

# OTHER EFFECTIVE AREA-BASED CONSERVATION MEASURES (OECMs)

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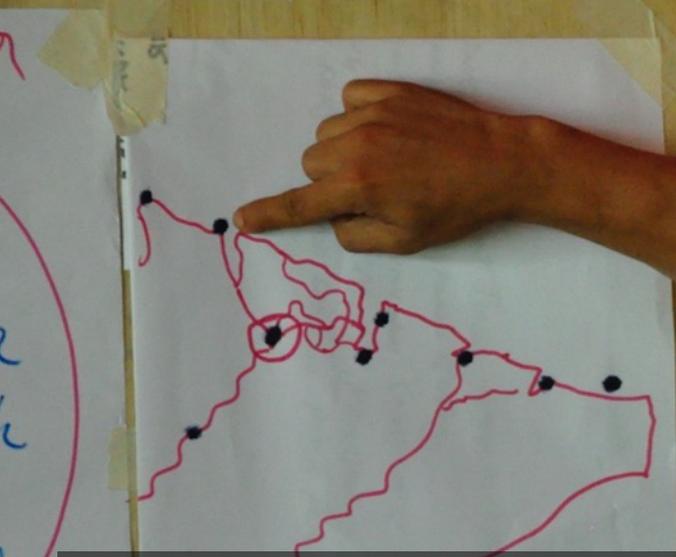
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‘OECMs’ represent a significant step forward in the formal recognition of the long term *in-situ* conservation of biodiversity beyond protected areas





BACKGROUND

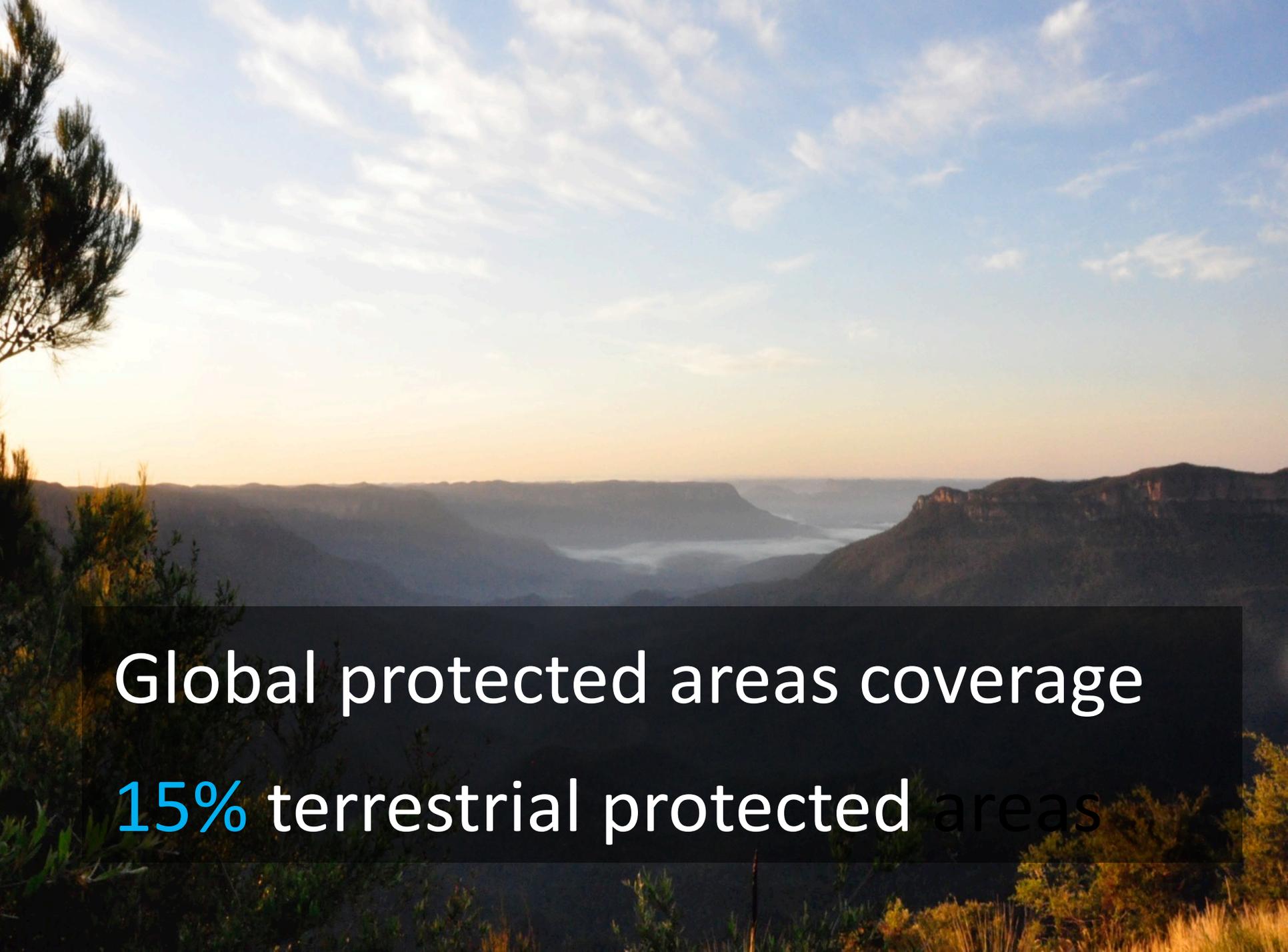
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# STRATEGIC PLAN (2011- 2020) TARGET 11

