



**REPORT** on the  
**BIOPAMA, European Union and ACP Group visibility at the  
IUCN World Conservation Congress  
1-10 September 2016**

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## Forward: “We are all in this canoe together”

On September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, a youth *wa’a* (traditional canoe) sailed in to Kahanamoku Beach with Hikianalia (the sister *wa’a* of the Polynesian Voyaging Society’s, Hōkūle’a) sailing on the fringes of the coast of Honolulu, Hawai’i. The *wa’a* symbolised unity amongst island nations and emphasised one of the key messages of the IUCN Congress 2016 – “we are all in this canoe together”, sailing for the health of our Island Earth. Once the *wa’a* berthed on the beach, Pacific Island leaders presented a *Pohaku* (stone), which was received by the traditional landowners, the Kahanamoku and Paoa families. The *Pohaku* gifted to the traditional landowners by the Pacific leaders were from their individual island nations and carry the *mana* and spirit of their people. The placing of their *Pohaku* onto the sacred land of Hawai’i was a sign of respect for the people of the land and an act that symbolises connecting their islands through the *Pohaku* to the land of Hawai’i. This represented the *Moana Pasifika* ceremony, which set the tone for the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016, highlighting the importance of seeking a sustainable future for our ocean, for our people, for our cultures, for our planet.

**This theme culminated in the Congresses’ Hawai’i Commitments theme of “Navigating Island Earth”.**



### Protected areas at the heart of world’s solutions for a sustainable planet

More than 10,000 top government officials, scientists and civil society leaders convened for the world’s largest environmental and nature conservation event, the **IUCN World Conservation Congress**, 1-10 September 2016, Hawai’i.

With **our planet at the crossroads**, protected and conserved areas are a key investment in the future of humanity. They are essential for conserving nature, especially in the oceans, and involving all who conserve. They inspire all people to experience the wonder of nature. They offer nature’s solutions to halt biodiversity loss and address global development challenges.

At the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016, protected areas were at the core of many congress discussions and commitments. **National governments** are committed to enhancing their protected areas networks and are working with resource owners and other stakeholders and partners to develop suitable legal frameworks that strengthen capacity to govern and manage natural resources.

**The Promise of Sydney**, the legacy of the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014, resonated in many actions, initiatives and results presented at this IUCN Congress 2016.

Capacity development for protected areas, offering solutions to global challenges and investing in the youth as future conservation leaders are some of the Promise of Sydney highlights that were strongly emphasized in the **Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme’s** activities at the IUCN Congress 2016.

While the previous IUCN World Conservation Congress 2012 marked the international launch of BIOPAMA, the 2016 IUCN Congress was the platform to showcase the results of the programme for protected area capacity development and decision support tools.

This document aims at showing how BIOPAMA, together with its donors, implementing partners, stakeholders and beneficiaries contributed to the results of the largest gathering for environmental policy-making since the Paris climate agreement and the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, with emphasis on the four days of IUCN Congress Forum.

# BIOPAMA VISIBILITY

DURING THE IUCN CONGRESS 2016

## SOCIAL MEDIA PERFORMANCE



MORE THAN

# 13,000

IMPRESSIONS WITH #BIOPAMA



6 POSTS WITH

# 4,000

INTERACTIONS ON FACEBOOK



6 VIDEOS WITH

# 700+

VIEWS DURING THE CONGRESS

## WWW.BIOPAMA.ORG

BIOPAMA.ORG remained the repository of all BIOPAMA resources and news during the IUCN Congress 2016. During the congress period, the BIOPAMA website registered major visibility results: **increased number of users**, traffic directed mostly towards the IUCN Congress page and an extremely high website **session duration of an average of 00:08:48**<sup>1</sup>.



