

Building Capacity on Protected Areas Law and Governance

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Developing legal literacy and governance expertise to protect the world's biodiversity

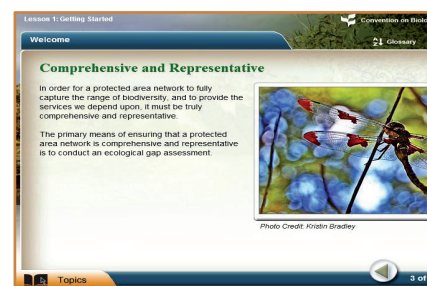
Strong and well-implemented legal frameworks are critical to creating and maintaining effective and sustainable protected areas, which provide a fundamental infrastructure for the conservation of biological diversity and essential ecosystem services. However, the legal aspects of protected areas management and governance are often not well understood. The IUCN is addressing this problem by putting together a set of educational tools for teaching and learning about protected areas law and governance.

Online Learning for Individuals

IUCN is working with the Convention on Biological Diversity to develop an interactive e-learning module on protected areas law, to complement the CBD's existing online curricula on aspects of protected areas design and management. This module will provide a tool for individual learners to access practical legal concepts, knowledge and materials they can use to improve governance of protected areas through their own work.

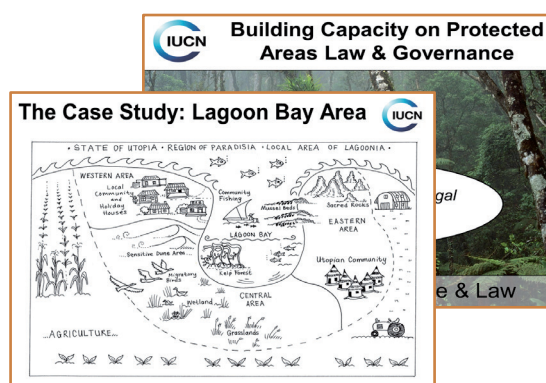
The module will be online at:

<http://www.cbd.int/protected/e-learning/>



Materials and Support for Teachers and Trainers

To support face-to-face instruction on protected areas law and governance, the IUCN is developing a generic curriculum and set of teaching resources for use in a wide variety of settings including training sessions, workshops, university courses and practitioner seminars. The resources are arranged into 12 interactive modules, which cover key legal aspects of management and governance of protected areas and connected landscapes, systems and processes in the terrestrial and marine context. These modules can be used individually or in combination, and include technical instructions to support instructors in adapting the materials to suit specific circumstances.



Multimedia Resources

A series of short videos will bring life to the materials through interviews, animations, and other innovative techniques for engaging learners and conveying key concepts. The videos will support the other teaching materials and provide a stand-alone resource for protected areas law capacity building.



Available online, usable anywhere

All of the resources will be freely accessible through an online platform, which will also serve as a place for users to provide feedback and upload additional content and case studies from their own regions and experiences.

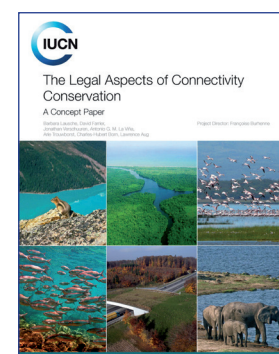
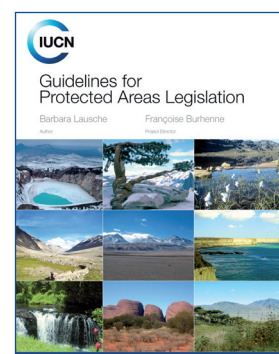
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IUCN's work focuses on valuing and conserving nature, ensuring effective and equitable governance of its use, and deploying nature-based solutions to global challenges in climate, food and development. IUCN supports scientific research, manages field projects all over the world, and brings governments, NGOs, the UN and companies together to develop policy, laws and best practice.

The IUCN Environmental Law Programme is made up of the Environmental Law Centre (ELC) and the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL). The IUCN Environmental Law Centre (ELC), located in Bonn, Germany, is an outpost unit focusing on conceptual development of the law as well as technical assistance, capacity building and information dissemination. The World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) is a network of environmental law and policy experts from all regions of the world who volunteer their knowledge and services to IUCN activities.

This project is led, managed and coordinated by the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, in close collaboration with the World Commission on Environmental Law, the IUCN Academy, the IUCN Global Protected Area Program (GPAP) and World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), and IUCN regional offices for Eastern and Southern Africa (ESARO), West and Central Africa (PACO), and the Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (ORMACC).



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