



Peace and Biodiversity
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Our Framework

Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue: Promoting International Cooperation In Ecosystem Management and Transboundary Conservation
Note by the Executive Secretary UNEP/CBD/COP/12/INF/30 on 5 October 2014

Decision Adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its Seventh Meeting VII/28. Protected areas
UNEP/CBD/COP/DEC/VII/28 on 13 April 2004

Goal 1.3 – To establish and strengthen regional networks, transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries

Gangwon Declaration on Biodiversity for Sustainable Development, 2014



THE THREE PRIMARY GOALS OF TRANSBOUNDARY PROTECTED AREAS ARE:



**SOCIO-ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**



**CONSERVATION OF
BIODIVERSITY**



**PROMOTION OF
CULTURE OF PEACE**



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Peace Parks

“I know of no political movement, no philosophy, no ideology, which does not agree with the peace parks concept as we see it going into fruition today. It is a concept that can be embraced by all.”

Nelson Mandela

Peace parks are transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) that are formally dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources, and to the promotion of peace and co-operation.

The identification and designation of **Parks for peace** by cooperating jurisdictions should include only those areas where the agreed management objectives explicitly *recognize both a protected area and a no conflict zone.*

Outcomes

An important outcome of the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative was bi-lateral meetings of the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on potential collaborative activities.



Expected Outcomes

Expected outcomes from implementation of proposed activities:

- Comprehensive inventory and a collection of resources on Peace Parks
- E-learning Module on Peace Parks
- Massive Open Online Course
- Launch of the E-Learning module on Peace Parks at a side event at the Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 17 - 29 November 2018
- Publications:
 - a) Manual on creation of Peace Parks
 - b) Directory of the existing Peace Parks in the world



Expected Outcomes (cont.)

- Study missions to countries to promote transboundary protected areas development
- Educational animated video on Peace Parks
- Meetings for dialogue facilitation with interested neighboring countries and respective reports and recommendations for further establishment of Peace Parks
- Possibility of establishing or in the process of establishing one Peace Park in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) and Central and Eastern Europe regions
- Emergence of the Republic of Korea as a leader to promote peace parks in the world.



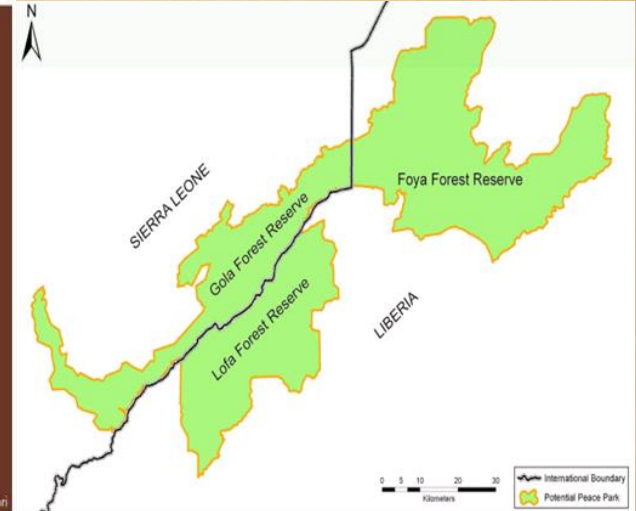
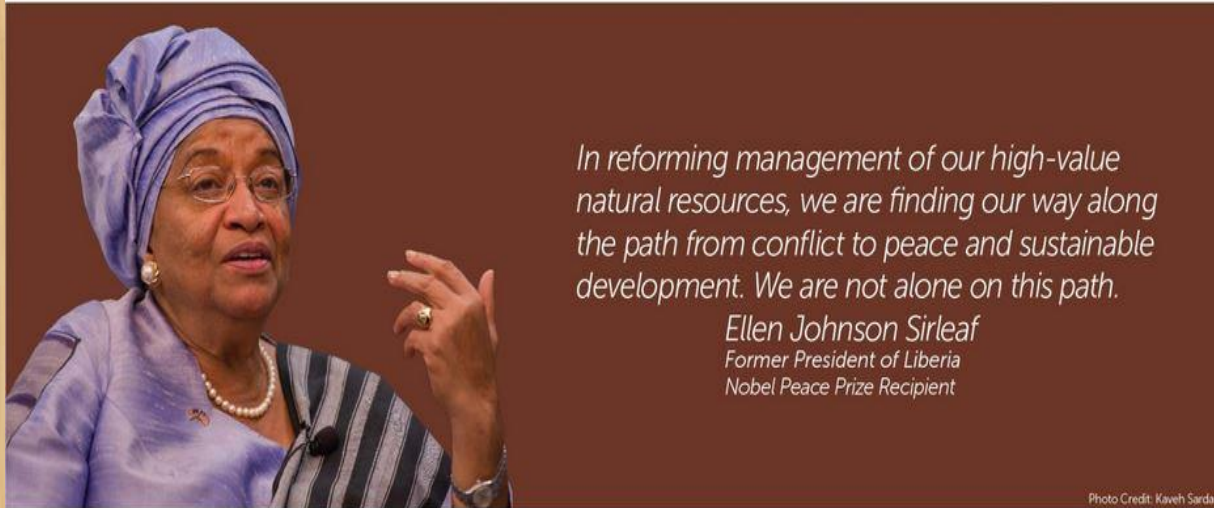
Expected Outcomes (cont.)

