

# KEY ISSUES AND FINDINGS FROM THE DURBAN +5 MEETING

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# This presentation will:

- Provide background on the World Parks Congress
- Outline key issues and findings from the Durban+5 meeting

# World Parks Congress (WPC)

- convened every 10 years by IUCN since 1962
- combines review of the status of protected areas and looking forward to identify future issues and challenges
- the Vth WPC was held in Durban, South Africa in 2003

# Key Outcomes from 2003 WPC

- Durban Accord and Action Plan
- Commitments made, initiatives launched
- Broadening of constituents and support
- Numerous publications and substantive products
- Message to the CBD COP 7 (2004)

# Key Issues and Findings from Durban +5

The CBD has been a major stimulus for action, with countries incorporating most of the targets from the Durban Action Plan into the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas

# Key Issues and Findings from Durban+5

There has been a major acceleration of the growth in protected areas in many countries, such as Mexico, Micronesia and Madagascar. However biodiversity loss is accelerating

# Key Issues and Findings since Durban+5

Improving PA Management Effectiveness has been recognized as a major challenge by park agencies and donors. More than 6,300 sites have now had their effectiveness assessed and there is increasing emphasis on system level assessment, such as in Finland, Korea, and Australia

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There have been major investments in protected areas – more than 4 billion has been invested. Many countries - such as Kenya - have developed sustainable financing mechanisms but major challenges remain

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Climate Change has emerged as one of the key global issues and there are major implications of climate change for the world's protected areas

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There has been increased recognition of the need to link PAs into the broader landscape, and, in particular, many corridor initiatives have been initiated

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International Conventions, such as the World Heritage Convention, have provided a stimulus for action

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There has been a significant increase in  
Indigenous Protected Areas and  
Community Conserved Areas, but  
progress has been variable

# Summary

There has been significant progress for PAs since Durban but major challenges remain. Trevor will outline some important future directions and WCPA perspectives.