NEW SESSIONS from **first time visitors** on [www.biopama.org](http://www.biopama.org)

# 2.300

Page views on [biopama.org](http://www.biopama.org) with **450 users** and **620 sessions**



IUCN Congress page was **the most visited webpage** <http://www.biopama.org/iucncongress>

## BIOPAMA AT THE IUCN CONGRESS IN NUMBERS

### PUBLICATIONS

developed with BIOPAMA support and presented to stakeholders at the IUCN Congress **4**

### PAVILIONS

where BIOPAMA was the most visible and held events **4**

**COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS** Developed to emphasize our results **11**

**TEAM** supporting the BIOPAMA activities and visibility at the IUCN Congress **13**

**EVENTS** Organized fully or in collaboration with BIOPAMA **30**

**AUDIENCE ON SITE** Participants at the IUCN Congress exposed to the BIOPAMA information and tools **10,000**

**INTERACTIONS ONLINE** The total number of interactions with BIOPAMA content from the online media **20,000**

<sup>1</sup> A benchmark average session duration is less than 00 :02 :00

## Overview...

The **European Union (EU)**, the **Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group**, the **BIOPAMA programme**, implemented jointly by **IUCN** and the **Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (EC-JRC)** and with the participation of numerous partners in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific regions has been supporting conservation actions and developing capacity and tools for improved protected area management since 2012. The IUCN Congress 2016 was the global forum to showcase these results and seek further buy-in and new partnerships and audiences.

**More than 30 events** packed in different formats: workshops, knowledge cafés, knowledge hubs, pavilion events, e-posters, conservation campuses, pavilion hosted parallel demonstrations and clinics – provided the set up for the BIOPAMA team present on site and partners to show what this programme has to offer to the conservation and development community worldwide.

In addition to an active presence in the **online media** reporting and informing on BIOPAMA's activities, **daily videos** were created to capture every day's congress energy and illustrate in a very dynamic format the programme's engagements. On site, **new communications and marketing materials** were made available, to promote our messages and raise awareness of the BIOPAMA programme and the protected areas challenges facing the ACP regions.

This Congress introduced several **new types of events and approaches** that BIOPAMA was part of, which were well received by the participants, with a general feeling that they should become a permanent fixture of future IUCN Congresses. They include the **knowledge hub**, an informal set up for the participants to meet the people behind IUCN knowledge resources, and **the hands on experience-sharing session** with conservation professionals aimed at guiding the young professionals' career development.

At this crucial moment in time, **the European Union** presented its Strategic Approaches to conservation for Asia and South Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa. These documents will guide strategic actions and interventions for wildlife and landscapes conservation, to which many tools and products developed by BIOPAMA and its partners can make important contributions.

**The Promise of Sydney** was at the heart of BIOPAMA's actions and results presented at the IUCN Congress 2016. The Promise of Sydney is a commitment to halt the degradation of the world's protected areas and World Heritage Sites, and to expand their performance to conserve nature and achieve a positive outlook for society. A high number of BIOPAMA activities are part of the **"Promise of Sydney Journey"** at the IUCN Congress and relate especially to the themes of developing the capacity of protected area professionals and offering protected area solutions to global challenges. Investing in youth's participation and convening stakeholders were the other two major pillars of BIOPAMA's contribution to the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016.

**Publications** and best practice guidelines developed with BIOPAMA support or by BIOPAMA were presented at the IUCN Congress. They are important resources for protected area management.



[Protected Planet Report 2016](#)



[A Global Register for Competences for protected area practitioners](#) (2016)



[The Pacific Islands Region Strategy and Action Plan for Capacity Development in Protected and Other Conserved Areas 2015-2020](#)

**Adapting to climate change: Guidance for protected area managers and planners**  
[Advance readers' copy](#)

*"We had the pleasure to welcome and introduce many great IUCN members with whom we work on a monthly basis in the region, from local NGO's, state representatives, regional organisations. They were delighted to be introduced to new potential partners, exchange and develop new ideas or look for partners for their future projects". – Sébastien Regnaut, BIOPAMA regional coordinator for West and Central Africa*



**Pavilions** and exhibition spaces were the home of BIOPAMA activities. The programme's presence in different places, set ups and opportunities during the IUCN Congress contributed to BIOPAMA's visibility and helped advance thematic – protected areas and the Promise of Sydney- and regional agendas that BIOPAMA supports.



