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IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group Current and Planned Activities

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Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group

- IUCN is the world's largest and oldest conservation union
- 6 Commissions – 10,000+ members
- WCPA: “To promote an effectively managed, representative system of marine and terrestrial protected areas as an integral part of IUCN mission.”
- IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group (1997)



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The Mission

*“To **promote and encourage transboundary conservation** for the conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values while **promoting peace and co-operation among nations**, through **enhancing knowledge and capacity** for effective **planning and management** of transboundary conservation areas, in fulfilment of the Durban Action Plan and CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas.”*



Objectives

1. To **support** the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the CBD Secretariat, and partners **in delivering the goals and targets of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA)** related to transboundary conservation, and where consistent with the mission of IUCN and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas
2. To support implementation of transboundary conservation initiatives through improved **knowledge management, networking and capacity building.**



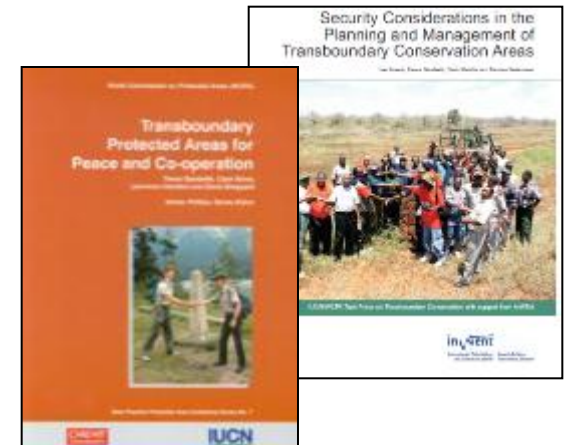
Key activities

- Promote awareness of the value of TBC
- Promote effective governance structures to support management of TB areas
- Encourage and advise in the establishment of new TB areas
- Develop guidelines and standards
- Coordinate a **Global Transboundary Conservation Learning Network**
- Strengthen information exchange and dissemination through:

www.tbpa.net

TB eNews

TB listserv





Membership

- Around 200 members (33% from Europe)
- Experts from international organisations, NGOs, research institutions, governments, TB site managers
- **WCPA and non-WCPA members can both be part of the TBC SG network!**
- Network of volunteers – advisory role





“We see protected areas as providers of benefits beyond boundaries – beyond their boundaries on a map, beyond the boundaries of nation states, across societies, genders and generations.” (The Durban Accord, 2003)

- PAs run with social, economic and conservation objectives
- PAs managed with and for the benefit of local people
- PAs planned as part of national-regional-international systems
- PAs developed as networks-corridors-connectivity areas





CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas

2003 IUCN V World Parks Congress



2004 CBD COP7

CBD PoWPA → **strong transboundary wording**





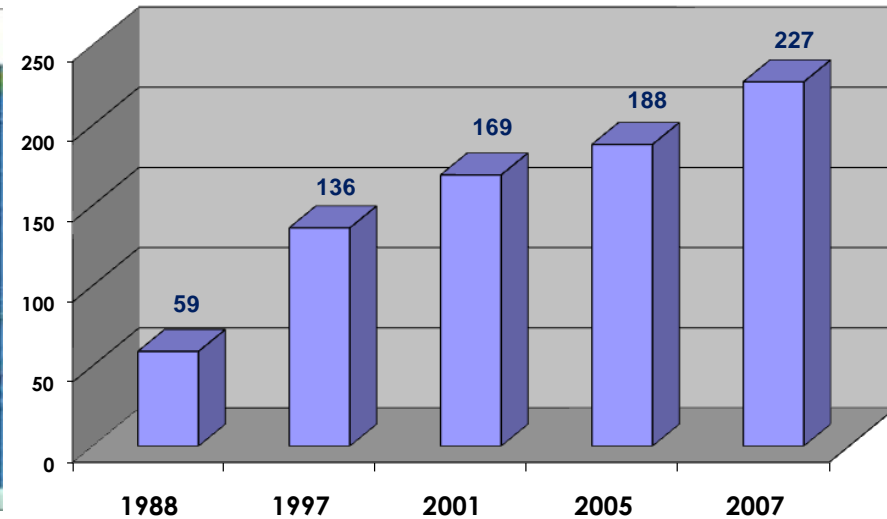
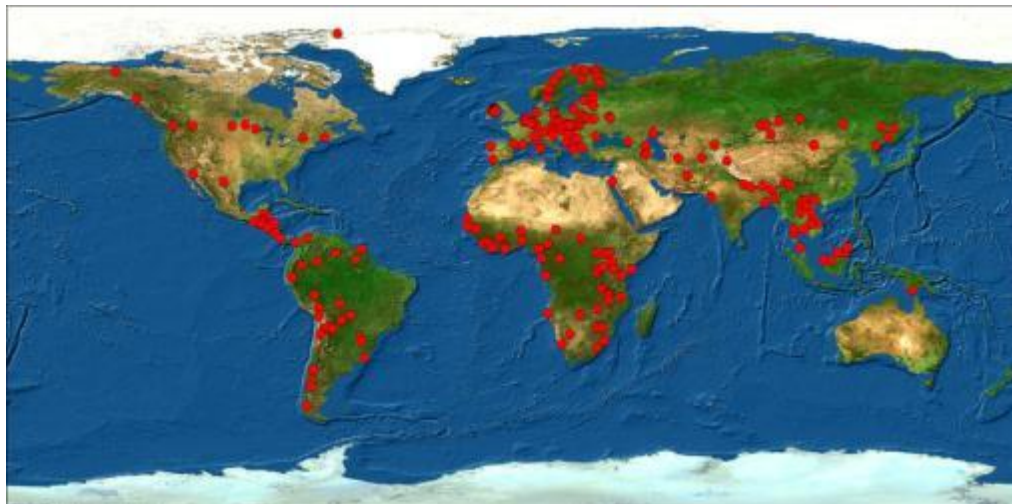
CBD PoWPA

- Establish new TBPAs and strengthen effective collaborative management of existing TBPAs
- Develop TBPAs in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction
- Compile and disseminate information on TBPAs
- Provide an enabling policy, institutional and socio-economic environment for TBPAs
- Develop and adopt minimum standards, best practices, and guidelines for establishing TBPAs
- Establish frameworks for monitoring, evaluating and reporting management effectiveness of TBPAs



Global trend

www.wdpa.org World Database on Protected Areas (UNEP WCMC-WCPA)





Transboundary conservation objectives

- a. Biodiversity conservation
- b. Cultural heritage and exchange
- c. International cooperation
- d. Maintenance of peace and security
- e. Promotion of sustainable development
- f. Regional economic integration
- g. Restitution of land tenure
- h. Local economic development
- i. Poverty alleviation, etc.



1. Transboundary protected areas

“A transboundary protected area is an area of land and/or sea that **straddles one or more borders between states**, sub-national units such as provinces and regions, autonomous areas and/or areas beyond the limit of national sovereignty or jurisdiction,

whose constituent parts are especially dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources,

and **managed co-operatively** through legal or other effective means.”





