

Component 1: Good Governance

Green List sites demonstrate equitable and effective governance



Criterion 1.1 **Guarantee Legitimacy and Voice**

There are clearly defined, legitimate, equitable, and functional governance arrangements, in which the interests of civil society, rights-holders and stakeholders, are fairly represented and addressed, including those relating to the establishment or designation of the site.

Criterion 1.2 **Achieve Transparency and Accountability**

Governance arrangements and decision-making processes are transparent and appropriately communicated, and responsibilities for implementation are clear, including a readily accessible process to identify, hear and resolve complaints, disputes, or grievances.

Criterion 1.3 **Enable Governance Vitality and Capacity to Respond Adaptively**

Planning and management draws on the best available knowledge of the social and ecological context of the site, using an adaptive management framework that anticipates, learns from and responds to change in its decision-making.

Component 2: Sound Design and Planning

Green List sites have clear, long-term conservation goals and objectives, based on a sound understanding of their natural, cultural and social-economic context



Criterion 2.1
Identify and Understand Major Site Values

The site's major values for conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values are identified and understood.



Criterion 2.2
Design for Long-Term Conservation of Major Site Values

The design of the site in its landscape/seascape context support long-term maintenance of the major site values.



Criterion 2.3
Understand Threats and Challenges to Major Site Values

Threats and challenges to major site values are described and understood in sufficient detail to enable effective planning and management to address them.



Criterion 2.4
Understand the Social and Economic Context

The social and economic context of the site including the positive and negative social and economic impacts of the way it is managed is understood and reflected in management goals and objectives.



Component 3: Effective Management

Green List sites are managed effectively

Criterion 3.1

Develop and Implement a Long-Term Management Strategy



The site has a long-term strategy that provides a clear explanation of the overall goals and objectives of management (explicitly including the conservation of the area's major values and achievement of its social and economic goals and objectives). This is reflected in an

up-to-date management plan or its functional equivalent, which:

- Provides clear and appropriate management directions: Strategies and actions specified in plans, policies and procedures are appropriate and sufficient to achieve the planned goals and objectives for the area.
- Demonstrates adequate capacity to manage effectively: Key strategies and associated activities to achieve goals and objectives in the long-term are supported by adequate financial and human resources, adequate staff competency, capacity development and training; appropriate access to equipment and adequate infrastructure; and measures are in place to deal with critical shortfalls.

Criterion 3.2

Manage Ecological Condition

Management can clearly demonstrate that ecological attributes and processes are being managed to maintain the area's major natural values and associated ecosystem services.

Criterion 3.3

Manage Within the Social and Economic Context of the Area

Management can clearly demonstrate that:

- Rights-holders and stakeholders are recognized and engaged effectively by management, and their interests are fairly and fully considered;
- The social and economic benefits of the area are recognized, promoted and are being maintained, OR, where such maintenance is incompatible with the maintenance of the area's natural values, any restrictions are designed and implemented in consultation with, and preferably following the free, prior and informed consent of right-holders and stakeholders.

Component 3: Effective Management *continued*

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Criterion 3.4 **Manage Threats**

Threats are being actively and effectively responded to, so that their impact is not compromising the maintenance of major site values or the achievement of the area's goals and objectives.

Criterion 3.5 **Effectively and Fairly Enforce Laws and Regulations**

Relevant laws, regulations and restrictions are fairly and effectively applied in all aspects of the protected area management and operations.

Criterion 3.6 **Manage Access, Resource Use and Visitation**

When permitted, activities within the area that involve direct access to resources are compatible with and support the achievement of the area's conservation goals and objectives, meet the needs of users, and are properly regulated. When permitted, tourism and visitor management are compatible with and support the achievement of the area's conservation goals and objectives.

Criterion 3.7 **Measure Success**

Monitoring, evaluation and learning provide an objective basis for determining measures of success. Monitoring and assessment programmes should be capable of providing data on:

- Whether each of the site's major values is being successfully protected;
- Level and intensity of threats; and
- Achievement of management goals and objectives.

As appropriate, thresholds may be determined by changes in major values over a specified time period compared to those anticipated without the protected and conserved area.



Component 4: Successful Conservation Outcomes

Green List sites demonstrate successful long-term conservation of major natural values, and associated cultural and ecosystem service values; as well as the achievement of social and economic goals and objectives



Criterion 4.1
**Demonstrate
Conservation of Major
Natural Values**

The area is meeting or exceeding the performance thresholds for nature conservation, consistent with its IUCN protected area management category.

Criterion 4.2
**Demonstrate
Conservation of
Ecosystem Services**

The area is maintaining and providing the major ecosystem service values.

Criterion 4.3
**Demonstrate Conservation
of Cultural Values**

The area is maintaining and providing for the persistence of major cultural values.

