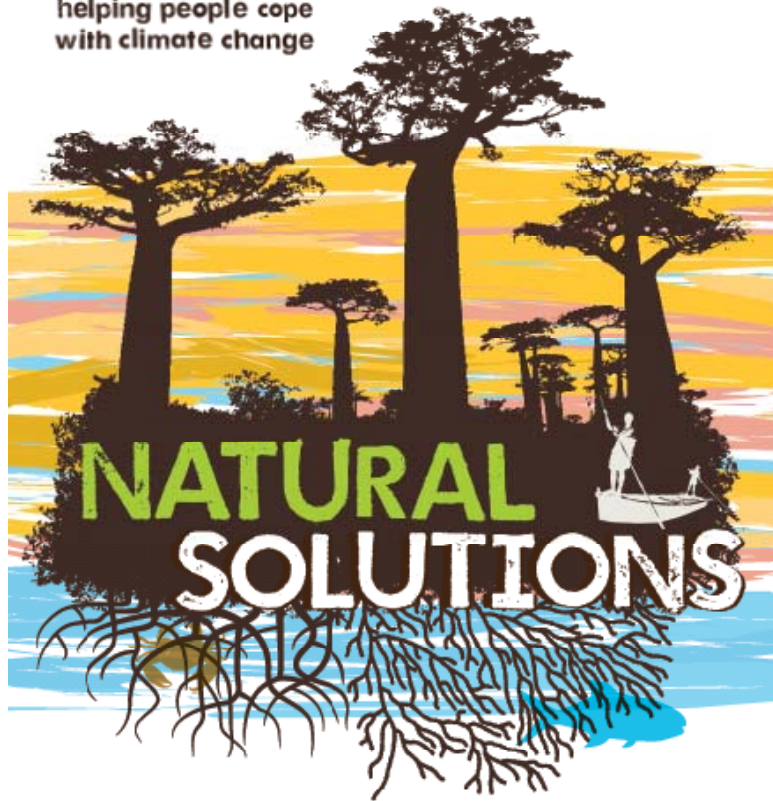


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## Mitigation Policy:

A program of action  
for using protected  
area systems to  
support mitigation  
policy

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## Mitigation action: key questions and uncertainties

- ▶ **Scope of action (protected areas, ecological networks, landscape/seascape and corridors)**
- ▶ **Community-based approaches and local action and how to incorporate into national and international policy**
- ▶ **Addressing**
  - ▶ **Safeguards**
  - ▶ **Leakage**
  - ▶ **Additionality**
  - ▶ **Opportunity Cost (accounting, corrupted costs, cost-benefit, abatement of costs)**



## Mitigation policy action: opportunities

- ▶ **Natural solutions often more cost-effective than other abatement strategies (for both mitigation)**
- ▶ **Integrated mitigation and adaptation planning needed to avoid leakage, ensure additionality and optimise benefits**
- ▶ **Protected Area systems are part of the governance and management ‘toolkit’ to ensure connectivity across seascape/landscape for integrated planning**
- ▶ **Part of national climate change strategies (including those not linked to UNFCCC)**
- ▶ **Advocacy Events: Spanish EU presidency, UNESCO Jan 2010, UNFCCC, CBD, Equator Initiative**
- ▶ **Advocacy target audiences**
  - ▶ **National Governments**
  - ▶ **National UNFCCC Process focal points**
  - ▶ **National CBD (and Ramsar) focal points**
  - ▶ **Multilateral Agencies**





<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Advocate Improved safeguard policies in Copenhagen Process on REDD and land/sea-based carbon	12 months	All partners
Within UNFCCC Process LULUCF - add other ecosystem carbon accounting methods (e.g. wetlands and coastal marine)	12 months	All partners
Within UNFCCC Process Manage adaptation infrastructure to ensure natural carbon sequestration and storage function is not lost/degraded	12 months	All partners
Influence CBD Strategic Plan input to encourage optimal mitigation and adaptation implementation using natural solutions	4 -6 months	WCPA, IUCN, WCS, TNC...



