



# Asia's Quarterly Newsletter

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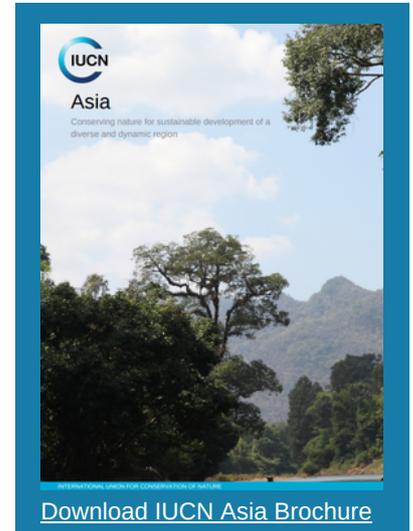
## SPECIAL FEATURE



### [Pakistan's First-ever Climate Change Gender Action Plan launched](#)

IUCN comes forward with new commitments and initiatives in its Climate Change Gender Action Plan (ccGAP) to strengthen the resilience of women and girls in the face of climate-related impacts, while aiming to accelerate progress and support gender-responsive climate action plan. IUCN and the Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Pakistan with the financial support of Green Climate Fund, have today adopted a new roadmap to incorporate gender equality and women's empowerment in climate change discourse and actions by launching Pakistan's first-ever Climate Change Gender Action Plan (ccGAP).

## SPOTLIGHT



### [Partners in blue carbon conservation team up for the Blue Carbon Conference 2022 in Thailand](#)

IUCN, Dow Thailand Group, together with the Department of Marine and Coastal Resources (DMCR), Thailand opened a forum with its network partners under the project of Dow & Thailand Mangrove Alliance at Blue Carbon Conference 2022 - "Blue Carbon: Supporting Businesses to Net Zero, Boosting Ecosystems and Communities" on 23 September 2022.



### [Nepal hosts inception workshop for GCF's Gandaki Basin Climate Resilient project](#)

'Improving climate resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems in the Gandaki River Basin, Nepal', a Green Climate Fund (GCF) funded project, held its inception workshop in Kathmandu to provide an overview of the project to the stakeholders.



### [IUCN and Esri collaborate to promote Green List and biodiversity conservation through digital innovation](#)

On 22 June 2022, Asia Regional Director, Dr. Dindo Campilan (IUCN), and Manager, International Contracts, Ms. Alejandra Merino (Esri), signed a Memorandum of Understanding to advance strategic collaboration on geospatial technologies.



**[Communication Training Courses on Wildlife Protection and Law Enforcement in Xishuangbanna, China](#)**

Funded by Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), the Management Authority of Xishuangbanna National Nature Reserve and Beijing Normal University jointly organised training courses.



**[Valuing, financing and mainstreaming Nature-based Solutions in China](#)**

Beijing, China – A new study released last month examining the value of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) calls for stronger policy and financing support, together with wider application and scaling up of NbS across China.



**[IUCN side event at the 2nd Asia Parks Congress: Engaging local communities in protected and conserved areas - Story | IUCN](#)**

IUCN held a side event to showcase the work of local civil society organisations (CSOs) supported by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF), a biodiversity conservation initiative.



**[The IUCN Green List: Sharing Experiences at the 2nd Asia Parks Congress](#)**

The IUCN Protected and Conserved Areas team held an event on the IUCN Green List to share experiences and celebrate the success of key partners and stakeholders who have pioneered the IUCN Green List in Asia.



**[Rangers from Africa and Asia are among global award winners](#)**

At the IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress, twelve rangers and ranger teams from around the world received an International Ranger Award. Rangers from the Philippines, India and Indonesia are among the winners of the 2022 IUCN-WCPA International Ranger Awards.



**[Getting ready for scaling up - Key Biodiversity Areas China National Coordination Group established](#)**

The Key Biodiversity Areas China National Coordination Group has been formally established at the launch workshop organized by IUCN China on 22nd June 2022. Identifying important and critical biodiversity areas is the fundamental first step in carrying out natural and ecological conservation and restoration.



**[Supporting indigenous community on product diversification](#)**

The Forest and Farm Facility (FFF) programme is supporting to increasing the income of the indigenous 'Chepang' women in Nepal by adding value to wild-crafted Chiuri (Diploknema butyracea or the 'Indian Butter Tree') fruit to produce butter.



