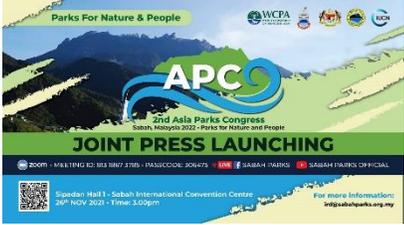


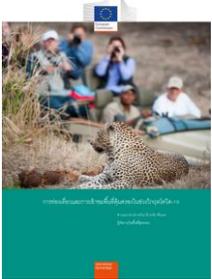
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|  <p>The image shows a promotional banner for the 2nd Asia Parks Congress (APC) in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. It features the APC logo, the theme 'Parks For Nature &amp; People', and details for a joint press launching event on 28th Nov 2022 at the Sugud Hall 1.</p>                     | <p><b>Sabah Parks and IUCN Asia hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Parks Congress (APC) in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia</b></p> <p>The 2nd Asia Parks Congress was held in a hybrid format at the Sabah Convention Centre in Malaysia from 24 - 29 May 2022. This was the first large-scale event in Malaysia since the Covid-19 pandemic, where protected areas practitioners and other interested parties gathered to discuss the actions needed to improve the quality and quantity of protected and conserved areas in Asia.</p>                                  | <p><a href="#">Asia Parks Congress 2022</a></p>   |
|  <p>The image shows four individuals on a stage during the opening ceremony of the 2nd Asia Parks Congress. They are standing in front of a large APC logo backdrop.</p>   | <p><b>The 2nd Asia Parks Congress opened on 25 May 2022</b></p> <p>The Congress is expected to set the agenda for Asia's protected and conserved areas for the next ten years. It comes at a particularly timely moment, as countries seek to finalise and adopt a new global biodiversity framework later this year.</p>   | <p><a href="#">Asia Parks Congress opens in Sabah, Malaysia   IUCN</a></p>  |
|  <p>The image shows a group of people on a stage during the closing ceremony of the 2nd Asia Parks Congress. They are holding certificates or awards. The backdrop features the APC logo and the theme 'Parks For Nature &amp; People'.</p>   | <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Parks Congress calls for ambitious, fair and effective nature conservation</b></p> <p>The 2nd Asia Parks Congress (APC) closed on the 29th of May with a strong call to secure 30 percent of the planet for nature by 2030. The Congress identified the most important actions needed in the next decade to strengthen systems of protected and conserved areas across the region, and to contribute to the achievement of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework being negotiated under the Convention on Biological Diversity.</p> | <p><a href="#">2nd Asia Parks Congress calls for ambitious, fair and effective nature conservation   IUCN</a></p> |
|  <p>The image shows a group of people on a stage. One person is presenting a certificate to another. The backdrop mentions 'Celebrating Sugud Islands Marine Conservation Area (SIMCA), Sabah' and 'The first in Borneo, the first in Malaysia, and the first in the World Triangle region'.</p> | <p><b>The Sugud Islands Marine Conservation Area (SIMCA) – globally recognised as a well-managed Protected Area</b></p> <p>Through the Green List, <b>SIMCA is now recognised globally as a well-managed Protected Area</b> – the first co-managed marine protected area in Malaysia. This historic recognition was announced at the 2nd Asia Parks Congress in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia.</p>   | <p><a href="#">SIMCA first Green Listed protected area in Malaysia (theborneopost.com)</a></p>                    |

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|    | <p><b>The IUCN Green List: Sharing Experiences at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia Parks Congress</b></p> <p>On May 26th 2022 at the 2nd Asia Parks Congress in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia, 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.</p>   | <p><a href="#">The IUCN Green List: Sharing Experiences at the 2nd Asia Parks Congress - News   IUCN</a></p> |
|    | <p><b>IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas</b></p> <p>Since the launch of IUCN Green List in 2014 at the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, more than 500 sites spread across 60 countries are currently engaging in the Green List process, and 1/7 sites are Green Listed as World Heritage sites.</p> <p>IUCN Green List actively contributes to 17 Sustainable Development Goals and UN Biodiversity Convention's Aichi Target 11. IUCN Green List sites will also contribute to the 2030 Global Agenda and climate change treaties (e.g. Article 17 of Kyoto Protocol).</p> <p>As of June 2022, <b>11 sites have been Green Listed in Asia</b> (Bhutan, China, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Vietnam). This includes 6 from China, 3 from South Korea, 1 from Malaysia and 1 from Vietnam.</p> <p>In addition, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have shown interest in implementing the Green List.</p> | <p><a href="#">IUCN Green List Home - IUCN Green List</a></p>  |
|  | <p><b>Northern Vietnam's largest wetland with its Green List status</b></p> <p>Vietnam's Van Long Nature Reserve was recognised at the recent Asia Parks Congress, for a second time, for its excellence in achieving effective and equitable nature conservation. In 2020, Van Long <b>became the first protected area</b> to receive the IUCN Green List certificate in Vietnam and in Southeast Asia. The largest wetland in northern Vietnam, situated just 85km south of Hanoi, is a jewel of caves, underground streams, limestone karst outcrops, marshes and swamps all set around a serene lake.</p>   | <p><a href="#">IUCN Green List Van Long Nature Reserve - IUCN Green List</a></p>                             |