### ***The Protected Planet Pavilion***

was the hotspot for the protected areas agenda at the Congress. It hosted a large number of events led or co-organized by BIOPAMA. This Pavilion has been for the last three IUCN Congresses the key meeting point for people interested in protected areas planning and management. In Hawai'i this Pavilion had a permanent space for demonstrating and testing the RRIS and for training people on how to use it. It included presentations from all BIOPAMA regions as well as from JRC for the launch of the new enhanced RRIS.



### ***The Congo Basin Booth***

was a joint effort of COMIFAC-OFAC (Central African Forests Observatory), RAPAC (Central African Protected Areas Network) and with support from BIOPAMA and other partners. For the first time, these organizations constructed synergies between the Congo Basin partners to have a representation at the IUCN Congress and show the world how regional integration contributes to ensuring a future for this unique ecosystem now under threat. BIOPAMA, through support to the regional Observatory for protected areas hosted by OFAC, contributed financially to the costs of the booth and travel for the Observatory staff. The congress contributed to increase global visibility for COMIFAC and its regional partners, promote to a world audience the achievements of the Region in protected area creation and transboundary management, demonstrate the region's efforts and success for biodiversity conservation and improve fund raising.



### ***The Hawai'i-Pacific Pavilion***

A large number of presentations and workshops were held at the Hawai'i Pacific Pavilion, and at other pavilions and locations near to the congress. Like the IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney in 2014, the uniquely 'islander' ways, cultural connections, needs and aspirations of the Pacific region were carried forward prominently at the global stage and with the conviction, enthusiasm, humour and friendships that symbolise the regional personality of Pacific Islanders committed to a protected planet.



The BIOPAMA Programme convenes a supportive peer-learning exchange 'by managers for managers' of large marine protected areas and is also supporting opportunities for trans-boundary governance and co-operative management structures including 'sister site' marine protected areas. The strong oceans focus engendered by these events will build support and momentum to continue this work in the region.



BIOPAMA presence at the Hawai'i Pacific Pavilion was exhibited through a large format 3-panel wall banner designed specifically for this congress. It featured narrative and images portraying the characteristic places and governance and management approaches that form protected area networks in the Pacific Islands region. The banner helped to increase awareness and understanding about the spectrum of areas that are governed and managed to sustain food and water sources and wellbeing and that provide conservation outcomes. Beyond the region, this context is not well understood, particularly the degree to which traditional cultural practices, indigenous knowledge and systems of land and sea tenure prevail and must be accounted for in all decisions and actions associated with protected areas.



### ***The IUCN ORMACC members' Booth***

This space created the opportunity for the regional office to share information about its projects and also provide members from the region a space to showcase their work. It gave BIOPAMA added visibility within the Congress and facilitated greater interactions and networking, particularly between Caribbean experts and institutions.

## PLATFORM FOR ENGAGEMENTS: outlook to the future

One major BIOPAMA objective for the IUCN Congress was to illustrate and share the knowledge and tools developed by the programme within the last 4 years since its international launch at the previous IUCN Congress in 2012 in Jeju, South Korea. Exposing BIOPAMA to a global audience representing beneficiaries, partners and potential future partners was possible through a variety of events aimed precisely at convening the different actors from the 79 Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries and beyond, representing governments and governments' agencies, regional organizations and civil society.

### *Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Night*

This networking event provided a platform for practitioners and stakeholders to meet, exchange and share best practices to tackle the most pressing conservation issues for these regions. More than 100 participants at this event represented different stakeholder groups for the BIOPAMA programme: partner organizations, protected area staff and ACP governments. The social and networking format of the event provided the opportunity for our stakeholders to acknowledge each other's and share their feedback on working with BIOPAMA. The speakers at this reception included Hon. Jesca Eriyo, Deputy Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC), Hon. Siaso Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Ministry of Meteorology, Environment, Information, Disaster Management, Energy, Climate Change and Communications, Kingdom of Tonga and Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director for Natural Capital, DG Environment at the European Commission. Their interventions emphasized the value and need of providing sustainable and long term solutions for our protected and other conserved areas, while acknowledging the importance of supporting the actions of programmes like BIOPAMA.

