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Workshop Title: REGIONAL INCEPTION WORKSHOP OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE BIODIVERSITY AND PROTECTED AREAS MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (BIOPAMA) FOR WESTERN AFRICA

Target audience
Around 70 participants are invited to this workshop, mainly representatives of national agencies and ministers in charge of protected areas in the UEMOA countries, development partners, conservation NGO and representatives of foreign and multilateral organizations engaged in biodiversity conservation.

Place: ABIDJAN, COTE D’IVOIRE

Date: 24-25 April 2019

Hour: 08h - 18h

Summary: This workshop reviews the objectives, intervention strategy and planned activities of the BIOPAMA Programme. The participants will enhance their knowledge about the BIOPAMA Programme approach, contribute to the 2019-2020 planning and identify the key priorities of the Western Africa region regarding the needs for capacity development and knowledge products development.

Objectives:

General objective
The objective of the workshop is to inform the conservation stakeholders about the strategy of the BIOPAMA Programme to enhance information management on protected areas and biodiversity, in order to improve the policies, regional strategies and site-based actions regarding the environment and conservation.

Specific objectives
- Inform about the second phase of the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme (BIOPAMA) - objectives, intervention strategy, expected outcomes and main activities;
- Invite the participants to engage in the establishment and development of the BIOPAMA Regional Observatory in Western Africa, and use its services and tools to improve the management and governance of the protected areas of the region;
- Share general information about the Action Component of the BIOPAMA Programme, and identify national and local priorities likely to guide investment decisions through grants;
- Identify the priority needs and opportunities for the capacity development of the conservation key players, in order to allow the efficient use of the regional information system on protected areas in West Africa;
- Facilitate a sharing forum, allowing a large range of conservation practitioners to exchange experiences.
Expected outcomes:

**General outcome**: Targeted actions in priority conservation landscapes in Western Africa will be identified, validated and considered for the programme’s work plan.

**Specific outcomes**
- The participants are informed about the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme (BIOPAMA);
- The participants show an interest to engage with the Observatory for protected areas in Western Africa, and use its services and tools to improve the management and governance of the protected areas of the region;
- Local and national investment priorities through the BIOPAMA grant-making are identified;
- Opportunities and priority needs for the capacity development of the key conservation players are identified;
- The participants are able to exchange experiences.

**Workshop outputs**
- Drafting of a training priorities list for the protected areas professionals, in order to allow the efficient use of the Regional information System of Western Africa;
- Roadmap of the State of Marine Protected Areas Report: identification of an editorial policy, themes to review, proposition of an outline and identification of potential authors;
- Recommendations on the local and national investment priorities through grant-making;
- Suggestions of priorities and partnerships to value the available data and information, in order to inform the UEMOA indicators through the future regional observatory for biodiversity and protected areas;
- Observations on the countries and their partners’ priorities for the implementation of IMET campaigns.

**Organization of the workshop**
The workshop will be organized around seven thematic sessions and each session will include some activities:

**Session 1 - Official launch of the second phase of the BIOPAMA Programme in Western Africa**
- Opening
- Official launch
- BIOPAMA Programme presentation
- Group picture
- Cocktail
- Closing and reading of the workshop final statement
Session 2 - Setting up of the Regional Observatory for Biodiversity and Protected Areas in Western Africa

- Presentation of the Observatory transfer mechanism at the institutional and technical levels; discussion on the relationships with data providers; and development of a regional system to support countries on improving biodiversity conservation;
- Identification of synergies with other players in the sub-region.

Session 3 - Services and tools for the information management

- Global Information Management Initiative on protected areas WDPA and Protected Planet Portal;
- Other data production regional initiatives and information systems on protected areas;
- Reference Information System (RIS) provided by the BIOPAMA programme;
- Knowledge share fair: tools presentation (WDPA - Protected Planet, DOPA, RIS, Geonode, Panorama, Yammer, IMET).

Session 4 - Capturing experiences and knowledge products development

- Introduction on the importance and role of the knowledge products for advocacy and better decision making based on relevant facts;
- State of the marine protected areas report: Identification of an editorial policy and themes, proposal of an outline and identification of potential authors;
- Prioritization of the other knowledge products to be developed within the BIOPAMA Programme framework.

Session 5 - Capacity building

- Identification of the needs to support the implementation of the IMET/COMIT campaigns, and establishment of the collaborations with the training institutions.

Session 6 - Action Component session

- General information on the objectives of the Action Component and the regional mechanism of proposals selection;
- Identification of the priorities and synergies between the Action Component and the sites of the region.

Session 7 - Communication & Visibility

- Presentation of the Communication & visibility plan of the BIOPAMA Programme in the Western and Central African region;
- Events for experiences exchange and visibility;
- Press conference.