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|  | <p><b>IUCN Asia and Esri sign a Memorandum of Understanding on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 to enhance biodiversity conservation through digital innovation.</b></p> <p>The partnership between IUCN and Esri will seek to support the IUCN Green List in the Asia region, particularly towards more effective management of protected and conserved areas through the application of geospatial technologies.</p> | <p><a href="#">IUCN and Esri collaborate to promote Green List and biodiversity conservation through digital innovation - News   IUCN</a></p> |

| <b>Member Updates</b>   |  |   |
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|   | <p><b>Reflecting back on as the 2<sup>nd</sup> APAP Co-Chair</b></p> <p>Korea National Park Service (KNPS) and Ministry of Environment Korea shared their experiences and insights about the future of protected areas in the Republic of Korea and the wider Asia region as the former Co-Chair of the Asia Protected Areas Partnership.</p>  | <p><a href="#">National Parks in the Republic of Korea: Promoting innovation and regional collaboration</a></p>   |
| <p>PROTECTED AND CONSERVED AREAS JOINT STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY CRISES</p> <p>UNFCCC COP26, Glasgow, United Kingdom, November 2021<br/>CBD COP15, Kunming, April 2022</p> <p>Preamble</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We, a group of Protected and Conserved Areas management authorities, agencies and associated bodies, offer this Joint Statement to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP26 and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15.</li> <li>2. We invite other Protected and Conserved Areas and associated bodies to join us in our commitments and actions to address the dual crises of climate change and biodiversity loss at this vital time.</li> <li>3. We also invite Governments, investors, and supporters from across the world to work with and support the global Protected and Conserved Areas family to unlock their full capability in addressing the dual crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.</li> </ol> | <p><b>Protected and Conserved Areas Joint Statement in UNFCCC COP26, Glasgow</b></p> <p>Two-member organization of APAP joined on the statement; Korea National Park Service (KNPS), and Sabah Parks. The statement was launched at COP26 as part of the Youth and Public Empowerment Day. This event presented youth and community led nature-based solutions and it culminated with a signing of the document.</p> | <p><a href="http://www.europarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Protected-and-Conserved-Areas-Joint-Statement-AW.pdf">www.europarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Protected-and-Conserved-Areas-Joint-Statement-AW.pdf</a></p> |
|    | <p><b>PANORAMA solutions for Asian PCAs</b></p> <p>Korea National Park Service (KNPS) shared best practice series on park management focusing on nature resource restoration. To share their experiences and technologies with APAP members, KNPS started blue carbon conservation project in Trang, Thailand from 2022 to 2023.</p>   | <p><a href="#">Explorer Solutions   PANORAMA</a></p>  |

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|    | <p><b>IUCN WCPA Technical Note Series No. 5: Improving PCAs Management to Safeguard Ecological Integrity and Minimise Zoonotic Disease Risk</b></p> <p>This Technical Note provides advice to managers of protected and conserved areas for applying a ‘One Health’ approach for the benefit of environmental, animal, and human health. APAP contributed to develop the Technical Note. It is emphasized that PCAs are key tools for protecting species and ecological integrity, and they also have a critical role to play in safeguarding public health.</p> | <p><a href="https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/iucn_wcpa_technical_note_series_no_5.pdf">https://www.iucn.org/sites/dev/files/iucn_wcpa_technical_note_series_no_5.pdf</a></p>   |
|    | <p><b>Guidelines for conserving connectivity through ecological networks and corridors in Mongolian</b></p> <p>The guideline introduces a common definition and recommends formal recognition of ecological corridors to serve as critical building blocks of ecological networks in conjunction with protected areas and OECMs. It also includes 25 case studies that demonstrate current approaches to conserving ecological connectivity.</p>   | <p><a href="https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/49848">https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/49848</a></p>   |
|   | <p><b>Tourism and visitation to protected areas amid COVID-19; Guidance for protected area authorities and managers in Thai, Khmer, Bengali</b></p> <p>The purpose of this document is to provide pragmatic guidance to protected area managers and authorities on operating tourism safely amid the COVID-19 crisis. Suggestions and supplementary links to sources and further information are provided.</p>   | <p><a href="https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/fe764777-c990-11eb-84ce-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-search">https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/fe764777-c990-11eb-84ce-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-search</a></p> |
|  | <p><b>Green List and OECMs Sections on APAP website</b></p> <p>APAP developed a suite of resource materials on the IUCN Green List and OECMs on the APAP website. These materials included a dedicated landing page, a short briefing note, links to additional IUCN technical guidance, and an FAQ.</p>   | <p><a href="https://www.asiaprotectedareaspartnership.org/index.php/the-iucn-green-list">https://www.asiaprotectedareaspartnership.org/index.php/the-iucn-green-list</a></p>   |