### *Protected area management for the long term sustainable development*

This event hosted in the Protected Planet Pavilion announced the Reference Information System ([rris.biopama.org](http://rris.biopama.org)) as an operational system for protected areas. BIOPAMA and Observatories partners joined this networking from across the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific countries, including protected area national agencies (including the Bahamas, Burundi, Gabon), regional organizations – many of them IUCN members, as well as journalists and IUCN regional offices and commissions. The celebration of this protected area tool was accompanied by the music of the renowned Fijian band Rako Pasefika.

### *BIOPAMA e-posters*

Electronic (e)-posters are very interactive 30 minutes sessions that allow an informal discussion about specific topics proposed by the presenters. The BIOPAMA team used this format to showcase the capacity development results of the BIOPAMA programme, the Reference Information System and the work on mapping road free areas. Interest in the capacity development approaches specific to each BIOPAMA region emphasizes the need to further support and invest in such programmes. A large audience was engaged in a discussion about capacity development for protected area needs and learned about the activities, tools and solutions that BIOPAMA is implementing in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific regions.



## *Linking data to better decisions: the Caribbean Gateway*

BIOPAMA organized one knowledge café at the IUCN Congress 2016 and it put the Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway in the spotlight. It was an opportunity to show the progress made within the Caribbean Gateway ([caribbean-biopama.org](http://caribbean-biopama.org)) overall and discuss challenges and identify solutions with respect to accessing and analysing data and presenting it in ways to support decision making. The team received useful and innovative solutions on how to improve its ability to access national data and encourage data sharing with the Caribbean Gateway. Ideas for showing the data to decision making links were also discussed and recommendations made on what can be produced nationally and regionally that would be of value.

The debates in this session showed clearly that the Caribbean Gateway is valuable to the region; there are very tangible ways it can be useful to and support the countries, for example, with their reporting obligations to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) both regionally and internationally. In addition, the current cases being done to demonstrate how data is useful for decision making is very valuable and more of these should be done.

## *Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation (PIRT)*

This event provided an opportunity to introduce the Pacific Islands Round Table for Nature Conservation (PIRT) and describe how this wide ranging, inclusive and collaborative partnership has supported and facilitated conservation efforts in the Pacific including the Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific region 2014-2020. The Protected Areas Working Group (PAWG), of the PIRT, facilitated by BIOPAMA, was able to describe how it has supported and advanced protected area work in the Pacific. Allied working groups for species, invasive species, marine and environmental governance, also gave presentations and the outcomes of the Pacific Oceans Summit at IUCN Congress were reported. For BIOPAMA, the event allowed a presentation about some of the significant activities that were progressed through the PAWG since its re-invigoration in 2015. An important conclusion that was reiterated once again is that while networks and partnerships can be difficult to maintain in regions with major remoteness and distance challenges and where individuals travel regularly with busy work schedules, the PAWG is a connecting forum for protected area practitioners and enables relevant ideas and information to be shared.

## *'Conservationists without Borders'*

The concept for this initiative was born out of discussions by conservation leaders in the Oceania Region, along with BIOPAMA in its capacity development role, who identified an excellent opportunity to build the capacity for conservation in the region through a new network that connects the existing information, skills, knowledge and expertise of our leading conservation organisations, volunteer IUCN Commissions and conservation networks with areas where capacity is required. The idea of 'Conservationists without Borders' was thus born.

This workshop was a starting point for a formal dialogue on working through the main components and considerations involved in creating a structured register of voluntarily available skills and knowledge and the options for how it could be reliably accessed, mobilised and operated.



## *DEVELOPING CAPACITY of protected area and conservation professionals*

Capacity development for protected area professionals is a major component of the Promise of Sydney – the outcome of the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014 – and of IUCN’s work – secretariat, commission and members. At the IUCN Congress 2016, BIOPAMA not only presented publications and guidelines for protected area capacity development, but it provided participants the opportunity to be trained on the BIOPAMA tools and methods for improved conservation practices. Three hours of daily hands on-demonstration on the BIOPAMA Reference Information System and the Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool (IMET), 2 full day conservation campuses and other activities showcasing the capacity development possibilities made available with BIOPAMA support completed this programme’s agenda at the IUCN Congress.