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Global protected areas coverage

15% terrestrial protected areas

8% global ocean  
protected areas



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# DEFINITION OF AN 'OECM'

(CBD, 2018)

A geographically defined area  
other than a Protected Area

... which is governed and  
managed

... in ways that achieve **positive  
and sustained long-term  
outcomes for the *in-situ*  
conservation of biodiversity**

... with associated ecosystem  
functions and services and  
where applicable, cultural,  
spiritual, socio-economic, and  
other locally relevant values.

# PROTECTED AREAS AND OECMs

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## Other effective area-based conservation measures

OECS should *deliver* the effective *in-situ* conservation of biodiversity, regardless of their primary management objectives.





# SPECTRUM OF OECMs

Effective in situ conservation of biodiversity

Less intention to conserve  
biodiversity

More intention to conserve  
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Ancillary

'No-disturbance' areas

- Sacred sites
- Military areas
- War graves
- Other no-go areas

Secondary

Primary





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Areas conserved through very low-impact use

- Some ICCAs/LMMAs
- NTFP areas
- Watershed protection areas
- Ecosystem service-related wetlands

Primary



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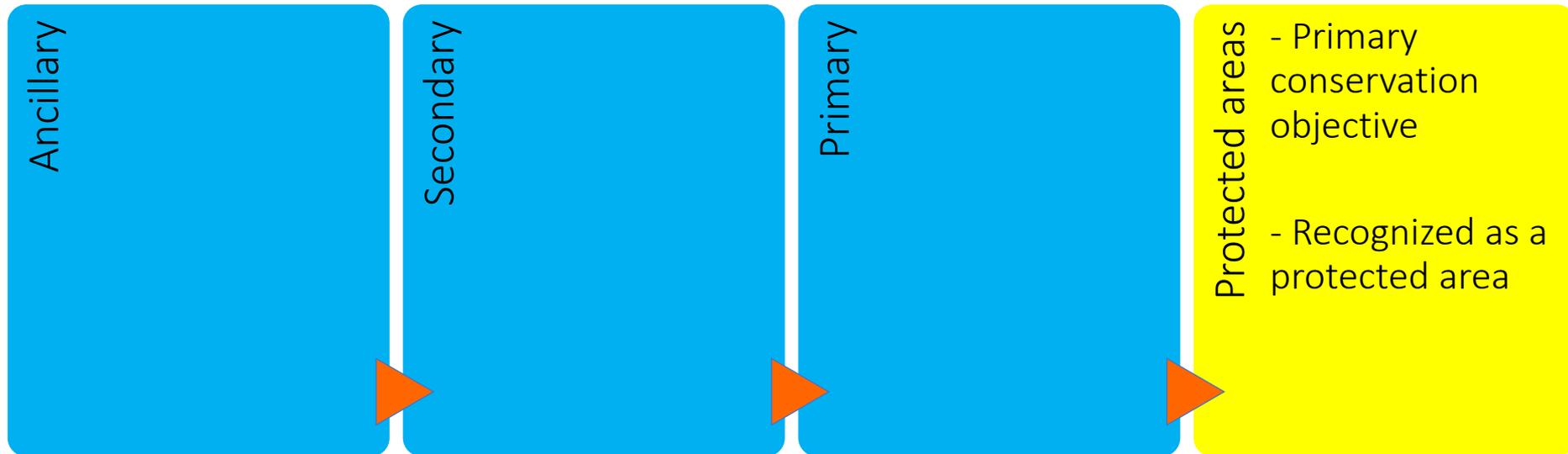
Primary

