



From Knowledge to Action for a Protected Planet in Eastern and Southern Africa

BIOPAMA webinar series: New data and information tools, products and services to support conservation actions and decisions

The Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme aims to improve the long-term conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries, in protected areas and surrounding communities. BIOPAMA is jointly implemented by the IUCN and the European Union's Joint Research Centre (JRC).

The BIOPAMA programme works with existing institutions in the regions to establish Regional Resource Hubs (RRH). The BIOPAMA Eastern and Southern African RRH will be a regional node for the BIOPAMA Reference Information System (RIS) – an online platform to facilitate the exchange and use of data/information and to implement relevant capacity building initiatives for the region. The RIS will gather in one place the information from many knowledge products, projects, databases on protected areas, species and related information, in addition to data uploaded and generated by users themselves. This information can be used to support decision-making for planning, designating and managing protected areas.

Webinar One: Data exploration, discovery and sharing Wednesday 20th February 13h00 (UTC+3)

This webinar will present on how to use the new RIS to explore and discover data, to help users understand how to publish and document data, and what kinds of things are appropriate/relevant to share. It will introduce the BIOPAMA RRH and BIOPAMA Technical Officer, as well as the JRC team that will work with each country going forward.

This webinar will address the question: we would like to access information, products and resources, as well as upload some of our own, how do we do it and who can support us with this?

To join this webinar, use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/834227892>

Webinar Two: Data use and analysis Wednesday 13th March 13h00 (UTC+3)

This webinar will focus on the actual use of data that has been mobilised. This will include presenting on the data analysis activities that would actually lead to information products. Example information products include graphs and trends used to report on the state of biodiversity and protected areas, or landscape prioritisations designed to support strategic decision making. By uploading such resources to the RIS, regional users can illustrate the reasoning behind management decisions, and foster exchange of knowledge and best practice.

This webinar will address the question: where data has already been collected, how do we do something meaningful with it?

To join this webinar, use this link: <https://zoom.us/j/925930786>

Both webinars will be recorded and loaded on the BIOPAMA website for future reference. If you have any questions, please contact Dr Sue Snyman, Regional BIOPAMA Coordinator.

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