



Protected Areas Journey

Celebrating Protected Areas, their values and their people!



50 years of engagement

The Barcelona World Conservation Forum may just as well be labelled a World Parks Congress. Protected Areas dominate the agenda. The World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), celebrating its fiftieth year, in collaboration with the IUCN Programme on Protected Areas, is in the forefront in putting on workshops and knowledge cafés, launching movies and giving out awards in recognition of the commitment of individuals. About 90 events through the

course of the forum promote the values and benefits of protected areas.

Critical issues for protected areas include expanding the network of marine protected areas, addressing impacts of climate change, and of course enhancing the well-being of the people within and next to PAs. We will launch enhanced guidelines on the IUCN system on protected areas management categories and on sacred natural sites. Further topics include: launch of a renewed World Database on Protected Areas, community and indigenous management

and governance, ecological restoration, conservation planning, relevance of protected areas to health; management effectiveness at a system level, future directions for world heritage, and youth as tomorrow's leaders. These are just a smattering of the topics given prominence in the course of the Congress Forum.

Plan to start your journey on protected areas issues on Oct. 6th with "Celebrating PAs, their values and their people" at 14:30 in the plenary room B. Enjoy the Forum!



4 October	
9.15-18.00	WCPA Members Meeting Hotel H10 Marina - Room Icaria
20.00-22.30	WCPA Members Supper Hotel AC Barcelona - Room Sagrada Familia
6 October	
14.30-16.00	939 - Legal tools for PAs Governance Room 123
16.30-18.00	648 - Safeguarding Human Well-being and the Financial Sustainability of National Systems of Protected Areas Room 124
	540 - Launch of the redeveloped UNEP IUCN World Database on Protected Areas: a new tool for conservation Room 115
18.30-20.00	223 - Building Public Support for Protected Areas Room 130
20.30-22.00	910 - CBD Gap Analysis: Strategy, Standards and Tools Supporting Achieving CBD Targets and MDG Goals Room 119
	World Protected Areas Leadership Forum Dinner Fleur de Passion Boat By invitation only
7 October	
9.30-11.00	1262 - State of the World's protected areas – evaluating management effectiveness Room 130
11.30-13.00	140 - Indigenous Cultural Action for Biological and Cultural Conservation and Human Well-Being Room 130
14.30-16.00	382 - Protected Areas and Hydrocarbons. Can they be compatible? Room 122
16.30-18.00	368 - Protected areas and sustainable development - best practice and innovation Room 130
18.30-20.00	437 - Can the Amazon resist Climate Change? Indigenous territories and Parks offer hope and an integrated approach to biodiversity, sacred sites and livelihoods. Room 122
	19.30-22.30 Launch of the WCPA Database National Museum of Catalonia
	19.45-22.30 WCPA Marine Reception Barcelona Maritime Museum By invitation only
8 October	
9.30-11.30	224 - "Catching the tiger by the tail: PACT 2020 for protected areas and climate change turnaround." Room 120
11.30-13.00	352 - Can We Safeguard Global Biodiversity?: Progress to date & Ways to Strengthen Implementation of CBD Targets for Protected Areas Room 129
14.30-16.00	178 - The evolving governance of protected areas under IUCN Category II (National Parks): exploring institutions, performance, social engagement and equity. Room 120
16.30-18.00	1209 - Indigenous people in a plural state: An essential review of national legislation on protected areas Room 114/5
	74 - "Join us to Enjoy, Support and Preserve Europe's Wilderness beyond Conservation" Room 120
18.30-20.00	173 - Periurban protected areas essential elements for biodiversity conservation and our citizens' quality of life Room 121
20.30-21.30	1250 - Beyond protected areas, beyond conservation: the value of the ecosystem approach to broader debates Room 116
	997 - Launch of the IUCN/WCPA best practice guidelines; Sacred Natural Sites - guidelines for protected area managers. Room 114
9 October	
9.30-11.00	76 - Objective : improving Spanish protected areas in order to contribute effectively to the conservation of our common heritage. Will you join us? Room 130
	1528 - "Mangroves for the Future A Unique Partnership for Healthy Coasts, Ecosystems and Communities in the Indian Ocean" Room 116
