



IUCN WORLD COMMISSION ON PROTECTED AREAS
ANNUAL REPORT TO STEERING COMMITTEE
SPECIALIST GROUP: TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION
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REPORTING PERIOD: 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019

OVERVIEW OF 2019 (<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">No progress has been made with this Goal since the efforts that were put in to link with the UNEP WCMC in 2018.
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 in 2019.
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">The website was kept up to date with a number of news items being published on line as well as a renewed commitment from the host to continue hosting the site with assistance from Boris Erg, the Regional Representative for Europe.
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">The e-listserv continues to be the primary channel for communication within the network with all important communications received from the WCPA Chair being forwarded on to members.A number of post-graduate students have used the e-listserv to connect with members in order to distribute and enlist responses to surveys for their studies on TBC.
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 achieve this Goal have failed and no further progress has been made in 2019.
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">The SADC TFCA Network completed the development of a M&E protocol for the region and it is hoped that once this has been tested, it may be replicated at a global scale.
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">Vice Chair of the SG, Maja Vasiljević, worked with Boris Erg, Regional Representative for Europe,

to developed training module on initiating transboundary conservation process, consisting of 8 lessons, has been made available online in June 2019 at the [website](#) administered by Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group. The module is designed to be used for face-to-face instruction led by a trainer, and thus it also includes detailed manual for trainers. The module builds on the IUCN WCPA 2015 Best Practice Guidelines on transboundary conservation and it helps the trainees estimate how feasible the establishment of Transboundary Conservation Area is and develop strategies to address the most important factors for its successful creation. The training module was developed within IUCN ECARO's project (led by Boris Erg), in partnership with IUCN Environmental Law Centre (represented by Lydia Slobodian) and WCPA's Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group (represented by Maja Vasilijević). It was initiated by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). It is hoped that the training event (campus) featuring the content of this module will be held during WCC 2020.

Goal 3.2: Promote, facilitate and contribute to international and/or regional workshops aimed at building capacity.

- Kevan Zunckel, SG Chair, has continued to assist the Ethiopian conservation authorities, at national and regional levels, with protected area management planning using a number of **Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines**, and in particular the 2015 Transboundary Conservation guidelines.
- Olivier Chassot Regional Representative for Central America, was fully engaged with the Technical Committee in organizing the III Latin American and Caribbean Protected Areas Congress (<https://www.areasprotegidas-latinoamerica.org>), which was held in Lima Peru, October 14-17, 2019. I lead the Diversity, Equity and Integration Committee, and was also in charge of developing the Cross-cutting Theme "Protected Areas and Interconnexions" for which I prepared 4 high-level dialogues and 1 special symposium, all related with transboundary conservation and connectivity conservation:
 - High Level Dialogue 1: Protected areas as natural solutions for human wellbeing, with Kristen Walker, Zdenka Piskulich, Pamella Alves, Augusto Granda and José de los Santos Saura.
 - High Level Dialogue 2: Technological innovations for marine protected areas, island and sustainable fisheries; the case of the Eastern Pacific Marine Corridor, with Alex Hearn, Carlos Manuel Chacón, and Eddy Araujo.
 - High Level Dialogue 3: Climate change and global commitments from the perspective of Latin America and the Caribbean, with Bernal Herrera, Ivan Arnold, and Luis Alfaro.
 - High Level Dialogue 4: Modern conservation management in the context of the landscape with social participation and across nations, with Adriana Sinning, Thora Amend, and Tania Moreno.
 - Special Symposium on Connectivity Conservation, with Claudia Macias, John Polisar, Camilo Andres Correa, Santiago Castillo, José de los Santos Sauna & Yanelia Mestre, Alexander González, Alex Hearn, Luz Elvira Angarita & María Isabel Ochoa.
- Rahimatsah Amat, Regional Representative for Asia presented a paper on TBC-SG at the "Cross-boundary cooperation for biodiversity conservation in Asia under global change" on 29-31 July 2019 at Henan University, Kaifeng City, Henan Province, China. It was organised by Henan University, Rutgers - The State University of New Jersey, Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam, and the Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History. https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3m0u95e9p4d80h6/AABC089hoVGCLRIMU7-cxf_ha?dl=0.

Goal 3.3: Promote and encourage the translation of the WCPA Best Practice Guidelines No. 23 to other global languages.

- No progress in 2019.

Goal 3.4: Establish partnerships with relevant institutions to promote and enhance transboundary conservation.

- Jim Barborak, Co-Director, Center for Protected Area Management, Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University has encouraged cooperation and personal contacts between managers of adjacent protected areas in order to prepare grounds for joint management, as well as the promotion of collaborative management in protected areas adjacent to international borders.
- Piet Theron, Regional Representative for East and South Africa, has initiated discussions with GIZ to develop a Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCA) Resource Library as part of the SADC TFCA Network Portal. Unfortunately this initiative couldn't be finalized before end of 2019 but should be completed by end of June 2020.
- He has also led the development of a SADC TFCA Steering Committee initiative to develop a business case for the development of transboundary conservation areas in the region, including the following components:
 - TFCA Concept
 - TFCA Network
 - Linking TFCAs with the regional Wildlife Economy initiative
- As well as leading discussions with Daniel Marnewick (Key Biodiversity Areas Community Chair, Africa Representative and Regional Focal Point) to investigate the potential to how best to utilise OECMs to support the objectives of transboundary conservation areas in the SADC region.
- Rahimatsah Amat participated in a Transboundary Technical Mission to South Thailand, 18-20 December 2019, facilitated by ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB). Covering the Hala Bala Wildlife Sanctuary right across Royal Belum State Park, together with the Bang Lang National Park, the Belum Temengor Forest Complex right up to the northern part of the Southern Thai forest complex. It is a critical ecological landscape, rich with flora and fauna biodiversity that has to be protected. It has two great transboundary initiatives, i.e. TCL Taman Negara-Belum-Hala Bala under the GTRP, and complex #215 TBPA under the IUCN. This transboundary collaboration will make it possible to boost the working relationship between the three protected areas. Its will open the way for us to share research data, do joint research, share intelligence on illegal poaching and undertake joint anti-poaching activities, coordinate anti-poaching patrols and share experiences.

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

- The TBC SG ExCo remained unchanged for 2019.
- The SADC TFCA Steering Committee and SADC TFCA Network are two important structures for the further development of the regional TBSG activities.

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

- Growth in membership was slow with only a few new members joining in 2019.

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

Publications:

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Presentations:

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Strategic Stakeholder Communication

- Piet Theron continues participation in SADC TFCA Programme and SADC TFCA Steering Committee & Network meetings.

Contributions to media, website, newsletter

- Piet Theron has continued efforts to secure funding for the TB eNews online publication, which has not been successful to date. However, there are potential opportunities to secure funding for a regional (South & East Africa) online publication in 2020 from some of key SADC TFCA

partners in the region.	
ASSIGNMENTS ON BEHALF OF IUCN <i>(Comment on any assessments, evaluations conducted)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report for 2019. 	
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"> Efforts continue to secure funding to support TB-enews as well as the review of the Diagnostic Tool. 	
GOALS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2020	
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 2020 for your REGION, THEME, GROUP

(Indicate draft goals for 2020 pending approval by Commission Chair)

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REFLECTIONS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2020

- After a relatively quiet 2019 the members of the SG are to be surveyed in terms of their suggestions to breath more life into the network.

FEEDBACK BY COMMISSION CHAIR ON REPORT *(comments will be sent via email)*