

Overview: BIOPAMA Eastern and Southern Africa at the IUCN WPC 2014

BIOPAMA Eastern and Southern Africa will be at WPC showcasing their work and sharing their experiences through a number of events which will include some organised in partnership with IUCN PAPACO. The African experience with protected areas will be told through 22 champions selected and supported by the PAPACO and BIOPAMA. The following events will be showcased:

13 November

Side Event "Conflict-sensitive management of protected areas: Building sustainable and equitable peace 20:00 – 21:00 hours

This workshop will consider the knowledge, skills and tools needed to better understand conflict, avoid conflict, engage in conflict resolution, and formulate and implementable governance solutions. It will include a presentation focused on African challenges.

14 November

Side event: The Africa Night 17:30 – 20:30 hours

The Africa night – an event funded and introduced by BIOPAMA and organized with the PAPACO. It will be an opportunity for every participant at the congress interested in African protected areas to come and participate in discussions on topics of interest related to the continent with others including the PAPACO's 22 "champions" – over a snack and a drink.

15 November

Networking Sessions: Protected Areas and the extractive industries sector in Africa - good decisions for better impacts 15:30 -17:00 hours

The session builds on existing cross-sectoral dialogues that have been started in many parts of Africa and aims to further explore how the private sector and the protected areas sector can better work together and engage on a strategic level and on a "per project" basis, particularly on sharing all relevant information to allow the best possible decisions for biodiversity.

15 November

Side event: Advancing Protected Area governance in Africa 18:30 – 21:30 hours

Combined posters presented + outcomes of the high level dialogue on PA governance (May 2014)

- 1) Shared governance in francophone Africa: various model involving local communities (P: Binta BA)
- 2) The shift of African PAs: away from 'fences & fines', traditional & formal protected areas to inclusive, people driven, participatory governance driven protected areas (P: Nils ODENDAAL)
- 3) We can't address today's problems with yesterday solutions. New ideas to address current challenges (P: Motshereganyi Virat KOOTSOSITSE)".

17 November

A Resource Fair Capacity Development tools and partners for informal training: Mutual Gains Approach Presentation 07:00-08:00 hours

How can we better engage with competitors for protected area land and resource users in and around PAs? This session will be a brief overview of soft skills tools for consensus building focussing in particular on engagements between PAs and other sectors and neighbouring communities, including in Africa.



17 November

TED Talks – Mutual Gains Approach 08:30 – 10:00 hours

Mini TED Talk on: Negotiating sustainable land and resource use solutions in and around Protected Areas in Africa.

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