11.30-13.00	303 - Pacific Islands Action Strategy for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas Room 122
14.30-16.00	1542 - Climate-proofing biodiversity inside and outside protected areas through connectivity conservation initiatives Plenary B
	319 - World Heritage as a contribution to the 2010 target Room 133
	1259 - Celebrating Protected Areas, their values and their People Plenary B
	1094 - Connection to Place - Integrating community engagement, public education, cultural expression and ecosystem conservation Room 133
	379 - Experiences in implementing management effectiveness programs in protected area systems: State of the Parks and other approaches Plenary B
	World Protected Areas Leadership Forum Hotel H10 Marina Room Chardonay By invitation only
	1120 - What Will it Cost to Make the World Protected Areas Network Resilient to Climate Change? Room 133
	982 - The role of Customary Law in Conservation & Protected Areas Room 128
	903 - "Country networks for better environmental information and governance: protected areas, protected species and habitats in Europe Room 128
	1263 - Beyond 2010: Visioning a renewed global biodiversity framework integrating protected areas, climate change and livelihoods Room 117
	1505 - Protected Areas: Do we really need them? The role of IUCN Management Categories in addressing conservation, development and social challenges. Room 211
	908 - Designs for nature: regional conservation planning, implementation and management - Part II Room 132
	827 - Ecological restoration: Achieving healthy communities and healthy protected areas ecosystems Room 211
	1211 - Return of indigenous territories in protected areas: justice and interculturality in a plural world Room 127
	490 - "The Natura 2000 ecological network: European solution to universal challenges?" Room 133
	1527 - Healthy Parks Healthy People – a new direction in park management Plenary B
	1506 - Enhancing the role of the World Heritage Convention in setting standards for protected areas Room 130
	2503 - The importance of categories V and VI for biodiversity conservation in the Mediterranean Region Room 118
	519 - New developments in assessing the social impacts of protected areas and operationalising the "do no harm" principle Room 125
	575 - Private Conservation as a tool for achieving environmental social and economic sustainability Room 131
	567 - Developing Effective Legal And Institutional Frameworks for protected areas Part 1: overarching principles and mechanisms. Room 128
	552 - Governance and social participation in protected areas management: context and lessons learned in South America. Room 120
	1240 - Developing Effective Legal And Institutional Frameworks part 2: the CBDPOW on Protected Areas and innovative governance in the field. Room 128
	1531 - "Bridging science and participation <input type="checkbox"/> new approaches and tools for ecosystem management: experiences from South Asia and South America Room 117
	619 - Making landscapes work for nature and people: Successes and Challenges from the field Room 130
	557 - Supporting the next generation of Sustainable Development Leadership Room 127



Protected Areas at the 2008 IUCN World Conservation Congress

Following the WCPA Members Meeting on the 4th, the 2008 IUCN Congress is composed of two main parts: a Conservation Forum spanning over 4 days from October 6-9 and a Members' Assembly running from October 10-14. IUCN's Protected Area's Programme and the World Commission on Protected Areas will play a very prominent role.

At the Conservation Forum, protected area issues will enjoy an unprecedented amount of coverage with a very diverse cross-section of thematic workshops (see centerfold), publication launches, social events, media debates, an exhibition booth and film screenings.

The Members' Assembly will debate and vote on over 25 motions and resolutions directly relevant to protected areas, which will help shape IUCN's policy on protected area issues for the next four years and beyond.

IUCN Congress 2008 is...



- a WCPA Members Meeting
- more than 80 workshops
 - 25+ Protected Area motions/resolutions
 - Launching of 2 major IUCN Protected Area Guidelines:
 - one on the new IUCN Protected Areas Categories System
 - and the other on managing Sacred Sites
 - 12 Protected Area films
 - 19 Knowledge Cafés
 - Book Launches
 - Various Awards
 - Press Events
- and a WCPA exhibition booth

more details are available on www.iucn.org/wcpa