ICCAs or privately governed areas with a primary conservation objective...

... where the governance authority

- is unable to secure PA designation or
- prefers not to be recognised as a PA

# SPECTRUM OF OECMs AND PROTECTED AREAS





And across all four governance types: \*government, \*private, \*Indigenous peoples and local communities, and \*shared





OECMs can provide recognition, support and security to diverse areas of **conservation outcomes** and **good governance** outside PAs



A young man with dark hair, wearing a green shirt, is shown in profile, looking towards the left. He is holding a wooden staff or pole. The background is a dense, out-of-focus green forest. The overall mood is contemplative and natural.

OECMs  
require us to  
engage very  
directly with  
governance

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# IDENTIFYING OECMs



# Recognising and reporting other effective area-based conservation measures

World Commission on Protected Areas Task Force on OECMs



Protected Area Technical Report Series No 3



# DRAFT

# Site-level methodology for identifying other effective area-based conservation measures



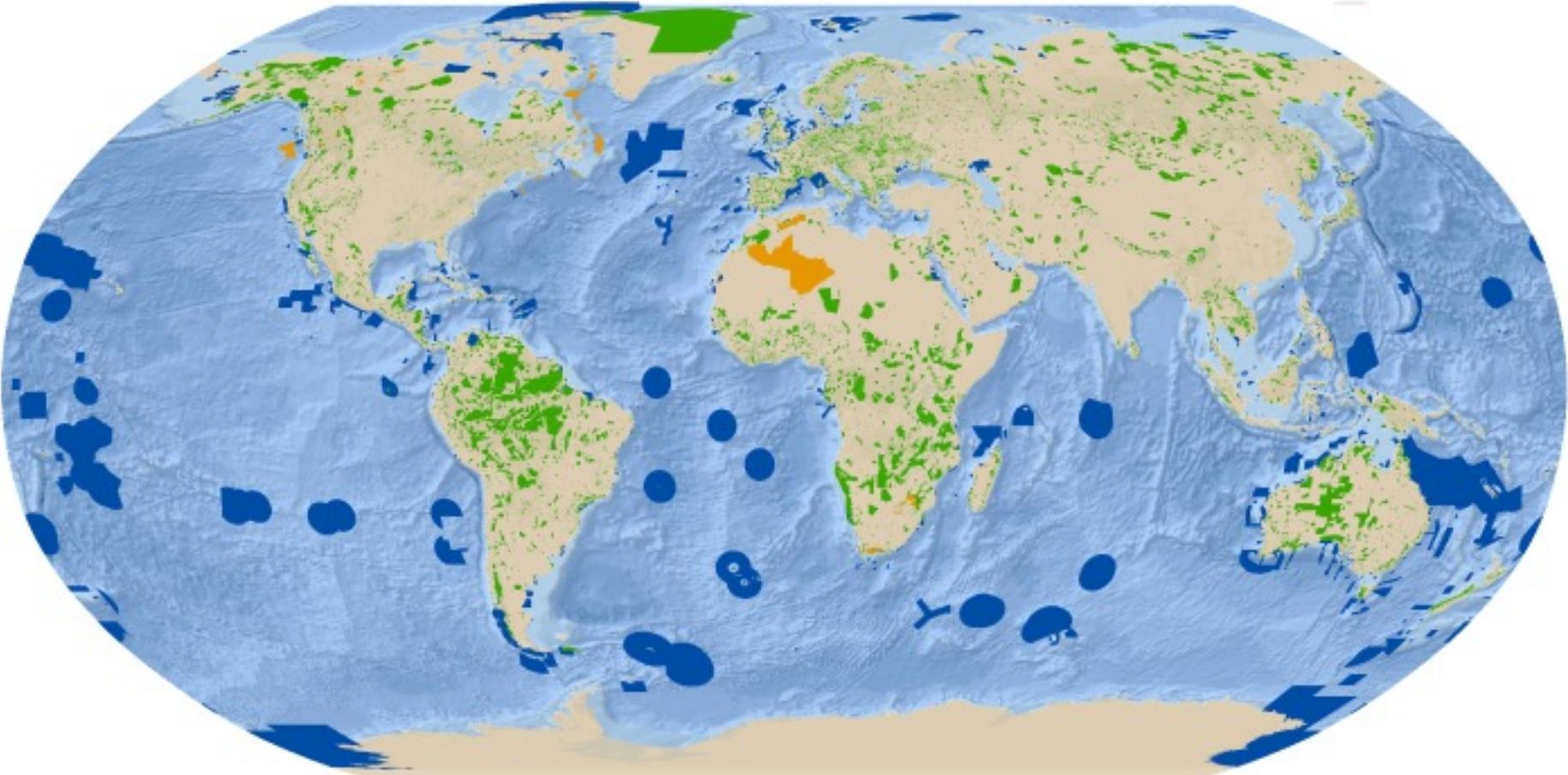
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- Translate the IUCN guidelines into national languages
- Hold ministerial/departmental meeting to discuss OECMs
- Engage other related agencies to run a similar process
- Raise awareness of OECMs amongst key stakeholders
- Work towards a national assessment to identify potential OECMs
- Engage with governance authorities of lands and waters that are 'potential OECMs'
- Begin to consider **identification, legal recognition, support and reporting** of OECMs



