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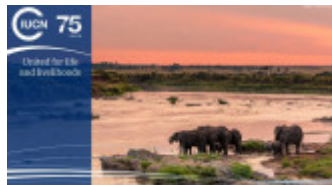
At a Glance - September highlights



Major natural areas receive World Heritage protection, based on IUCN advice

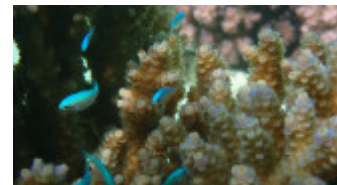
The World Heritage Committee has enlarged natural World Heritage areas by more than 100 million hectares, an area roughly 26 times the size of Switzerland.

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IUCN: 75 years of experience

Founded in 1948, IUCN has become the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. On our 75th anniversary we look back on the knowledge, tools and platforms that have continued to ensure that societies,



IUCN at Huawei Connect TECH4ALL Summit

With five pilot projects running globally, Tech4Nature aims to improve the management of 300 protected areas by developing innovative technology solutions and measuring conservation efficacy against the IUCN Green List Standard.

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economies and nature
can thrive together.

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The path to protect 30x30

We're committed to supporting nations around the world to achieving Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and with it, to conserve 30% of the world's ecosystems by 2030.



Discovering Albania's Timeless Vjosa River

"Earlier this year, Albania took a critical step toward preserving this timelessness with the establishment of the Vjosa Wild River National Park, a first in Europe, and a destination included on this year's 52 Places to Go list. The Albanian government, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, nongovernmental organizations from the Save the Blue Heart of Europe campaign, and the adventure apparel retailer Patagonia worked together to protect Albania's 120-mile section of the river and its main tributaries..."

[Read the New York Times article](#)

What counts? - Ensuring effective conservation

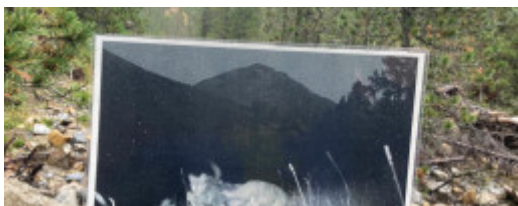
Through the IUCN Green List Standard, the global benchmark for Protected and Conserved Areas governance and management, we're

working to ensure that 30x30 means real and effective achievement of conservation goals.



BIOPAMA Regional Observatories are potential Regional Centres of Excellence

The BIOPAMA Regional Observatories in the Caribbean, Pacific, Western and Central Africa, and Eastern and Southern Africa, represent regional hubs of protected areas and biodiversity excellence. As such, IUCN recently endorsed the Expressions of Interest of five such observatories to become Regional Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centres as catered for by the Convention on Biological Diversity.



Wolf pack returns to Green List site for the first time in a century

During a presentation on the IUCN Green List at a workshop on the 2nd Swiss Contribution in September, the conservation successes of the Swiss National



Green Listing of Marine Protected Areas in Belize under the Blue Bond Initiative

The UK's OCPP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation (MBECA) and the Belize Fisheries Department (BFiD),

Park were further confirmed by the exciting discovery.

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hosted the IUCN in Belize for a transformative five-day workshop focused on Green Listing of marine protected areas (MPAs) as part of Belize's marine conservation ambitions.

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Who counts? - People at the centre of conservation

As important as 'what counts', is 'who counts'. We're working to put people at the centre of conservation through supporting Indigenous peoples and local communities to lead and benefit from 30x30.



BIOPAMA Stories of Change: Nzuguto Community Wetland Restoration

BIOPAMA grantee, Muhumuza Deogratus, describes the impact of his project on the communities of the Rubirizi District, Uganda - *'it's the change of attitude of people towards the conservation of natural resources...'*

[Watch "Deo's" Testimonial Video](#)



Three California Tribal Nations



BEST and BIOPAMA communities

Declare First U.S. Indigenous Marine Stewardship Area

“This declaration is the culmination of years of hard work to protect our ocean and coastal waters. As Yurok people, we take our stewardship responsibilities very seriously and are proud to work with other sovereign Tribal Governments to do the work we were meant to as Tribal people,” said Fawn C. Murphy, Chairperson, of the Resighini Tribe of Yurok People. “We are so excited to be the leaders in this effort!”

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explore conservation solutions

More than 100 participants from almost every continent on earth came together to share experiences on area-based and species conservation, and foster a community of BEST and BIOPAMA practitioners.

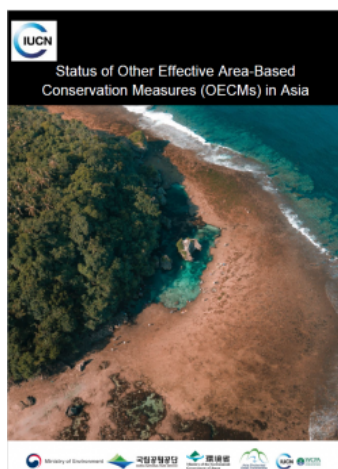
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- Explore the BEST and BIOPAMA grantee photo gallery: [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)
- [IUCN in West Asia: Supporting Natural World Heritage and The IUCN's Green List](#)
- [2-day training given on IUCN's Green List Site Assessment and Gap Analysis tool](#)

Learn more about Protected and Conserved Areas at IUCN on our [website](#)

Hot off the Press



Status of OECMs in Asia

This report's primary objective is to shed light on the status of OECMs in the Asian region, particularly among countries in the Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP). This was achieved through a questionnaire-based study focusing on strategies, legislation, and challenges related to OECMs, with the aim of offering recommendations for the way forward.

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Events and Getting Involved



New funding opportunity: BESTLIFE2030 call for proposals

The EU's Outermost Regions (ORs) and associated Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) harbour exceptionally rich biodiversity. However, they also face significant environmental pressures and are increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The BESTLIFE2030 Programme represents a key piece of the puzzle.

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Esri StoryMaps competition - Enter now!

As part of our ongoing open storytelling competition [2023 ArcGIS StoryMaps Competition](#), Michelle Thomas, Communications lead and Content Strategist from Esri's StoryMaps team has written a blog with tips for creating a compelling ArcGIS StoryMap media piece. [Click here](#) to read her blog.

If you don't have an ArcGIS account to apply, [click here](#) to learn about Esri's grant assistance programme.

[Read the blog](#)



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Join us in Geneva, Switzerland for the second edition of the IUCN Leaders Forum.

This year's theme is Global goals for nature: Tracking progress, financing success.

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