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WCPA Update

WCPA Update April 2008

Welcome to WCPA's Web Update

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

Climate change key driver to biodiversity loss

Cape Town - Scientific evaluations on climate change have confirmed that climate change is indeed a key driver to biodiversity loss and stress to the country's resources, says Environmental Affairs and Tourism Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk

For more information [click here](#)

Goldman Prize for Belgium's only National Park

IUCN congratulates Ignace Schops, winner of the 2008 Goldman Environmental Prize. Head of the IUCN Member Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland, Ignace Schops led the effort to establish the first and only national park in his native

For more information [click here](#)

People of Salum learn about marine conservation

The Salum area is part of the western Mediterranean coastal region of in the east to the Libyan border in the west. This area, including the Gulf of Salum, has been identified by Egypt as the most appropriate site to establish a protected area in order to maximize conservation of a representative cross section of the region's natural resources.

For more information [click here](#)

WCPA Highlights

WCPA Steering Committee

WCPA held its annual Steering committee in Cape Town on 7-8 April 2008. Discussions focused on the draft IUCN Protected Area Categories guidelines that will be presented at the World Conservation Congress to review a latest draft of the categories guidelines [click here](#)

WPC- Review Meeting

The Durban+5 review meeting was held in Cape Town, South Africa on 9-11 April 2008 to discuss progress since the 2003 IUCN World Parks Congress in Durban, South Africa and the way forward to the next World Parks Congress in 2012. A web report will be posted shortly.

IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona Spain, October 2008

By the end of April, registration should be open for the World Conservation Congress, IUCN's Protected Area Programme and WCPA will be organising a full WCPA members meeting on the 3rd and 4th October, we would be grateful if you could email Delwyn Dupuis ded@iucn.org. If you are planning to attend

PALNet

PALNet now has more than 1300 members registered and more than 500 documents uploaded, please visit PALNet and register as a member and 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

Disaster Risk Reduction Resource Manual

IUCN is contributing to a Disaster Risk Reduction Resource Manual 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.Jangley@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. This is why UNESCO's World Heritage Centre has joined forces - for the third year running - in an innovative public-private partnership to offer Fellowships through the UNESCO-Association Vocations Patrimoine World Heritage Site Managers Programme. For more information contact I.Singleton@unesco.org

World Heritage Monitoring missions taking place in the next two months are:

Vredefort Dome, South Africa
Western Caucasus, Russia
Mont Nimba, Cote d'Ivoire and Guinea
Simien, Ethiopia

The World Heritage Team would be grateful for any information on the above sites. As well as help us verify the information we receive.

Announcements

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/fs/ispam/welcome.htm>

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 **The Thin Green Line** available now in 4 languages English – French – Spanish – Romanian Buy the DVD - all profits go to 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>

New Publications, Upcoming Events and Tools

Publications

Management Effectiveness evaluation in protected areas: a global study [click here](#)
Aborvitae: Special Issue on management effectiveness of protected areas For document [click here](#)

Upcoming Events

For all other upcoming protected area events and registration deadlines, please visit: [Website](#)

May 7-11 Mediterranean Parks Fair [Website](#)
8-11 Canadian Parks for Tomorrow 2008 - 40th Anniversary Conference [Website](#)
13-19 Youth Conference for Biodiversity [Website](#)
18-30 Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9) [Website](#)

Tools

Assessment of African Protected Areas Database [Website](#)

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

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