

**PROTECTED AREAS:
FROM DURBAN ONWARDS**

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The Journey

World Park Congresses are stages along the route:
Seattle 1962, Yellowstone 1972, Bali 1982, Caracas 1992,
Durban 2003...and 2013?

Overall goal should be:

*Developing effective protected areas
systems, contributing benefits to
wider natural and human world*

Perpetual activity needed forever to achieve recognition of
role & benefits of protected areas

What a successful Journey needs

- Commitment of experts, politicians, and communities
- Focus on major challenges and opportunities
- Resources for implementation
- Celebration of successes
- Maintaining momentum

Do you remember the Durban outputs?

- ❖ **Durban Accord:** call for action
- ❖ **Durban Action Plan:** what needs to be done, when and by whom
- ❖ **Recommendations:** on many subjects
- ❖ **Key Message** to CBD on Programme of Work on Protected Areas

The Durban Accord

Approved by acclamation by all those attending the WPC in Durban:

- ✓ increase the effectiveness of protection of the core values of protected areas
- ✓ connect protected areas to the wider ecological and environmental challenges, and
- ✓ Connect to the local and other human communities of interest beyond their boundaries

Overall reason is 'benefits beyond boundaries' increase the support for protected areas and improve the effectiveness of their management

Achievements of Durban?

- ✓ Energising protected areas workers and raising PA profile, many good regional and national projects, excellent links built with other constituencies (especially youth, indigenous peoples and local communities)
- ✓ Outputs influential, especially proposals for Programme of Work on Protected Areas approved by CBD in 2004

BUT

- ❖ Lack of systematic follow up on Accord and Action Plan and other outputs: lesson is need to have an Action Team and an Implementation Plan developed by new group of people

Durban + 5 objectives

- Assess progress in implementing the key outcomes of Durban
- Identify key future issues and how to address them
- Provide greater impetus to achieving the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.
- Establish the framework and process for the next World Parks Congress

Key questions addressed

1. How can protected areas be planned and managed to respond to major global change factors, such as climate change, urbanisation and loss of biodiversity ?
2. How can protected areas more effectively engage with key sectors ?
3. How do we mobilise influence and support for protected areas amongst other constituencies ?
4. What are the main opportunities for protected areas provided by global Conventions and other Agreements?
5. How can financial support and partnership be increased to ensure more effective establishment and management of protected areas ?

Celebration!!

Following successes to celebrate:

- ✓ increasing area of protected areas
- ✓ new governance mechanisms
- ✓ improvements in management effectiveness
- ✓ revitalisation of marine work
- ✓ improving data gathering and dissemination

A new approach

Replace '*business as usual*' approach with '*business unusual*' model comprising:

- different strategies
- new partnerships
- new funding approaches
- build greater resilience within protected areas to cope with changes

Requires jointly 'planned revolution: the first in human history' to cope with the situation. Need to capitalise on fact that human love of nature was fundamental to many

What protected areas can do

Essential to recognise that protected areas can make positive input to

- reducing poverty in developing countries
- improving health and lifestyles
- improving water resource management
- assisting in climate change mitigation and adaptation
- achievement of Millennium Development Goals
- stem loss of biodiversity
- achieve targets in CBD strategies

Evolving themes for protected areas

Caracas *Parks for Life*

Recognises the link with human well being

Durban *Benefits Beyond Boundaries*

Recognises the link with wider environment and with human communities

And now *Parks for Life's Sake*

Recognises the necessity of protected areas for human well being now and forever

Durban + 5 Plan

Agreed that need to:

- Build more effective partnerships: communities, business, UN institutions, NGOs
- Increase resources available through targeted effort
- Define & communicate message on protected areas to wider audiences
- Effective input to CBD Programme of Work implementation
- Reposition protected areas within IUCN

CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas

- Implementation for WCPA activity over the next two years needs business case for delivery
- Develop partnerships with those Big International NGOs investing heavily in implementation
- Need for National Focal Points in WCPA to link with CBD National Focal Points for multi-stakeholder coordination in each country
- Consider WCPA role in facilitating reporting on implementation by countries to CBD Secretariat

Future World Parks Congresses: the issues

Size: Congress of few thousand or smaller Summit of representative delegates

Target audiences: engaging with other constituencies

Theme: move on from 'Benefits Beyond Boundaries' without forgetting its importance as a guiding light. Adopt '*Parks for Life's sake*'

Messages: urgency of situation in relation to unfavourable global trends and what protected areas can contribute

Celebrate achievements: increased coverage, improving management effectiveness

Organisation: regional meetings scheduled in run up and regional implementation plans afterwards

Date: 2014 to distance from next WCC, or 2010 to link with CBD PoW PAs review of targets

Location: depends on scale but need to take into account need to reduce costs, and carbon footprint and to have inclusive meeting

Ideas to pursue

1. Protected Areas **Red List** and **Green List** to raise profile of failures and successes
2. Identify **contribution to climate change**: mitigation by carbon sequestration & storage, and water retention; adaptation for species & habitat loss or movement by building resilience through corridors within bioregional frameworks. Develop role for PAs in emerging carbon markets
3. Essential to make greater progress on **High Seas** particularly in view of thermal and chemical changes resulting from climate change and from over fishing

Ideas to pursue

3. Capture benefits of **community engagement** especially in developing countries through traditional knowledge and more inclusive governance systems. Recognise importance of **Community Conserved Areas** as intrinsic part of PAs system and opportunity it gives to substantially increase the global coverage of PAs.
4. Importance of greater involvement of **younger people** as different perspectives, new ideas and lots of energy. Invite youth to participate as matter of course in meetings, committees, projects etc to be followed up.
5. Greater recognition of **Park Ranger** role in enforcing the law in very personally and politically difficult circumstances, as well as importance of their conservation and interpretative work.

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7. Use our **information sources** more effectively to inform the debate on future and contribution of PAs
8. Consider use of **scenario planning** to identify different possible futures and the role which PAs can play
9. Use convening power to **extend dialogues** with existing groups and sectors and to extend it to others, especially in relation to climate change
10. Address the need for greater **coherence and coordination between the global Conventions**, especially in relation to action on the ground and on reporting

For Life's sake

Protected Areas for Life's Sake now and forever

For Life's Sake means protected areas providing

- ✓ ***Climate buffers***
- ✓ ***Species diversity***
- ✓ ***Livelihoods***
- ✓ ***Health & wellbeing***
- ✓ ***Inspiration & joy***
- ✓ ***Beauty & grandeur***

for all communities human and natural