# Protected areas and OECMs of the world



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**Green square** Terrestrial protected areas    **Blue square** Marine and coastal protected areas    **Orange square** OECMs

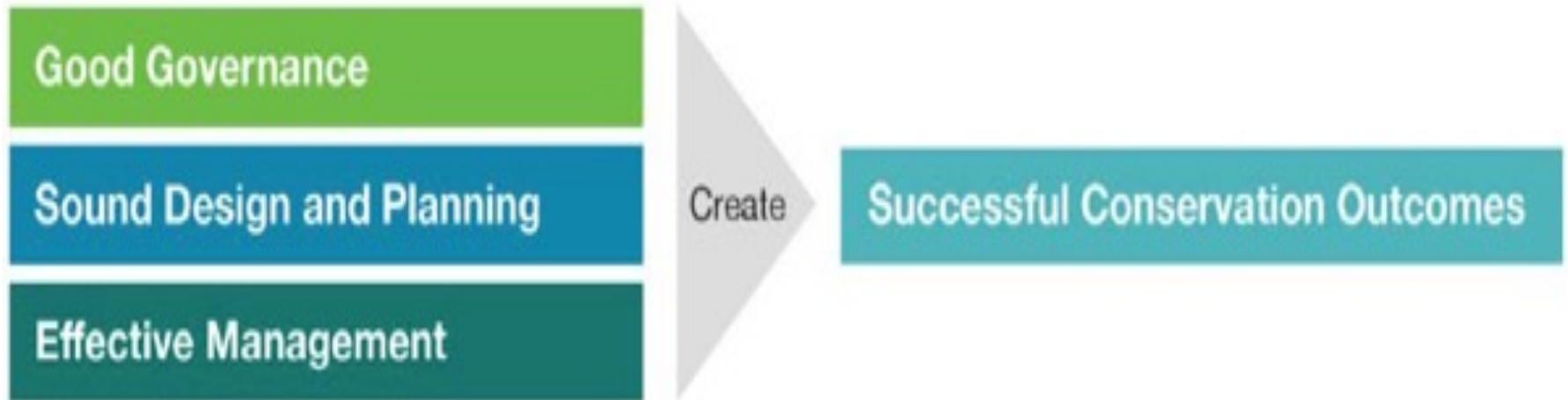


## Target 2

By 2030, protect and conserve through well connected and effective system of **protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures** at least 30 per cent of the planet with the focus on areas particularly important for biodiversity.



# IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas



**21 of the 50 Green List indicators are automatically met by OECMs**

# THANK YOU

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