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### *Reaching sustainable solutions through effective negotiation*

Pressure on biodiversity and protected areas is constantly growing and negotiations and conflict mitigation are a key component of the work of conservation professionals and protected area managers. However, there is often little formal training on negotiation and dispute resolution processes for this sector and this conservation campus was an attempt to bring this crucial “soft skill” to the audience at the IUCN Congress. 39 participants from 19 countries got the full benefit of this training, which was taught in the framework of the BIOPAMA Eastern and Southern African capacity development trainings for the last four years. The training was organized in two parts: a lecture of alternative dispute resolution and the Mutual Gains Approach (MGA) process and a simulation setting with discussions of real life case studies. Alternative Dispute resolution and negotiation training are very much in demand, which was reflected in the high interest in this training. Such courses gain even more pertinence in the context of IUCN’s programme development for resolution 076 of the IUCN Congress on conflict avoidance and management.

### *Interactive tools for mapping protected areas*

50 Congress participants from 28 countries worldwide expressed interest and attended this conservation campus led by BIOPAMA’s implementing partner JRC. The one-day training was important both to raise awareness and to develop training materials and ideas that can be reused elsewhere in BIOPAMA. It allowed participants to learn about the power of sharing biodiversity data and information through web services.



### *IMET clinics*

During the Congress Forum, one hour every day was dedicated to sharing with a global audience of conservation practitioners the knowledge and know-how of the Integrated Management Effectiveness Tool (IMET), which was initially developed in the West and Central African context by the BIOPAMA programme. The IMET clinics demonstrated the IMET’s fundamental structure and allowed participants to explore and test the tool themselves. The exchanges will hopefully be transformed into new partnerships within BIOPAMA. Based on the feedback received during these clinics from the participants, IMET has great potential to be utilised outside West and Central Africa.



## *BIOPAMA hours at the Protected Planet Pavilion*

Eight hours of the Protected Planet Pavilion parallel space were dedicated to BIOPAMA during the four days of Congress Forum. The BIOPAMA team welcomed participants to explore the Regional Reference Information System, demonstrate how it works and answer questions. Many congress participants returned home with a more thorough understanding of how the RRIS tool works and many learned for the first time what it is. This exercise also encouraged interested users to explore countries of interest in more detail and provide feedback to improve the content.



## *Capacity Development for Protected and Other Conserved Areas in the Pacific Islands Region: how can we strengthen it?*

This event hosted by the Protected Planet Pavilion provided an opportunity to promote effective approaches for capacity development in the region. Importantly, an overview of the new regional BIOPAMA publication - Capacity Development for Protected and Other Conserved Areas in the Pacific Islands Region: Strategy and Action Framework 2015–2022, was presented. Capacity development in the Pacific Islands requires partnerships, programs, and processes that work closely with existing contexts, understand and reflect values and cultures, and help build on existing knowledge, practices and strengths of the region. It was an important opportunity to exchange and learn:

- Many of the actions are being implemented to some degree by a variety of initiatives in the region, including through BIOPAMA, but many could be strengthened/refined
- Main practical hurdles to regional capacity development opportunities are weak communications due to limited internet access and quality and high costs of travel due to long distances across the region and services
- With high costs associated with training events, they should focus on offering essential skills and be able to be done module by module
- Relevant webinars are available but often are not known by those who could benefit from them
- Benefit to be gained from collaborative exchanges between community level leaders and resource managers from different countries
- The importance of making alliances with aid agencies
- Intent to hold the CCNET conservation coaches global rally in Australia in 2017
- Need to unlock the expertise and skills existing in the region within IUCN commissions – a directory of available expertise to be developed
- A directory of available capacity development opportunities or at least a summative 'directory' of existing directories is required.



## *Essentials for a Protected Planet*

The BIOPAMA Reference Information System ([rris.biopama.org](http://rris.biopama.org)) was one of the protected area knowledge products that were presented during the IUCN Congress. A one hour session allowed participants to receive hands-on training on the Reference Information System.

## *Biodiversity Blue Belt - Building Capacity in Marine Protected Area Management across Pacific Island Countries and Territories*

Sustainable governance and management of ocean is receiving greatly increased attention, however the necessary resources to achieve this are proportionally small. This workshop hosted by the Pacific Pavilion looked at ways of optimising the delivery of capacity building among expert groups in the Pacific Islands region.

