.3:	
(i) Legal and institutional approaches for enhancing the role of PAs in natural resource governance are piloted	
IUCN PROGRAMME AREA 3: Deploying nature-based solutions to address societal challenges	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.1	
(i) Case studies for nature-based solutions involving PAs in a range of sectors are collated	X
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.2	
(i) Dissemination and use of PAs as nature-based solutions across a range of sectors	
WCPA/GPAP/WH Result 3.3	
(i) Cross-sector learning and application of solutions is enabled	

GOALS FOR 2019 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP <i>(Indicate draft goals for 2018 pending approval by Commission Chair)</i>
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Goal 2:
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Goal 3:
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Goal 4:
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Goal 5:
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Goal 6:
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REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018
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FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT <i>(comments will be sent via email)</i>