

# Can You Help? Volunteer to make a change!

TILCEPA is looking for volunteers for two new Social Policy conservation specialist groups



## MOUNTAIN SOCIAL POLICY SPECIALIST GROUP

TILCEPA Social Policy Specialist Group concerning Mountain Connectivity, mountain Protected Areas & mountainous Transboundary Conserved Landscapes

TILCEPA Mountain Social Policy SG has as its mandate to study and promote effective participation of local communities and indigenous peoples in mountain conserved areas, with particular attention to mountain connectivity landscapes and transboundary mountainous Protected Areas.

Attention is to be given to promoting good social policy practices, articulating the importance of working with local and traditional institutions, and adherence to IUCN and CBD guidelines on governance, participation, equity, livelihoods, traditional knowledge and sustainable use. This should be embedded in an awareness of norms and standards on both Protected Areas and human rights, including new generation standards such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). The SG concentrates on helping States and conservation NGOs understand the sociology and culture of peoples who rely on mountain resources, and supports mountain natural resource users and stewards to articulate their needs, values, rights and strategies in relation to sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity.

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The Specialist Group works to encourage mountain conservation solutions which draw on traditional, indigenous and / or local governance and management systems looking to mediate these with externally managed conservation and climate change initiatives. Attention is to be given to community initiated conservation, including sacred natural sites, monastic forests, pilgrimage sites and related non-State institutions. Attention is given to the new International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI), with a focus on Satoyama principles of sustainable use and effective conservation.

The focus would likely be on creating sub-regional or regional synergies –drawing on positive norms in one country to promote good practices in neighbouring countries sharing related mountain chains. In terms of the Vth World Parks Congress, the focus would be on global norms, standards and assessment tools.

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## MARINE SOCIAL POLICY SPECIALIST GROUP

TILCEPA Social Policy Specialist Group concerning Marine Protected Areas & related Locally Managed Marine Areas

TILCEPA Marine Social Policy SG has as its mandate to study and promote effective participation of local communities and indigenous peoples in seascape (marine and coastal) conserved areas (MPAs and LMMAs).

Attention is given to promoting good practices, articulating the importance of working with local and traditional institutions, and adherence to IUCN and CBD guidelines on governance, participation, equity, livelihoods, traditional knowledge and sustainable use. This is further embedded in an awareness of norms and standards on both Protected Areas and human rights, including new generation standards such as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). The SG would concentrate on helping States and conservation NGOs understand the sociology, economics and culture of peoples who rely on marine resources, and supporting marine resource users and stewards to articulate their needs, values, rights and strategies on sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity.

The Specialist Group would work to encourage marine protection solutions which draw on traditional, indigenous and / or local governance and management systems and institutions which have endured over time and could create win-win situations in marine conservation. These may turn out to be Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMAs) or other forms of sustainable use seascapes, rather than centralised Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), but with the obligation that sustainability, equity and conservation are at the heart of the endeavour.

Attention is given to process over outcomes, allowing national rights holders and stakeholders to find their own solutions, while encouraging good process, intersectoral and intercultural mediation and the use of participatory planning tools and methodologies.

Particular attention is given to the new International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI), with a focus on Satoumi principles of sustainable use and effective conservation.

