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WCPA Update May 2008

IUCN's Programme on Protected Areas (PPA) is glad to update WCPA members with the latest protected area and IUCN news

PPA and WCPA recent News

9th Meeting of the Convention on Biological Biodiversity Bonn, Germany from 19 to 30 May

Protected Areas is not the major item on the agenda Item at CBD COP 9. However there are a number of activities which are directly and indirectly relevant, including:

- discussion of protected areas under agenda item 4.7;
- side events relevant to protected areas.

The main discussion on the CBD COP agenda regarding protected areas will be to review the two reports from the CBD Ad Hoc Technical Working Group on Protected Areas, held in Rome in February, 2008.

These papers dealt with:

- review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas; and
- financing for protected areas.

Both of these documents have considerable bracketed text and it is hoped these will be removed during the course of the CBD COP 9. There will be many side events dealing with protected areas and many are directly organised by IUCN and WCPA.

IUCN's general position regarding protected areas at the CBD COP 9 is to promote the adoption of key principles and recommendations as set out in the IUCN Position Paper on Protected Areas, which is included in the IUCN Briefing on Protected Areas, at the CBD COP.

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/briefingonpasatcbdcop9_1.pdf

For more information on what IUCN and WCPA are doing at COP-9

http://cms.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_focus/wcpa_events/wcpa_cop9/index.cfm

IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona Spain, October 2008

Agenda and Documentation for the IUCN World Conservation Congress now available
[30?uNewsID=887](#)

Registration Hotel and Excursion Booking System now available

http://cms.iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/attend/congress_register/index.cfm

Exhibition Booth rental [30?uNewsID=867](#)

More Info on the Congress

http://cms.iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/index.cfm

PALNet

PALNet soon available in **3 Languages - English - French - Spanish**

Discussion Forums also soon available; Please visit PALNet, register as a member, upload your document and check those already there.

The website is accessible at www.parksnet.org

Thank you for helping us make PALNet - The website for protected areas

WCPA Needs You

Young Professionals in Protected Areas

If you are a member under the age of 35, would you like to join the Young Professionals an active, creative and innovative group of protected area specialists ?

Then please contact Kristy Facer at kristy.facer@iucn.org

IUCN is contributing to **disaster risk management study** for protected area site managers in protected areas.

We welcome your case studies on disaster risk reduction, hazard planning and mitigation in protected areas and World Heritage Sites in particular, please upload a one to two paragraph case studies on PALNet www.parksnet.org and advise Josephine Langley Josephine.langley@iucn.org. We will then create a section on this topic on PALNet.

We would like to thank those of you that have already contributed to this project and we will contact you shortly.



More information from: Josephine.langley@iucn.org

World Heritage

Deadline extended for applications to **UNESCO-Vocations Patrimoine Fellowships for World Heritage site managers**

Training World Heritage site managers is one of the most valuable investments in heritage conservation, particularly as these sites confront the challenges of increasing flows of tourism and diminishing flows of international assistance for conservation and management. The UNESCO's World Heritage Centre offers Fellowships through the UNESCO-Association Vocations Patrimoine World Heritage Site Managers Programme. For more information contact <mailto:l.singleton@unesco.org>

Next World Heritage Monitoring mission **Simien, Ethiopia**

The World Heritage Team would be grateful for any information on the above sites and help in verifying information received.

Announcements

KODOE, Official Research Journal for South Africa National Parks is doing a **call for papers** For more information visit their website www.koedoe.co.za

DVD available now in 4 languages English – French – Spanish – Romanian **Buy the DVD** - All profits go to families of rangers killed in the Line of Duty and other important ranger/conservation projects. For more information and to buy a DVD visit the Thin Green Line website at <http://www.thingreenline.info/newsfront>

Register Now for

The FORTROP II Conference Website <http://www.forest.ku.ac.th/fortrop2008/main/index.php>

Young Conservationist Award

Extension of the application deadline to the Young Conservationist Award 2008 **until Monday, June 30th 2008** The International Ranger Federation (IRF) and IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) calls on a yearly basis for nominations for the prestigious award. The award aims to recognize and raise awareness of the outstanding contributions made to the management of protected areas by young conservationists. It also seeks to encourage young professionals:

For more information and application

<http://cms.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/index.cfm?uNewsID=919>

New Publications, Upcoming Events and Tools

Upcoming Events	
18-30 May	Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9), Bonn Germany
20-22 May	A World without PARKS? The Parks Forum Biennial Conference, Auckland, New Zealand
10-14 June	ISSRM 2008 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management People and Place: Linking Culture and Nature, Burlington Vermont USA
15-18 June	COMPASS 2008 Conference on Marine Problems and Specific Solutions, Maldives
29 June-4 July	Training Workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Change, Hokkaido Japan
2-10 July	32nd Session of the World Heritage Committee, Quebec City, Canada
For more information on the above events or future events please go to our events page http://cms.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_focus/wcpa_events/index.cfm	
Tools TerraLook - TerraLook provides free, recent and historical satellite images in a simple jpeg format. http://terralook.cr.usgs.gov Alliance for Zero Extinction - a global initiative of biodiversity conservation organizations, aims to prevent extinctions by identifying and safeguarding key sites where species are in imminent danger of disappearing. Website http://www.zeroextinction.org/ For more protected area tools visit our webpage	

http://cms.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_resources/wcpa_tools/index.cfm

Courses available

Applications for participation in the **Sixth-annual International Seminar on Protected Area Management** to be held August 4-22, 2008 at the University of Montana, USA. <http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/ispam/welcome.htm>

Business planning for protected areas an online course - The online course covers four modules and takes an average of 25 hours to complete the basic program For more information www.nature.org/protectedareas

MSC Management of Protected Areas, University of Klagenfurt, Germany For more information www.mpa.uni-klu.ac.at

Publications, reports

PARKS Magazine 17.1 Implementing the CBD PoWPA

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/parks17_1_web.pdf

World Protected Areas Leadership Forum Report

Each year IUCN/WCPA convenes, jointly with a host country, the World Protected Areas Leadership Forum (WPALF). This Forum comprises CEOs of a number of the world's major protected area agencies, (mostly IUCN members). The 2007 WPALF was hosted by Scottish Natural Heritage in Inverness, Scotland in October, 2007.

The report is now available at <http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/wpalf2007.pdf>

Sustainable Management of Protected Areas for Future Generations

This book consists of 28 papers selected from among those presented at the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas 5th Conference on Protected Areas of East Asia, held on 21-25 June 2005 in Hong Kong. **To order a copy [click here](#)**

A Handbook on International Wilderness Law and Policy

The first comprehensive guide to wilderness laws and policies around the world: published by The WILD Foundation (Boulder, Colorado, USA) and Fulcrum Publishing (Golden, Colorado, USA). To order: http://www.wild.org/Store/Publications_Store.htm

Résumé de l'atelier de haut niveau ;pour une meilleure prise en compte du principe d'équité dans la gestion des aires protégées d'Afrique de l'Ouest "

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/compte_rendu_detaille_atelier_equite_final__2_.pdf

Reminders to WCPA Members

This monthly web update is your monthly web update. Please send us in your stories and publications, so that we can promote them in the next update. Email them to Delwyn delwyn.dupuis@iucn.org

Please note that IUCN now requires that all Commission logos be used in conjunction with the IUCN logos.

To obtain them, please contact delwyn.dupuis@iucn.org

If you are willing to share your photos with IUCN and help expand its Photo Library, please contact Alicia Held at alicia.held@iucn.org (with copy to delwyn.dupuis@iucn.org)