<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Influence CBD negotiation to ensure safeguards against perverse incentives on mitigation and adaptation in POWPA and other relevant CBD work areas such as Climate Change and Biodiversity	4 -6 months	WCPA, IUCN, WCS, TNC...
Coordinate with AHTEG on Natural Solutions	2-3 months	
Input to UN Environmental Management Group report chapter on protected areas	3 months	World Bank, IUCN and UNDP



<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Encourage financing for protected area systems (including buffer zones, ecological networks/ connectivity corridors) within national climate change strategies	1-3 years	All Partners
Fund studies to show cost-benefit under different governance systems. Looking at protected areas versus other land/sea use. Cost of abatement with different management regimes (incl addressing leakage). Cost curves for nation established (understand costs) Plotting abatement costs against different landuses-include different deforestation drivers (map to where)	5 years	UNDP, World Bank (NGOs to implement projects)



<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Address leakage and additionality concerns by testing VCS and other emerging methodologies for sub-national land/sea-based projects	5 years	All partners (project implementers)
Strategy for combining REDD finance with other finance, bundling payments for non-carbon services (bundled payment non-carbon services) (how pay for it)	5-10 years	All partners



<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Reinforce EU policies to set-aside auction proceeds for protected areas (incl. within EU and for developing countries)	1-2 years	IUCN + and European based NGOs
Influence US climate change legislation to include support for ecosystem-based mitigation strategies in developing countries	6-9 months	US-based NGO partners
Incorporate Natural Solutions message into US Foreign Assistance reform targets on climate change	2-3yrs	US-based NGO partners



<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Conduct carbon, and biodiversity overlay at national level	1-2 years	UNEP -WCMC
Gaps on carbon accounting in oceans, and coasts, wetlands and grasslands	Dec 2009/ jan 2010	Danone Fund for Nature (Danone, Ramsar and IUCN)
Advocate for modification of carbon accounting rules under KP and REDD discussions to allow for protected areas accounting	12 months	All partners
Capacity Building within partners 'cheat notes' on REDD, REDD+, REDD plus and LULUCF	3 months	IUCN/WCPA and others?



<b>Proposed action</b>	<b>Timing</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Policy or technical document explaining needs for and range of biodiversity safeguards needed?	3 months	
Cross-check Granada workshop message with Jeju message and CBD POWPA regional workshop outputs	3 months	WCPA



## Mitigation policy: implications for communication

- ▶ **More Case Studies - What is already happening at National level within protected area agencies e.g. (1) Brazil is using REDD to connect protected areas- other case studies... (2) New Zealand carbon trading and LULUCF**
- ▶ **Use 'Stern Report' language**
- ▶ **Message?**
  - ▶ **Multiple benefits (co-benefits)**
  - ▶ **Proven (governance, management)**
  - ▶ **Cost-effective**
- ▶ **Audiences**
  - ▶ **Coalition for Rainforest States (other regional bodies)**
  - ▶ **Protected Area sceptics**

## **Mitigation policy action: implications for partnerships**

- ▶ **Engage with TEEB (why) authors and co-message on natural solutions (How)**
- ▶ **Work with other high profile economists that natural solutions are cost-effective (more effective than geo-engineering)**
- ▶ **Work with Pew Initiative/Campaign and Cambridge Conservation Initiative**
- ▶ **Equator initiative to talk about the community role in message from Natural Solutions**
- ▶ **Regional Conservation organisation SPREP, COMIFAC, Caribbean Climate Change Centre**
- ▶ **UN-REDD**



## Mitigation policy: caution and concerns

- ▶ Do we have enough evidence for our policies?
- ▶ Do we have enough safeguards?
- ▶ Within UNFCCC Process- if we (protected area proponents) have a message on protected areas that is not sufficiently balanced the response could back-fire on our intentions. Concern in CC community that ecosystems based adaptation becomes too strong. Concern that biodiversity moves into agenda where it shouldn't go (from EU). 'others' don't want ecosystems to hijack climate agenda
- ▶ Members of UN Environment Management Group are not supportive of protected areas, we need to reinforce our arguments



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