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May-June 2023

Celebrating our planet's biological diversity



IUCN Director General's Statement for International Day for Biological Diversity

"This year's International Day for Biological Diversity brings with it the spirit of ambition and determination. Five months after the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal, Canada, it is clear that momentum is still high – and needs to be maintained..."

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APAP member countries renew commitment to Global Biodiversity Framework

The Asia Protected Area Partnership (APAP) renewed its commitment to the GBF at a recent gathering held in Dehradun, India. Urgent actions needed to realign the member countries' National Biodiversity Strategies and Actions

Plans (NBSAPs) in line with GBF, as well as issues including the role of PCAs in promoting Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and climate change mitigation, were among the topics discussed.

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Inspiring Solutions



Amélioration de la gestion des aires protégées au Sénégal

Le patrimoine naturel du Sénégal s'étend sur les divers écosystèmes (soudanien, forestier, sahélien, lagunaire, marin, côtier et deltaïque) du pays. Bien que bon nombre de ces systèmes naturels soient inscrits dans des aires protégées, les menaces anthropiques, juridiques, institutionnelles et financières ont conduit à la dégradation des écosystèmes et des moyens de subsistance des communautés qui en dépendent...

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Vjosa, a National Park in the making

The Vjosa River and floodplain is one of the most magnificent fluvial and riparian ecosystems in the Balkans, home to over 1,100 species of animals, and 15 species assessed as globally threatened on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. IUCN and partners are working to make one of Europe's newest national parks into one of its greatest.

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Embarking on a first: Knowledge Sharing Journey



BIOPAMA and BEST 2.0+ grantees share knowledge for conservation practice

More than fifty-five grantees from the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions, and the European Overseas Countries and Territories, gathered in Kenya from the 2-6th May 2023 as part of a

knowledge sharing and capitalisation experience organised by IUCN.

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BEST practices in the European Overseas



It is time to build a global Green and Blue Belt: conservation in European Overseas Territories

The European Union's Overseas Territories are home to 80% of Europe's biodiversity, but are also on the front line of the climate crisis. To protect these vital biodiversity hotspots, support communities and demonstrate local solutions to global environmental challenges, Europe must build a global Green and Blue Belt linking the Overseas Entities all over the world...

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BEST Initiative in focus at the European Parliament

Success stories and lessons learned from 12 years of the BEST Initiative were the focus of a recent event at the European Parliament in Brussels. Attendees also marked a new milestone with the launch of BESTLIFE2030, a new partnership and a renewed 32 million EUR commitment.

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BIOPAMA



Inauguration des projets financés par BIOPAMA au Burundi

Son Excellence l'Ambassadeur de l'Union Européenne au Burundi, Monsieur Claude Bochu, en collaboration avec le ministère en charge de l'environnement à travers l'Office Burundais pour la Protection de l'Environnement (OBPE), a officiellement lancé le du 22 mai 2023, trois projets financés par le programme BIOPAMA (Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management), dans la commune de Kigamba en province Cankuzo, à proximité du parc national de la Ruvubu...

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BIOPAMA grantees' voices

BIOPAMA grantees from Madagasikara Voakajy reflect on their work to build a home for people and biodiversity, benefiting one another, with BIOPAMA's support in Madagascar.

[Watch the video here](#)

Youth in Conservation



Youth Conservation: celebrating World Environment day in Goma, DRC

On 5 June, the Gorilla Ambassadors Programme (GAP) celebrated World Environment Day with the local scouts, with the joint focus of raising awareness on the effects of plastic pollution and introducing PAPACO's new platform: *youth-conservation.org*.

The [Gorilla Ambassadors Program](#) has been actively promoting the new platform locally, with the aim of fostering environmental awareness and leadership from young people.

[youth-conservation.org \(en français\)](#)

Governance



Local Stories Will Drive Global Change: Storytelling for 30x30

Through a new partnership with Esri, IUCN will support digital storytelling from indigenous peoples and local communities who are working to protect our planet.