The workshop recognised key issues and capacity needs identified through BIOPAMA by Pacific Island marine protected area managers of coastal and offshore areas, including: developing policy, legislation and multi-stakeholder management plans; engaging stakeholders in management and enforcement; use of new technologies for monitoring, control and surveillance; and co-ordinating conservation actions across ecological networks of marine protected area sites to serve migratory marine species populations.



## *INVESTING IN NATURE'S SOLUTIONS*

Guided by the Promise of Sydney and its elements to invest in creating solutions for our planet, BIOPAMA has been facilitating the strategic and operational mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations into the planning and operations of extractive industries in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

IUCN, through BIOPAMA, has been working with the SADC to develop comprehensive guidelines for the 15 SADC Member States showing the best practices to reconcile the development objectives of mineral and hydrocarbon

exploitation with the protection and sustainable use of biodiversity in this region.

The IUCN Congress 2016 represented an important occasion to present these guidelines, the first of their kind at the regional level, beyond the SADC region audience. A dedicated session to this topic was hosted by the Protected Planet Pavilion to share knowledge of both the process for developing a regional guideline as well as the content of the guideline. The example set in the SADC region may assist other regions to develop similar products and guide others in their countries of operation.



## INVESTING IN THE YOUNG GENERATION

Sharing experience with young professionals, investing in their formation and creating the opportunities for them to participate in the discussions, gatherings and decision making structures is essential for the future of our planet. The Promise of Sydney included a recommendation to empower younger generations to develop as current and future leaders through their own efforts and with support by IUCN, protected area agencies, NGOs and other sectors, through programmes that mentor and reward young conservation professionals. With BIOPAMA support and guided by the Promise of Sydney, young conservation professionals had the chance to participate in the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016 and to be mentored on future conservation career development.

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### *Support for the youth's participation at the IUCN Congress*

BIOPAMA, IUCN WCPA, IUCN Oceania and the IUCN Australian Committee partnered to support a group of young conservationists to attend the IUCN Congress 2016. Among the group of eight from Oceania, four were from ACP countries: Danita Strickland, Samoa, working with Conservation International, Liam Kokaua, Cook Islands, project officer with Te Ipukarea Society, Erinah Lawrence, Solomon Islands, coordinator of the Solomon Islands Environmental Law Association, and Albert Whippy, Fiji, University of the South Pacific. While this group was given specific support to attend the IUCN Congress, many other young career professionals from ACP countries had alternative support to travel to Hawai'i. The overall presence of this cohort of younger people was notable by their active, articulated and capable participation and their fresh viewpoints. Of particular mention was the invitation that Danita received to join the global drafting team, contributing her perspectives to the development of the final **Hawai'i Commitments - Navigating Island Earth**.

*"BIOPAMA played a big role in developing my career. (...) I never thought I could have an opportunity like this and participate in this conference (i.e. the IUCN Congress 2016)" - Danita Strickland, Samoa*

### *Invest in Young Professionals' "Careers in Conservation"*

This event was organised by the Young Professionals Group of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas and was aimed at providing a platform for engagement of young professionals to engage with conservationists more advanced in their careers and discuss options and experiences in further developing their careers in conservation. IUCN experts from the secretariat and commissions were present to share their experiences, including Christine Mentzel BIOPAMA's regional coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa. She contributed to this debate with a presentation of career options in conservation in general and a discussion on the various skills needed in the conservation world. The experience of BIOPAMA's capacity development assessments and trainings on soft skills and conflict management has shown that the capacity to negotiate for your protected area with different sectors' stakeholders is crucial in order to achieve the best conservation outcomes. Discussing with the young future conservation leaders, the negotiating skills have been acknowledged as a strong element for their development. The Mutual Gains Approach that is taught at the BIOPAMA trainings was introduced to the participants, who showed high interest in this concept and its application.

*"Support in guiding young professionals in options and opportunities for career development is crucial" - Christine Mentzel, BIOPAMA regional coordinator for Eastern and Southern Africa*



## BIOPAMA videos from the IUCN Congress 2016:



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