



WCPA Protected Areas Update January 2009

IUCN's Programme on Protected Areas (PPA) is glad to update WCPA members with the latest protected area and IUCN news.

PPA and WCPA Highlights

Protected Areas at the Congress

A full report of Protected Areas at the IUCN World Conservation Congress has been posted on the website http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/wcpa/wcpa_focus/wcpa_events/wcpa_wcc08/index.cfm

New structure for more impact.

To support the *one programme* concept 'Shaping a sustainable future' in a way that effectively involves all three 'pillars' of the Union: Members, Commissions and Secretariat, the Protected Areas Programme, the Marine Programme and the Species Programme will now be working much more closely together, thus allowing for a more cohesive approach in dealing with environmental concerns.

For information on Species activities see their newsletter <http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/species/index.cfm>

For information on Marine activities see their newsletter http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/marine/qmp_newsletter/index.cfm

WCPA News

WCPA Membership

During the IUCN Council Meeting beginning of February, Nik Lopoukhine, WCPA's Chair, will be putting forward the name of the new Steering Committee Members, and the new regional structure. The Protected Areas Programme will be asking you soon whether or not you plan to renew your membership. For more information, please contact Delwyn <mailto:delwyn.dupuis@iucn.org>

World Heritage

Unfortunately, our World Heritage Officer, Bastian Bomhard has left us and is working at UNEP WCMC. His position will soon be filled. In the meantime if you have any queries or comments on World Heritage please email iosephine.langley@iucn.org. We would like to thank Bastian for all the great work he has done over the last few years and wish him good luck.

Help us raise awareness for the Thin Green Line!

The Thin Green Line Foundation would like you to organise a musical evening on the 14th February. This will be a world wide event for raising funding and awareness. If you would like to participate please go to the following weblink http://www.thingreenline.org.au/event_registration

The Thin Green Line Foundation looks after the welfare of rangers families where the ranger has been killed in the line of duty. It also aims to better equip rangers worldwide so that they have a greater chance of protecting both themselves and wild areas we all care about.

The Thin Green Line's policy is that 100% of profits from DVD sales and documentary showings will hit the ground for the families of rangers killed while also aiding the administration of the organisation. You can continue to support the foundation through donations, purchasing the DVD and TTGLF t-shirts.

For more information on the Thin Green Line Foundation visit their website at <http://www.thingreenline.org.au/front>

WCPA Needs You!

Young Professionals in Protected Areas

If you are a member under the age of 35, would you like to join the WCPA Young Professionals Group an active, creative and innovative group of protected area specialists? Then please contact Kristy Facer at kristy.facer@iucn.org

9th World Wilderness Congress, 6-13 November 2009, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico

As with each World Wilderness Congress, a portion of the Wild 9 Program will focus on wilderness and wildlands related best practice case studies, scientific research, management strategies and solutions and other peer-learning/training opportunities. Participation in this symposium is open to all practitioners and researchers.

For details and contact information please see the full call for participation in the Symposium on Science and Stewardship to protect and sustain wilderness values at http://www.wild9.org/ENG/03_PROGRAM/WILD9%20Symposium-first%20Call%20for%20participation10.22.08.pdf

Visit the Conference Website <http://www.wild9.org/>

Publications, Upcoming Events Tools and Courses

Upcoming Events

24-26 February	World Heritage and Marine Protected Areas - a joint workshop on Global Marine World Heritage site selection and World Heritage and Marine Protected Areas in the Gulf and the Red Sea, Bahrain More Information
2-6 March	Rethinking Protected Areas in a changing World, The 2009 George Wright Society Biennial Conference on Parks Protected Areas and Cultural Sites More Information
5-9 May	Turiciencia Cuba 2, La Habana, Cuba More Information
10-14 May	5th International Conference on Environmental Education, Montreal, Canada More Information

Grants available

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are offering matching grant funding to international sea turtle conservation projects in the Western Hemisphere.

[For more information](#)

Reminders to WCPA Members

This monthly web update is your monthly web update. Please send us in your stories and publications, so that we can promote them in the next update. Email them to Delwyn delwyn.dupuis@iucn.org

Also please send us your change of contact, otherwise we cannot keep in contact with you.

Please note that IUCN now requires that all Commission logos be used in conjunction with the IUCN logos. To obtain them, please contact delwyn.dupuis@iucn.org.

If you are willing to share your photos with IUCN and help expand its Photo Library, please contact Alicia Held at alicia.held@iucn.org (with copy to delwyn.dupuis@iucn.org)

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Please visit the new WCPA website at www.iucn.org/wcpa

Photo: White stork nesting in Extramadura, Spain IUCN Sue Mainka