**[IUCN received a plaque in support of tiger conservation work](#)**

On Tiger Day 2022, the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Wildlife for Thailand (Department of National Park, DNP) awarded IUCN a plaque in support of tiger conservation work. IUCN Thailand and IUCN Asia Regional Office has been collaborating with DNP to strengthen tiger conservation efforts in Thailand.



**[Protecting the Critically Endangered Bengal Florican in Cambodia](#)**

Angkor Centre for Conservation of Biodiversity (ACCB); a project of the Allwetterzoo Münster, is a non-governmental organization and one of the first nature and endangered wildlife rescue and breeding centers, located in Phnom Kulen National Park, Siem Reap, Cambodia.



### [World Ranger Day 2022](#)

On 30 July 2022, IUCN Asia participated at the World Ranger's Day 2022 event, held at Khao Yai National Park and World Heritage site in Nakhonnayok Province presided by the Honorable Minister of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) Thailand.



### [The future of Panthera tigris in Thailand and globally](#)

The tiger (*Panthera tigris*) is the largest wild cat species in the world, and is listed as Endangered under the IUCN Red List in 2011. The tiger is also protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).



### [Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Forest Department, IUCN Pakistan and Embassy of Republic of Korea joined hands to stave off Climate Change](#)

The IUCN Pakistan team, in collaboration with the forest department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, undertook a tree plantation activity with the financial support of Embassy of Republic of Korea.



### [Loktak Indigenous fishers face threats to their livelihoods](#)

Manipur's Loktak Lake is one of India's Ramsar sites. A significant natural inland freshwater wetland, Loktak supports a diversity of life including Indigenous Meitei fishing population. The fishers have thrived upon the lake resources for many centuries. Due to the State's intervention, Loktak fishers' now face threats to their livelihoods.



### [Meet inspiring PANORAMA Solution Providers: Sargai Sha, Conservation Officer at The Nature Conservancy, China](#)

The Nature Conservancy partnered with government agencies and philanthropic partners to restore degraded land in Inner Mongolia, leveraging a Restoration by Design approach to pinpoint Nature-based Solutions (NbS)



### [Viet Nam: Participatory 3D Mapping exercise held with 21 local villages in and around Cuc Phuong National Park \(CPNP\)](#)

Participatory 3D Mapping (P3DM) is an exciting method that has been implemented to support the process of knowledge sharing and collaboration with local and indigenous peoples for the success of effective management of protected and conserved areas.



### [Community ecotourism at the second Asia Parks Congress](#)

The "Sustainable Tourism and Protected Areas in a Post-COVID World" side event covered experiences and solutions to developing and enhancing community-based tourism to support COVID-19 recovery, putting people and nature at the heart of tourism operations and economic development.



### [Nepal achieves a global commitment to double the tiger](#)

Nepal declared its tiger population has reached 355 on the occasion of Global Tiger Day. With this, Nepal has successfully achieved a global commitment of the St. Petersburg tiger summit to double the wild tigers by 2022.



### [Training on National Park Management Plan Development and Wildlife Conservation and Protection Plan Development for Non-Wildlife Hunting areas](#)

Department of National Parks Wildlife and Plant Conservation (DNP) and the International Organization for Nature Conservation (IUCN) co-hosted a training.



### [IUCN, SECMC Launch Community Livelihoods Programme in Thar, Pakistan](#)

IUCN and the Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company launched the second phase of their partnership in Thar, focusing on improving community livelihoods and biodiversity conservation, at a ceremony organized in Karachi on 11th August, 2022.

The launch ceremony was attended MPA Mr. Qasim Siraj Soomro, senior officials from the government, as well as by representatives of the development sector, academia, media and the private sector.

## Commissions

### [World Commission on Environmental Law \(WCEL\)](#)



### [Progress Towards a New International Agreement to Combat Trafficking in Wildlife](#)

An important hurdle has been cleared in the race to add a new protocol to end wildlife trafficking to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and efforts should now be redoubled to build upon State support for this critical initiative, including by WCEL members.

### [Species Survival Commission \(SSC\)](#)



### [Rhino poaching and illegal trade decline but remain critical threats – new report](#)

Overall rhino poaching rates have declined since 2018, and trade data suggests the lowest annual estimate of rhino horns entering illegal trade markets since 2013.

### [World Commission on Protected Areas \(WCPA\)](#)



### [A new take on Health & Safety for community tourism in a post-COVID era in Cuc Phuong National Park and Van Long Wetlands Nature Reserve \(Viet Nam\)](#)

During July and August 2022, the training on Health and Safety (H&S) implications in community tourism took place at Cuc Phuong National Park and Van Long Wetlands Nature Reserve.

