



## TERMS OF REFERENCE PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS SPECIALIST GROUP

### Background

IUCN WCPA has for many years championed the cause of enhancing protected areas management effectiveness, and has been supported in this endeavor by decisions of the CBD where national governments have agreed to undertake management effectiveness assessments as a routine component of their national assessment and reporting systems. Management effectiveness assessments measure the extent to which all of the necessary systems and processes are taking place in protected areas, and identify areas for improvement.

Over the last decade, a number of initiatives were supported and important products developed, including:

1. PA Management Effectiveness Framework (two editions).
2. Development of PAME methodologies.
3. Capacity development and training, assistance to governments and NGOs.
4. PAME assessment principles, processes and compilation of best practices.
5. PAME data analysis, status of PA management.
6. Global PAME database development, management and analysis.
7. Collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, Ramsar , UNESCO, CBD etc.
8. Elaboration of a new global standard for performance, the IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas, that will list those protected areas that meet minimum standards of effectiveness.

There remains, however, a need for further promotion, strengthened coordination and partnership among Protected Areas Management Effectiveness initiatives as a foundation for Green Listing, and that applies to all protected areas.

### Purpose of Specialist Group

To ensure coordination of the Protected Areas Management Effectiveness (PAME) work in WCPA through engagement with relevant initiatives and partners, and to advance the application of PAME methodologies where these are lacking..

The goals of the Specialist Group will include:

1. Promotion and dissemination of PAME tools
2. Capacity development and assistance to key countries and partners
3. Standards and best practice development and dissemination
4. Data collection and management (in collaboration with WCMC and others)
5. Facilitation and development of partnerships
6. Strengthening PAME coordination

### Integration in GPAP/WCPA's Quadrennial Programme 2017-2020

The work of the Specialist Group contributes to IUCN's programme mainly through Programme Area 1 Valuing and Conserving Nature, and GPAP/WCPA goals 1.1 (ii) Protected area quality enhanced



through Green List of Protected Areas and through Programme Area 1.2 (i) Parties to the CBD are supported to implement the full scope of Target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity; and Programme Area 2 Promoting effective and equitable governance of natural resources and GPAP/WCPA goals including GPAP/WCPA goal 2.2(i) Governance quality and equity of protected areas is enhanced



### **Objective 1: Promoting and disseminating PAME tools and building capacity**

#### **Goals and activities:**

Promote and further disseminate PAME assessment tools, support initiatives to develop capacity of priority countries and partners

- Undertake an analysis of the reporting by countries to the CBD regarding their achievement of targets for Management Effectiveness Assessment, and the methods they are using.
- Provide an overview of the capacity development needs, available training programmes, and options to support capacity development initiatives in priority countries/regions.
- Undertake initiatives to promote and disseminate PAME assessments and tools to meet capacity needs in identified regions/countries.
- Support standards and best practice development, dissemination of lessons.
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### **Objective 2: Facilitating PAME partnerships**

#### **Goals and activities:**

Define opportunities for new PAME partnerships and ensure continues funding

- Define a clear set of opportunities to link Management Effectiveness Assessment with related activities in IUCN and partners, including the IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas, the EC-support BIOPAMA programme, and the partnership between IUCN and WWF.
- Strengthen the collaboration between WCPA and GPAP.
- Facilitate discussion towards reaching an agreement on PAME database management with UNEP-WCMC.
- Develop at least one large-scale project proposal for strengthening Management Effectiveness Assessment for submission to a funding partner.

### **Objective 3: Strengthening PAME coordination**

#### **Goals and activities:**

Develop PAME workplan for the period 2017-2020

- Identify all of the current professionals and interests in Protected Area Management Effectiveness to reconstitute the WCPA Specialist Group (including regional and national PAME focal points).
- Interact with WCPA Specialist Group Members to develop a work plan for the period 2017-2020 consistent with the IUCN Programme and the specific results and deliverables of the Joint Work Plan between WCPA and GPAP.

### **Leadership, membership and organisation**

One of the initial tasks of the Specialist Group will be to identify interested individuals who are willing to contribute to this work. The Specialist Group initial leadership will be ensured by Alexander Belokurov with support of other members of the group.

### **Partnerships, funding and fund-raising**

Important aspect of the PAME work is to build on existing initiatives run by various organisations and develop new partnerships. The Specialist Group will ensure involvement of various IUCN offices, WWF, UNEP-WCMC, CBD Secretariat, Ramsar among others. The Specialist Group will need to coordinate fundraising activities and develop at least one large-scale project proposal for strengthening



Management Effectiveness for submission to a funding partner.

### **Communication**

The Specialist Group will ensure increased visibility of PA Management Effectiveness work through IUCN communications platforms, including newsletter, PANORAMA solutions, and communications relevant to BIOPAMA, CBD and partners, including through building a photographic archive. Members of the Specialist Group will support and encourage development of new academic publications promoting PAME assessments and encouraging improved management of PAs.

### **Reporting**

A progress report will be prepared every 6 months to summarise achievements of the Specialist Group.

**\*SMART goals are specific (who and what?), measurable (how?), attainable (realistic?), relevant (leads to results?) and timebound (within the planning period?)**