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Un dialogue national pour capitaliser les autres mesures de conservation efficaces par zone et reconnaître le rôle des communautés locales en République démocratique du Congo

La ville de Kinshasa a abrité le premier dialogue

national de capitalisation des acquis et de la prise en compte des droits des communautés locales et des peuples autochtones dans la mise en œuvre du Cadre mondial de la Biodiversité. Plusieurs acteurs venus de provinces de la République démocratique du Congo, et de Kinshasa ont échangé sur la meilleure compréhension de la cible 3 de cet accord conclu à Montréal, en décembre 2022.

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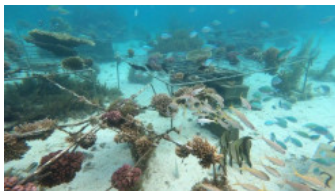


Podcast: à la découverte des AMEC en RDC

Découvrez le rôle des AMEC en RDC, les défis auxquels elles sont confrontées et leur potentiel pour faire progresser la conservation de l'environnement pour le pays et la région.

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Mauritius embarks on a new phase of Coral Reef Protection

Huawei Mauritius, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and EcoMode Society recently announced a new phase of the Tech4Nature Mauritius project to study species' reproductive success in a restored area of reef in Mauritius.

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Huawei, IUCN and global partners highlight latest technology for nature protection

On the 50th anniversary of World Environment Day, Huawei and IUCN highlighted smart solutions for supporting effective and fair management and governance of protected and conserved areas, and the growing importance of technology in tracking threatened species and protecting their natural habitats.

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Mexico celebrates one year of the Tech4Nature project in Dzilam de Bravo State



Reserve, in the Yucatán Peninsula

A decrease in illegal hunting, an increase in keystone species, and local communities harnessing the latest technology to empower conservation efforts; the results of one year of Tech4Nature in Mexico show promising signs as efforts continue.

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The Solutions for Protected Areas closes with great success in Medellín, Colombia

In three days of intense work, representatives and authorities of protected area systems at the global and national level discussed ways to strengthen the IUCN Green List Standard, and the integration of the One Health approach into protected area management projects.

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IUCN Expert Assessment Group of the Green List (EAGL) for the Democratic Republic of Congo (RDC) announced

Drawn from a pool of extremely qualified applicants, 11 individuals representing the voices of key DRC conservation and governance stakeholders from a diverse array of sectors including ecology, sociology, protected areas, conservation and biodiversity management, scientists and non-governmental organizations, constitute the DRC's new EAGL.

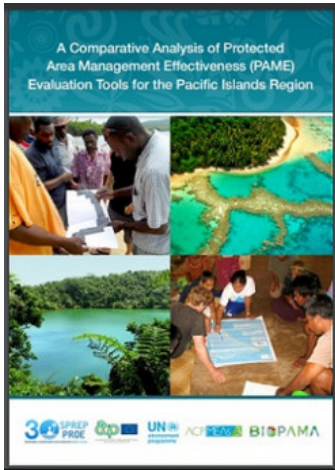
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IUCN Green List Training for Lao PDR Protected Area Managers

30 personnel from two sites were introduced to the IUCN Green List Standard, User Manual rules and procedures, and the IUCN Green List COMPASS online platform at a recent training held at the Nakai Nam Theun National Park office in Lao PDR.

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A Comparative Analysis of Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME) Evaluation Tools for the Pacific Islands Region

This report was commissioned by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to raise awareness and understanding of the tools available to evaluate PAME; to provide case studies from the region on PAME assessment; and to help inform decision-making when choosing tools and planning assessments.

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Events and Getting Involved



International Ranger Awards 2023

The 3rd Annual International Ranger Award will recognise the remarkable work of rangers in protected areas around the world. Join IUCN and our partners in an online ceremony on July 26th 2023 as the winners are announced.

[Register now](#)



Open Call for Nominations for the IUCN Green List Panel

Nominations and self-nominations must be made before 23:59 CET on the 7 July 2023.

To learn more and to get involved, click below.

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