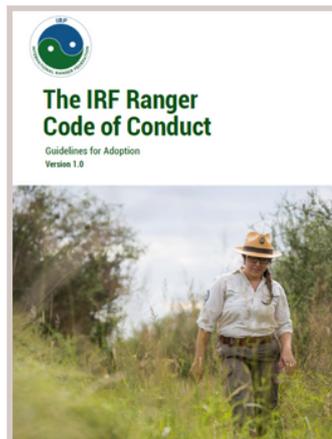
### [Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy \(CEESP\)](#)



### [Empowering Indigenous communities in Guwahati against an environmental injustice](#)

The Indigenous communities in Assam, India were helped to take control over the city's garbage dumping practices. Our activism, along with the efforts of other NGOs and judiciary interventions, were enough to compel the municipality to shift garbage dumping elsewhere.

## Resources



### [The IRF Ranger Code of Conduct](#)

The IUCN Asia Coordinator IUCN Green List participated in the Asia regional workshop organised by International Ranger Federation (IRF) and Universal Ranger Support Alliance (URSA) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in August and contributed towards the development of the Asia wide workplan for the implementation of Ranger Code of Conduct and Guidelines. IUCN-WCPA also contributed in developing the Ranger COC and is a member of URSA partnership

## Members Update



### [IUCN Asia Nature Forum](#)

The 3rd and the 4th IUCN Asia Nature Forum (AsiaNat) were held online on 25th July and 19th August in collaboration with IUCN Asia Regional Committee. Prof. Jon Paul Rodriguez, Dr. Chunquan Zhu, Dr. Madhu Rao, and Dr. Binbin Li were key speakers who spoke about species and ecosystem conservation, transition of food system, achievements and challenges of Protected areas.



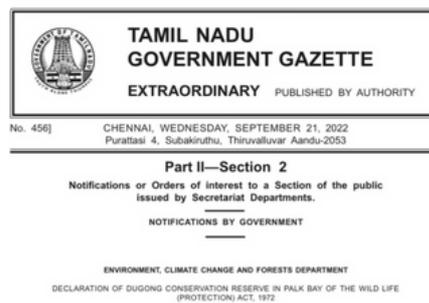
### [Ecosystem-Based Adaptation: Approaches to Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources](#)

The book presents a close examination of the role of ecosystem-based adaptation in managing river basins, aquifers, flood plains, and their vegetation to provide water storage and flood regulation. The author of this book, Dr. Arvind Kumar, is the President, Chair and Founder of the India Water Foundation (IUCN Member) engaged in generating heightened public awareness of water-related environmental issues.



### [The IUCN Contributions for Nature platform is live!](#)

We are delighted to announce the go-live of the IUCN Contributions for Nature Platform, responding to the mandate established in Section 8 of the IUCN Programme Nature 2030, and operationalising the One Programme Charter. This is designed to allow all IUCN constituents to document what they are contributing, and planning to contribute, towards global goals for nature, over the period 2021-2030.



### [OMCAR Foundation's contribution to Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay](#)

The long-term work of 15 years for dugong habitats conservation by OMCAR Foundation, along with other Members of IUCN, has successfully been recognised. The state government of India has officially notified in gazette as India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay, southeast coast of India. Since OMCAR Foundation has become a Member organisation, IUCN has helped to communicate with other experts and organisations through IUCN WCC and RCF sessions and meetings.



### [Youth Awareness Environmental Forum established Paryawaran Television \(PTV HD\)](#)

Youth Awareness Environmental Forum (YAEF/Nepal) initiated Nepal's first environmental television, Paryawaran Television (PTV HD), is now regularly broadcasting 24 hours daily. The main objective is to broadcast programmes on the environment, health, education, Tourism, Documentary, nature and heritage conservation issues.

## Upcoming Events



**IUCN Leaders Forum**  
Building nature-positive economies and societies  
**13 – 15 October 2022**  
Jeju Province, Republic of Korea

[Register Now](#)

**Registration**

### [Registration is now open: IUCN Leaders Forum Jeju 2022](#)

The registration for the first edition of the IUCN Leaders Forum, organised by IUCN together with the Korean Ministry of Environment and Jeju Self-governing Province, will be held in Jeju, Republic of Korea from 13 – 15 October 2022. It will focus on 'Building nature-positive economies and societies'.



### [5th International Marine Protected Areas Congress](#)

Join the 5th International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5), on 3-9 February 2023 in Vancouver, Canada, a global forum that brings together ocean conservation professionals and high-level officials to inform, inspire and act on marine protected areas.