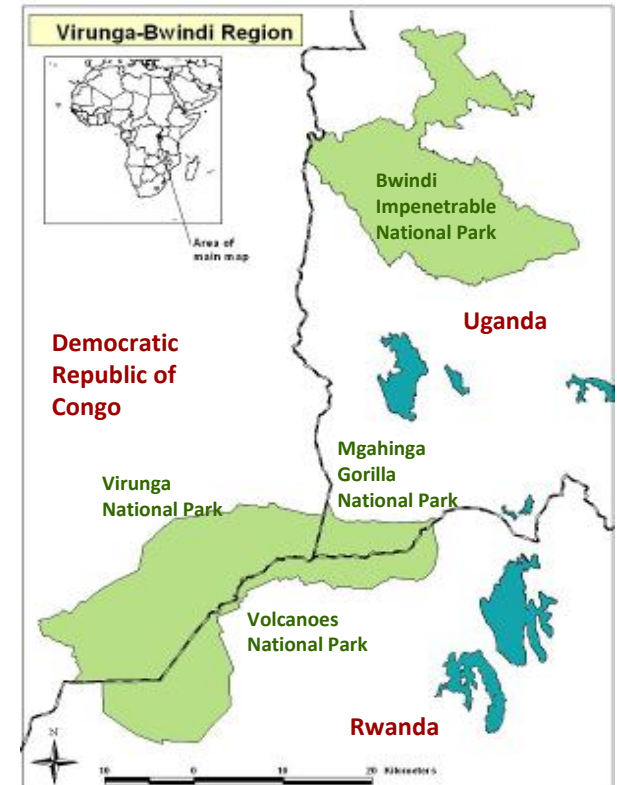
2. Parks for Peace

“Parks for Peace are transboundary protected areas that are formally dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources, and to the **promotion of peace and cooperation.**”



3. Transboundary conservation and development area

“Transboundary conservation and development areas are **areas of land and/or sea** that straddle one or more borders between states, sub-national units such as provinces and regions, autonomous areas and/or areas beyond the limit of national sovereignty or jurisdiction, **whose constituent parts form a matrix** that contributes to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources, as well as the **promotion of social and economic development**, and which are managed co-operatively through legal or other effective means.”



4. Transboundary migratory corridors

“Transboundary migratory corridors are areas of land and/or sea in two or more countries, which are **not necessarily contiguous**, but are required **to sustain a biological migratory pathway**, and where co-operative management has been secured through legal or other effective means.”





Two more types

- a) A **Transboundary World Heritage Site** is where protected areas on either side of an international boundary fall collectively into the designation of the area as a World Heritage Site. *These initiatives are likely to be a small sub-set of TBPAs.*

- b) A **Transboundary Biosphere Reserve** is where areas on either side of an international boundary fall within a Biosphere Reserve. *TBCAs conform most closely to the concept of a Biosphere Reserve, provided they meet UNESCO's designation criteria.*



Co-operation leads to benefits for:

- Biodiversity
- People
- Economy
- Politics
- Research
- Management



The Work of TBC SG



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Priority activities of TBC SG

- Development of a web-based database on transboundary complexes
- Development of TB guidelines/methodology
- Support to knowledge exchange and dissemination
- Stimulate research on transboundary conservation
- Plan activities for the World Conservation Congress 2012 and the World Parks Congress 2014
- Communication and networking



Current activities

- Work on a TB database (incl. contact details of TBPA managers, technical PA data, ecological data, social data, legal frameworks, political situation, etc.)
- Development of a TB guideline for assessing the feasibility of transboundary conservation
- Communication (regular publishing of the TB eNews, information sharing via listserv, upgrading of the TBPA website www.tbpa.net)
- Publishing activities (e.g. European examples of transboundary conservation, TBC guidelines)



Crossing Borders for Nature - European examples of transboundary conservation (in print)



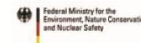
Crossing Borders for Nature

European examples of transboundary conservation

Edited by Maja Vasiljević and Tomasz Pezold



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Future and planned activities

- Continued work on the TB database, TBPA website, TB eNews, as well as other communication material
- Development of a TB guideline for World Heritage sites and a monitoring tool for TB conservation areas
- Revision of the Best Practice Guideline on Transboundary Protected Areas
- Establishment of a TBC Global Legal Resource Center
- Intensified work on marine TBPAs - guidelines on transboundary marine protected areas
- Communication of results at global events (e.g. WCC, WPC, COP, etc.)



Potential areas of cooperation

- The global transboundary database – in particular with regard to European Transboundary Protected Areas
- Expanding the Nature's Design TB process beyond Europe
- Contribution to the revision of the Best Practice Guideline on Transboundary Protected Areas
- Establishment of a TBC Global Legal Resource Center – European examples and legal frameworks
- Joint communication activities (TB e News, EUROPARC news, global events, etc.)



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