Bio-cultural Community Protocols and Protected Areas

Potential Applications

Paradigm shift in conservation

- Ethical and human rights issues
- Management effectiveness
- Landscape-level approaches
- Evidence from around the world shows that these issues can be tackled by:
 - involving indigenous peoples and local communities in establishment and management of PAs
 - recognizing their own diverse conservation initiatives

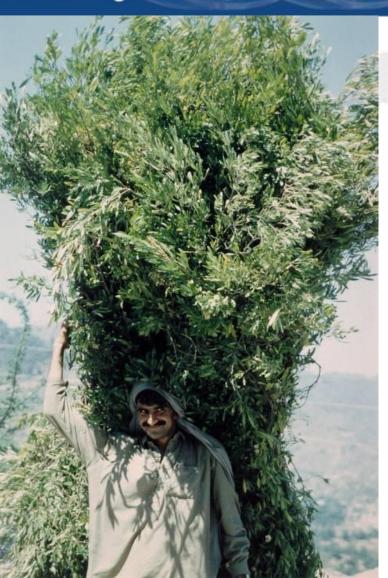
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CBD PoW PA Element 2 Governance, Participation, Equity and Benefit Sharing

- Goal 2.1 –To promote equity and benefit-sharing
- Goal 2.2 To enhance and secure involvement of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders
- Activity 2.1.3. Establish policies and institutional mechanisms with full participation of indigenous and local communities, to facilitate the legal recognition and effective management of indigenous and local community conserved areas in a manner consistent with the goals of conserving both biodiversity and the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities.
- Activity 2.1.6. Establish or strengthen national policies to deal with access to genetic resources within protected areas and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization

Governance types	A. Governance by government			B. Shared governance			C. Private governance			D. Governance by indigenous peoples and local communities	
Protected area categories	Federal or national ministry or agency in charge	Sub-national ministry or agency in charge	Government-delegated management (e.g., to an NGO)	Transboundary management	Collaborative management (various forms of pluralist influence)	Joint management (pluralist management board)	Declared and run by individual land- owners	by non-profit organizations (e.g., NGOs, universities)	by for-profit organizations (e.g., corporate owners, cooperatives)	Indigenous peoples' protected areas and territories – established and run by indigenous peoples	Community conserved areas – declared and run by local communities
Ia. Strict Nature Reserve											
lb. Wildemess Area											
II. National Park											
III. Natural Monument											
IV. Habitat/ Species Management											
V. Protected Landscape/ Seascape											
VI. Protected Area with Sustainable Use of Natural Resources											

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Co-managed PAs

'Government-designated PAs where decision-making power, responsibility and accountability are shared between governmental agencies and other stakeholders, in particular the indigenous and local and mobile communities that depend on that area culturally and/or for their livelihoods"

BCPs and Co-managed PAs



- Empower IPLCs to participate in governance and management of PA
- Interface between customary and official PA institutions
- Lay out conditions for research and for publication of TK
- Ensure bioprospecting agreements respect rights of IPLCs

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Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs)

"Natural or modified ecosystems, including significant biodiversity, ecological services and cultural values, voluntarily conserved by indigenous peoples and local and mobile communities through customary laws or other effective means"



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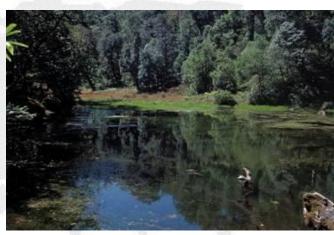
range of Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas...

Sacred spaces...

Chizire sacred forest, Zimbabwe



Sacred lake, Indian Himalaya





Alto Fragua Indi-wasi National Park, Colombia

Indigenous territories and cultural landscapes/seascapes...



Paruku Indigenous PA, Western Australia

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range of Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas...



Territories & migration routes of nomadic herders / mobile indigenous peoples...

Qashqai mobile peoples' territory, Iran

Wetlands, fishing grounds and water bodies...



Rekawa lagoon, Sri Lanka



Coron Island, Philippines

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range of Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas...

Resource reserves (water, biomass, medicinal plants, timber and non-timber forest products...)

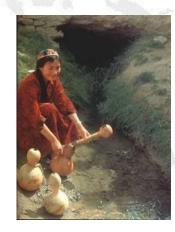


Natural Community Reserves & Pastoral Units of Ferlo, Sénégal

Jardhargaon forest, Indian Himalaya



Qanats, Central Asia







BCPs and ICCAs

- Assist in gaining recognition for ICCAs (including customary governance and management, biocultural values and TK)
- Control flow of information to the outside, e.g. listing in databases
- Basis for certification, e.g. forestry, PES

Conclusions

- Importance of TK in PA management
- ABS is creating new roles for PA managers
- Crucial to find instruments for IPLCs to interact with other stakeholders and safeguard rights over resources and TK
- Need to base these on customary laws and practices