**Asia Nature Forum (AsiaNat)-5 PANORAMA**  
SOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHY PLANET  
**Virtual | 6 October 2022**  
10:00 CET | 3:00 p.m. Bangkok | 4:00 p.m. Beijing

Marie Fischborn  
PANORAMA Partnership Coordinator, IUCN

Dr. Jane Smart (TBC)  
Director, IUCN Centre for Science and Data

Programme (Bangkok Time)  
15:00-15:10 Welcome remarks  
15:10-15:30 Keynote: PANORAMA & management by Dr. Jane Smart  
15:30-15:40 General Session by Marie Fischborn  
15:40-15:50 PANORAMA: 5th overview and Feedback  
15:50-16:00 PANORAMA: A Marie J. Fischborn  
16:00-16:15 Feedback & 16:15-16:25 Opening Remarks  
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[Scan this QR code to register](#)

### [The 5th Asia Nature Forum](#)

The 5th IUCN Asia Nature Forum (AsiaNat) will be held online on 6 October in collaboration with PANORAMA. Marie Fischborn, PANORAMA Partnership Coordinator, and Dr. Jane Smart (TBC), Director of IUCN Centre for Science and Data are invited to speak about the activities of PANORAMA.



### [Call to host the 6th International Marine Protected Area Congress \(IMPAC6\) in 2026](#)

We are delighted to open a call for proposals to host the 6th International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC 6) in 2026. Since 2005 a global community of marine protected area managers and practitioners have come together once every four years at IMPAC, co-chaired by IUCN and the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).



### [IUCN Asia Regional briefing/webinar on Nature-based Solutions for IUCN Members](#)

In the lead up to UNFCCC COP27 and CBD COP15, IUCN aims to generate greater awareness and understanding on NbS, particularly among its State, Government Agency, NGO, and IPO members. IUCN Asia will be organising a briefing session/webinar on NbS on 27th October 2022.

## Upcoming Training



**IUCN Academy**

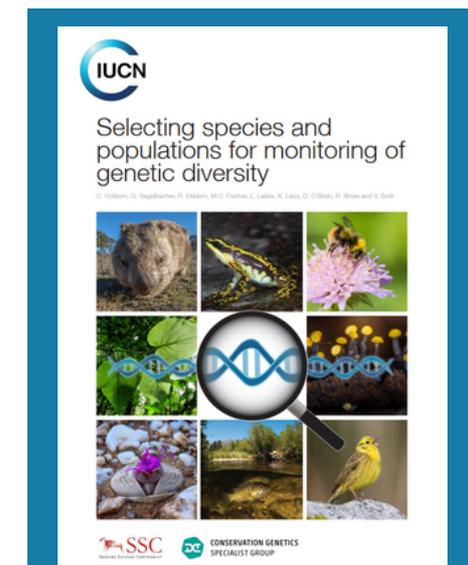
**Nature-based Solutions**

**Learn and Get your Professional Certificate**

### [Nature-based Solutions - PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE on IUCN Global Standard™ - NbS #4 \(October 2022\)](#)

Candidates who successfully complete the programme will be awarded an IUCN Professional Certificate on the IUCN Global Standard on Nature-based Solutions™.

## RESOURCES

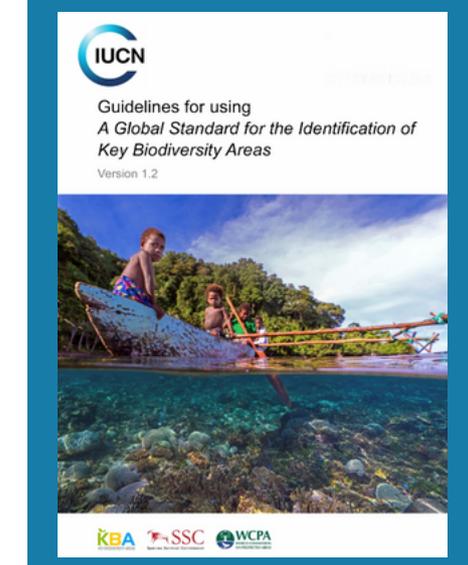


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Selecting species and populations for monitoring of genetic diversity

By Catherine E. Stapanian, R. Esham, M.C. Forth, J. Larkin, K. Liao, D. O'Brien, R. Shaw and S. Shaw

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Guidelines for using  
**A Global Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas**

Version 1.2

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