

Updated Agenda:

BIOPAMA contributions to the IUCN World Parks Congress

BIOPAMA is closely involved in several sessions and events during the WPC, in particular related to capacity development, information management, and data analysis for decision-making, as well as the Leaders' Dialogues.

In addition to the specific regional capacity development activities and results, BIOPAMA will present at the IUCN WPC a set of capacity development materials that contribute to one of the key capacity development aims: the production of learning resources and knowledge products and the development of tools to support achievement of competent professionals.

Join us! Discover the BIOPAMA initiative and our events! We are looking forward to shaping together the protected areas capacity development agenda!

Wednesday, 12 November 2014		
8:30-12:00	Darling Harbor	Vaka Traditional Welcome Ceremony BIOPAMA is supporting the voyage of "Mua: Guided by Nature" to deliver key protected areas messages in the Pacific
Thursday, 13 November 2014		
11:30-13:15	WIN – Pacific Pavilion	Pacific Islands Leaders Talanoa BIOPAMA is supporting this high level dialogue that will provide commitments from Pacific leaders toward the promise of Sydney.
12:00-13:30	Protected Planet Pavilion	Launch of the Protected Planet Report As part of its information management component, BIOPAMA invested in the production of this report.
16:00-17:00	Protected Planet Pavilion	Presentation of the IUCN WCPA-SSC Joint Task Force on Biodiversity and PAs Results from global study on PA successes in conserving biodiversity. The study was supported by BIOPAMA.
15:15-18:30	Touch screen 3	E-poster Inspiring Solutions for Developing Capacity 5 minutes presentation of BIOPAMA inspiring solutions through its capacity development programme.
20:00-21:00	<i>to be confirmed</i>	Conflict-sensitive management of protected areas: Building sustainable and equitable peace side event Event highlighting BIOPAMA's capacity development activities on negotiation skills training in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Friday, 14 November 2014		
13:30-15:00	Room 3A1	<p>Protected Planet: Status and Trends of Protected Area Coverage Across Countries</p> <p>JRC will present the Digital Observatory for Protected Areas (DOPA): “Providing the right information to the right people with the right tools”. DOPA is the main technical platform for the BIOPAMA Regional Reference Information System (RRIS).</p>
15:30-17:00	Southee Complex Room 3	<p>A new paradigm for capacity development: The Global Partnership for Professionalizing Protected Area Management (GPPPAM)</p> <p>Presented by the IUCN WCPA Capacity Development group working on GPPPAM, supported in part by BIOPAMA.</p>
17:30-20:30	Playfair room 2	<p>Africa Night</p> <p>A networking event funded and introduced by BIOPAMA, organized with the PAPACO.</p>
Saturday, 15 November 2014		
7:00-20:30	Pacific Day in the WIN Pavilion	<p>Throughout the day, the WIN Pavilion is dedicated to the Pacific. BIOPAMA is financially supporting the Pacific Pavilion on behalf of the region and the discussions link directly to the BIOPAMA priorities for the Pacific.</p>
8:30-10:00	WIN – Pacific Pavilion	<p>Pacific session: Celebrating achievements</p> <p>One of the achievements celebrated will be the recently established IUCN-SPREP partnership for the BIOPAMA regional observatory for the Pacific.</p>
10:00-12:00	<i>tbc</i>	<p>Africa Leaders’ Dialogue</p> <p>BIOPAMA is helping to coordinate this high level segment that will provide commitments from African leaders as part of the Promise of Sydney.</p>
10:30-12:00	Southee Complex Room 3	<p>A Body of Knowledge for protected area management</p> <p>The Body of Knowledge for protected areas is part of the IUCN WCPA Capacity Development group working on GPPPAM, supported in part by BIOPAMA.</p>
10:30-14:00	WIN – Pacific Pavilion	<p>Pacific Islands Talanoa</p> <p>BIOPAMA is supporting a facilitated dialogue that will follow through from the Pacific Islands Leaders Talanoa held on Thursday 13th November.</p>
13:30-15:00	Southee Complex Room 3	<p>Certification for protected area professionals</p> <p>A draft guideline, and some working examples presented by the IUCN WCPA Capacity Development group working on GPPPAM, supported in part by BIOPAMA.</p>
14:00-15:00	WIN – Pacific Pavilion	<p>BIOPAMA in the Pacific</p> <p>This session highlights the Pacific developments of the BIOPAMA programme. BIOPAMA is also implemented regionally in Africa and the Caribbean.</p>

