



GOVERNANCE OF TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION AREAS

17 November 2014
13:30-15:00 & 15:30-17:00
Governance Stream Home Room – Hall 4 A2

ORGANIZERS:
IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group
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ABOUT TRANSBOUNDARY GOVERNANCE

Transboundary conservation governance reflects variations of shared governance across the international boundaries, and involving a range of actors and multiple scales. It includes formal organizational arrangements supported by high-level diplomatic agreements between governments. On the other end of the spectrum, are more loosely linked participants gathered through informal governance arrangements. Each of these models consists of numerous variations, and they all carry specific strengths and weaknesses. It is important that each transboundary conservation governance arrangement is developed and implemented according to the unique needs and interest of the particular area. A set of common elements defines transboundary conservation governance: leadership, representation, public participation, function and scope, authority, legitimacy and accountability, learning, decision-making, conflict resolution, adaptive management and financing.

OBJECTIVES

- To advance transboundary conservation governance discourse by presenting and discussing a range of innovative models of transboundary governance
- To share experience from different geographical regions in models of transboundary governance
- To identify needs and priorities in research and the development of methodologies in order to advance the transboundary governance

THE EVENT

This workshop will consist of three integral parts. The first introductory part is dedicated to presentation and discussion of the main transboundary conservation governance principles. The second part will provide the opportunity for sharing of experiences reflected through good transboundary governance examples from various parts of the world. The examples presented here will differentiate in scales, challenges, solutions, and actors involved. The third part will include regional mini-workshops during which the participants will discuss pressing transboundary governance issues in their regions. The results drawn from the regional mini-workshops will be an important element of the overall workshop recommendations.

PROGRAMME

Chaired by

Boris Erg, IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe
Maja Vasilijević, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group (TBC SG)

PART I Introduction to transboundary conservation governance

13:30-13:40 **Welcome address & Overview of workshop objectives**
Maja Vasilijević, IUCN WCPA TBC SG

13:40-13:55 **Key transboundary conservation governance principles**
Matthew McKinney, University of Montana
Maja Vasilijević, IUCN WCPA TBC SG

PART II Innovations in transboundary governance: Examples from practice

13:55-15:00 **Crown of the Continent**
Gary Tabor, University of Montana

SADC Best Practices for TFCA management and implementation
Kevan Zunckel, Zunckel Ecological and Environmental Services

Integrated conservation and development transboundary initiatives in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region
Nakul Chettri, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

TransParcNet – European network of transboundary protected areas
Kari Lahti, Metsähallitus
Jakub Kašpar, Krkonoše National Park
Handrij Härtel, Bohemian Switzerland National Park

Transboundary marine corridor for large cetaceans in Ombai Strait
Benjamin Kahn, APEX Environmental

Transboundary governance in the Putumayo River
Sandra Valenzuela, WWF Colombia

15:00-15:30 **Refreshments**

PART III Regional mini-workshops

Facilitators

Africa: Clara Bocchino, Piet Theron, Edgar Buhangβα
Asia: Nakul Chettri, Rahimatsah Amat
Europe: Sanna-Kaisa Juvonen, Deni Porej
Latin America: Orisha Joseph, Julia Miranda, Marcela Kropf
North America: Matthew McKinney, Scott Slocombe

15:30-16:30 **Participants gather according to geographical regions and discuss these topics:**
(1) Transboundary governance: Shared governance and innovative models
(2) Cooperative approaches and management
(3) Identification of needs and priorities in research

16:30-17:00 **Reports from the working groups and conclusions**

Transboundary Conservation

A systematic and integrated approach

Presenting IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on Transboundary Conservation

18 November 2014
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FOCUS OF THE PUBLICATION

Thirteen years after publishing a pioneer WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines *Transboundary Protected Areas for Peace and Co-operation*, IUCN is presenting the new publication, undertaking a more comprehensive focus on transboundary conservation. IUCN WCPA Guidelines, *Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach*, synthesize the most up-to-date scientific knowledge and global experience from practice, offering guidance to transboundary conservation practitioners and proponents to effectively initiate, establish, govern, manage and monitor transboundary programmes. Apart from elaborating on the innovative transboundary conservation principles, including transboundary governance models, these Guidelines provide a revised typology and definitions of types of Transboundary Conservation Areas. 37 examples are profiled throughout the Guidelines, demonstrating a variety of ecosystems, geographical regions, and models of cooperation worldwide.

WHO WAS INVOLVED

The main pool of expertise for the development of the Guidelines comes from IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group. It was a collaborative effort and extraordinary commitment of many members of this voluntary network to prepare the Guidelines. Key aspects of the publication come as a result of the *International workshop on defining transboundary conservation principles*, held on 16-18 October 2013 in Thayatal National Park, Austria. The hosts of the workshop were Thayatal National Park, Austria, and Podyjí National Park, Czech Republic. Wider WCPA network also collaborated in preparation of the Guidelines, which were initially based on the contents and ideas set out in the WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines from 2001.

DONORS

The project was funded by MAVA Foundation, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) through the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), and IUCN WCPA.

THE PRE-LAUNCH EVENT

The key objectives of the event at which the draft IUCN WCPA Guidelines, *Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach*, will be presented are:

- To present the key findings and concepts to a wider audience of transboundary conservation specialist and interested individuals
- To seek qualified feedback on the main concepts from an experienced audience
- To raise awareness about the Guidelines.

PROGRAMME

Chair

Mr. Boris Erg, IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe and IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group

12:00-12:30	<p>Welcome address and introductory speeches Ms. Maja Vasiljević, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group Prof. Beate Jessel, BfN German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation Dr. Charlotte Karibuhoye, MAVA Foundation Dr. Jeff Mow, Glacier National Park</p>
12:30-12:45	<p>WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on transboundary conservation: Key concepts Dr. Matthew McKinney, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Montana Mr. Kevan Zunckel, Zunckel Ecological and Environmental Services</p>
12:45-13:25	<p>Discussion on the key concepts proposed in the Guidelines</p>
13:25-13:30	<p>Conclusions</p>