



GOVERNANCE OF TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION AREAS

17 November 2014
13:30-15:00 & 15:30-17:00
Governance Stream Home Room – Hall 4 A2

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ABOUT TRANSBOUNDARY GOVERNANCE

Transboundary conservation governance reflects variations of shared governance across the international boundaries, and involving a range of actors and multiple scales. It includes formal organizational arrangements supported by high-level diplomatic agreements between governments. On the other end of the spectrum, are more loosely linked participants gathered through informal governance arrangements. Each of these models consists of numerous variations, and they all carry specific strengths and weaknesses. It is important that each transboundary conservation governance arrangement is developed and implemented according to the unique needs and interest of the particular area. A set of common elements defines transboundary conservation governance: leadership, representation, public participation, function and scope, authority, legitimacy and accountability, learning, decision-making, conflict resolution, adaptive management and financing.

OBJECTIVES

- To advance transboundary conservation governance discourse by presenting and discussing a range of innovative models of transboundary governance
- To share experience from different geographical regions in models of transboundary governance
- To identify needs and priorities in research and the development of methodologies in order to advance the transboundary governance

THE EVENT

This workshop will consist of three integral parts. The first introductory part is dedicated to presentation and discussion of the main transboundary conservation governance principles. The second part will provide the opportunity for sharing of experiences reflected through good transboundary governance examples from various parts of the world. The examples presented here will differentiate in scales, challenges, solutions, and actors involved. The third part will include regional mini-workshops during which the participants will discuss pressing transboundary governance issues in their regions. The results drawn from the regional mini-workshops will be an important element of the overall workshop recommendations.

PROGRAMME

Chaired by

Boris Erg, IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe
Maja Vasilijević, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group (TBC SG)

PART I Introduction to transboundary conservation governance

13:30-13:40 **Welcome address & Overview of workshop objectives**
Maja Vasilijević, IUCN WCPA TBC SG

13:40-13:55 **Key transboundary conservation governance principles**
Matthew McKinney, University of Montana
Maja Vasilijević, IUCN WCPA TBC SG

PART II Innovations in transboundary governance: Examples from practice

13:55-15:00 **Crown of the Continent**
Gary Tabor, University of Montana

SADC Best Practices for TFCA management and implementation
Kevan Zunckel, Zunckel Ecological and Environmental Services

Integrated conservation and development transboundary initiatives in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region
Nakul Chettri, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

TransParcNet – European network of transboundary protected areas
Kari Lahti, Metsähallitus
Jakub Kašpar, Krkonoše National Park
Handrij Härtel, Bohemian Switzerland National Park

Transboundary marine corridor for large cetaceans in Ombai Strait
Benjamin Kahn, APEX Environmental

Transboundary governance in the Putumayo River
Sandra Valenzuela, WWF Colombia

15:00-15:30 **Refreshments**

PART III Regional mini-workshops

Facilitators

Africa: Clara Bocchino, Piet Theron, Edgar Buhangβα
Asia: Nakul Chettri, Rahimatsah Amat
Europe: Sanna-Kaisa Juvonen, Deni Porej
Latin America: Orisha Joseph, Julia Miranda, Marcela Kropf
North America: Matthew McKinney, Scott Slocombe

15:30-16:30 **Participants gather according to geographical regions and discuss these topics:**
(1) Transboundary governance: Shared governance and innovative models
(2) Cooperative approaches and management
(3) Identification of needs and priorities in research

16:30-17:00 **Reports from the working groups and conclusions**