17:30-19:00	Protected Planet Pavilion	Launch of the Protected Area Governance and Management Book A new publication supported in part by BIOPAMA to meet the needs of capacity development initiatives across the globe.
17:30-19:00	Nature Based Solutions Pavilion	Best Practices Guidelines for Climate Change and Protected Areas-launch The guidelines are being produced with BIOPAMA support.
18:30-21:30	Stream 6 Home room	Advancing protected area governance in Africa This event will address the outcomes of the high level dialogue on protected area governance, co-organized earlier this year in South Africa with BIOPAMA support.
20:00-21:30	Playfair Room 2	The B4Life flagship and the EU support to Protected Areas in Africa This event organized by the European Commission will highlight, among others, the results of European Union funded projects on African protected areas. BIOPAMA is an initiative funded by the European Union and implemented in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP), at the ACP Secretariat initiative.
20:00-21:30	Playfair Room 1	Protected Areas Networks and Regional Integration in West and Central Africa This side event demonstrates results of investment in strengthening regional protected areas networks for sustainable natural resource management. BIOPAMA works closely with these networks in the region.
Monday, 17 November 2014		
7:00-8:00	Southee Complex Room 3	A Resource Fair- Capacity development tools and partners for informal training The Mutual Gains Approach, promoted within the BIOPAMA Capacity Development Programme, presented by Christine Mentzel, BIOPAMA regional coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa.
8:30-10:00	Stream 5 Home room	TED talks - Mutual Gains Approach The Mutual Gains Approach, promoted within the BIOPAMA Capacity Development Programme, presented by Christine Mentzel, BIOPAMA regional coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa.
8:30-10:00	Southee North Room	Monitoring conservation outcomes inside and outside protected areas At this session, speakers will present and demonstrate relevant applications, including DOPA and the BIOPAMA RRIS.
13:30-15:00	Playfair Room 2	Mainstreaming protected areas into jobs and sustainable livelihoods JRC will contribute to this session with an intervention on "Information tools for biodiversity and protected areas management - understanding interactions between conservation and livelihoods".
15:30-17:00	Southee Complex Room 3	Inspiring Solutions for Developing Capacity Interactive session led by the team implementing BIOPAMA will provide an opportunity for participants to share common experiences and to identify capacity building priorities and approaches that will inspire better decisions and improve management of terrestrial and marine protected areas.

Tuesday, 18 November 2014		
8:30-10:30	WIN – Pacific Pavilion	Pacific Partners’ Sessions During this event, the BIOPAMA Pacific draft Capacity Development Action Plan will be presented and preliminary input will be sought from partners.
17:30-19:00	Members’ Bar	Protected Area Decision Support Tools BIOPAMA networking event on cutting-edge information technology to improve conservation and protected area management; Speakers from Google, ESRI, EC, ZSL and IUCN.
19:00-21:00	Hall 3A2	Next steps for delivering Best Practice Guidelines for Climate Change Follow on session from the launch of “Managing Protected Areas in the Face of Climate Change: Guidance for Protected Areas Managers and Planners” on November 15. The guidelines are being produced with BIOPAMA support

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About BIOPAMA

The Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) programme aims to address threats to biodiversity in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, while reducing poverty in communities in and around protected areas. It is **financially supported by resources from the intra-ACP envelope of the European Commission’s (EC) 10th European Development Fund (EDF)**. BIOPAMA combines improving data availability with capacity development to strengthen protected area management. It has two main components: one concerning protected areas, jointly implemented by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the EC’s Joint Research Centre (JRC), and another dealing with access and benefit sharing (ABS), implemented by the Multi-Donor ABS Capacity Development Initiative managed by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. www.biopama.org