Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCA) Registry

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Overview

- Why is documentation important?
- What is the Registry?
- How do communities/organizations participate?
- What is the future?
The World’s Protected Areas

2011: 180,000+ protected areas covering 12% of the world
Communities play a key role

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<th>Governance Type</th>
<th>A. Government Managed Protected Areas</th>
<th>B. Co-managed Protected Areas</th>
<th>C. Private Protected Areas</th>
<th>D. Community Conserved Areas</th>
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<td>IUCN Category (management objective)</td>
<td>Federal or national ministry or agency in charge</td>
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<td>Government delegated management (e.g. to an NGO)</td>
<td>Transboundary conservation (involving state agencies &amp; others)</td>
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Community contribution to Protected Areas- an example from Australia
Global protected area coverage has a long way to go to meet the targets...

- Terrestrial target (17%)
- Terrestrial area protected (12.7%)
- Marine target (10%)
- Marine area protected (4%)
Why is there a Global ICCA Registry?

To support community conservation and livelihoods

1. Build a global knowledgebase and awareness about ICCAs
2. To provide documentation of community practice
3. Enhance understanding of purposes and impacts
4. Provide evidence to inform global decisions

In 2009, pilot sites started with Mexico, Fiji, Kenya and Philippines
Community consultations

- UN Permanent Forum for IP (May 2009)
- Mexico ICCA gathering (Aug 2009)
- Kenya (May 2010)
- Equator Initiative Community Space (Sept 2010)
- India (Jan 2011)
- Australia (Mar 2011)
- Ghana (Sept 2011)
- The Gambia (Feb 2012)
- Philippines (March 2012)
What kind of information?

◆ Key fields
  - Name (English and Indigenous/Local Language)
  - Community(ies)
  - Date of establishment
  - IUCN Protected Areas Management Category
  - Governance
  - Purpose
  - Physical Boundaries

◆ Overlays with other data
  - Habitat (Mangrove & Seagrasses, Forest cover, Coral reefs)
  - Biodiversity (AZE, KBA, IBA, WWF Ecoregions, IUCN Red List)
  - Global (Carbon stocks, Water valuation, Human health indices, Linguistic diversity)

Maps are generated to show the values of ICCAs
ICCA Website

www.ICCAregistry.org

- Overview of project, links, global map
- Basic information about each ICCA in pilot countries
- Map and stats of ICCAs at national scale
- Case study pages for featured ICCAs in pilot countries
  - Context
  - Participatory maps/videos
  - Interviews
  - Photos
  - Stories
How to Contribute
1. Case Study
- Provides visual orientation to ICCA-photos, YouTube/Google videos, maps
- Tells story
- Gives history
- Qualitative

2. Questionnaire
- Fact-based
- Not visible to public
- Compiles important data needed for informing decisions
- Generates quantitative results
Considerations for Participation

**Benefits**
- Raises awareness
- Provides international recognition
- Support national and local processes
- Enhances documentation
- Safeguards
- Visual elements
- Basis for shared learning
- Inform policy
- Promotes linkages

**Limitations**
- Can’t assist with boundary disputes
- Can’t assist directly with extraction threats
- Can’t control what others do with information
“The publication of information and data will allow more people to know about our project. This will bring more interest and more visitors, and it is also a way to show the organizations that have supported us that we grew and we are still growing and their investment is benefiting both people and conservation. The publication on a website created by an important international organization helps raise the profile of our work and activities. Furthermore, it allows us to share our experience with other communities, to learn from their experience and support them through our experience. Along with other stories of other ICCAs it will also help show those who are skeptical that community conservation and development is possible.”

Jose Ines Loria – from the Unidad de Manejo Ambiental (UMA)
San Crisanto, Mexico
Past Equator Prize Winners

Muliru Farmers Conservation Group, Kenya

Balongfenyo Reserve, The Gambia

...and other communities
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How to Register

Official Registration of your ICCA

Communities can register either through an online questionnaire (Option 1) or by downloading the questionnaire and returning it (Option 2). These two processes are described below.

(Option 1) Register via the online questionnaire

Step 1. Read the FFIC Information Sheet and discuss the ICCA Registry with community members.

Step 2. Sign up online. After your participation is authorized, you will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire. Click this link and log in with your log-in details to access the questionnaire.

Step 3. Follow instructions online to complete the ICCA Registry questionnaire, including the FFIC section with an electronic signature.

(Note: If the ICCA is already recognised by national legislation or a protected area system, the community should work with government representatives where possible to provide spatial and other information.)

Step 4. Submit spatial data and relevant documents (such as management plans, community agreements and documented awards) as requested in the online questionnaire.

Step 5. If you are registering more than one ICCA, you will need to follow Steps 1 and 2 above to access another questionnaire.

Need help? Please contact us anytime at iccanregistry@unep-wcmc.org

(Option 2) Register via downloading the questionnaire

Step 1. Read the FFIC Information Sheet and discuss the ICCA Registry with community members.

Documents Required for Registering an ICCA

1. FFIC Information Sheet >
2. FFIC Signature Form >
3. ICCA Registry Case Study Template >
Process to Register

- Sign up online, receive email to gain access to questionnaire online
- Unique ID for each community; one person can register several ICCAs
- Consists of around 40 questions, about 10 are compulsory (allows for standards)
- If no internet, can request Word document and return completed questionnaire by email
ICCA Registry Questionnaire

Welcome to the ICCA Registry Online Questionnaire. Information submitted via this questionnaire will be added to the ICCA Registry - a secure database maintained by UNEP-WCMC. If the ICCA is already recognized by national legislation or a protected area system, the community should work with government representatives where possible to provide similar and other information.

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Yes
No

The PNC Information Sheet and Form can be downloaded from http://www.iccanetwork.org/en/contribute or requested using the contact details found at the end of this questionnaire.

Metadata Information

The name by which the data submitted will be known - this should be the name of the ICCA and the country it is in. E.g. J Njiej, Kenya

Responsible Party

Please provide contact details. Addresses and telephone numbers can also be included.
Results of registration

◆ Over 65 communities have registered globally
◆ Support national processes in Philippines and Kenya
◆ Enhance awareness of site in Mexico, became EI winner

◆ Adds benefit to local decisions and Venda community organizing, South Africa

Photos, Will Baxter
Demonstrating values of ICCAs
Philippines pilot study

**Possible Indicators**

- Total area coverage
- Carbon stocks
- Endangered species and special habitats
- Important Bird Areas, other
- Human population
- Sea level rise
- Linguistic diversity
- Crop diversity
A toolkit for managing ICCAs

- New project - needs your input
- Gather existing tools
- What works? How? By whom?
- What do communities need to better manage their areas?
- In time, the process will be tested and used to build capacity

- What do you think?
Would you like to register?

Sign up and we’ll meet while you are here!

Visit the website:  www.iccaregistry.org
Email:  colleen.corrigan@unep-wcmc.org

Thank you!!  Gracias!  Merci!  Obrigado!  Shukran!  Vinaka!