Methodology development and survey for an international protected area list identifying status and presence of peace elements

International Protected Area	Country Partners					Established (Yes[Y]/No[N])	Peace Element (Present[P]/Absent[A])
	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Americas							
Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park	CAN	USA				Y	P
Sky Island Alliance	MEX	USA				Y	A
Si-a-Paz	CRI	NIC				Y	P
El Carmen-Big Bend Complex	MEX	USA				Y	A
Maya Biosphere Reserve	MEX	BLZ	GTM			N	A
Cordillera del Cóndor	ECU	PER				Y	P
Glaciares-Torres del Paine-O'Higgins Complex	ARG	CHL				Y	A
Iguaçu-Iguazú	ARG	BRA				Y	A
La Amistad	CRI	PAN				Y	P
Los Katios National Park - Darien World Heritage Site	COL	PAN				N	P
Kluane / Wrangell-St. Elias / Glacier Bay / Tatshenshini-Alsek	CAN	USA				Y	A
Asia							
Siachen Glacier	IND	PAK				N	P
Altai Mountain Range	CHN	MNG	RUS	KAZ		N	P
Western Tien Shan	KGZ	UZB		KAZ		N	P
Wasur-Tonda	IDN	PNG				Y	A
The Daurian Steppes	CHN	MNG	RUS			Y	A
Red Sea Marine Peace Park	ISR	JOR				N	P
The Source of Amur Transboundary Nature Reserve	CHN	MNG	RUS			N	A
Dizmar-Arevik Peace Park	ARM	IRN				N	P
Transboundary Manas Conservation Area	IND	BTN				Y	A
DMZ	KOR	PRK				N	P



Regional Focus: Sierra Leone and Liberia



The joint 'Transboundary Peace Park' project: supported by the President of Sierra Leone, Dr. Ernest Bai Koroma, and the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

Executive Secretary's Visit to South Korea

H.E. Dr. Eunkyung Kim, Minister of Environment, the Republic of Korea, with **Cristiana Paşca Palmer**, PhD, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity, UN Assistant Secretary-General



The following was discussed at meetings:

- Korea's remarkable achievements in the implementation of the Convention and its protocols, including the support for various initiatives since the 12th Conference of the Parties
- Continuous support for the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative after 2020 would be considered based on the assessment of the outcomes to be achieved by 2020.
- The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea and the Secretariat of the Convention will explore the opportunity to organize a High-level Conference on Peace and Biodiversity in 2020, in conjunction with the Fifteenth Conference of the Parties in China, engaging interested Parties, organizations, and linking it with the focus of the UN Secretary General on peace and security issues.



Ongoing Collaboration

Developing collaborative activities with the Republic of Korea during the meetings in Montreal, Canada





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A United Nations Approach to Address Natural Resources Across the Peace and Security Continuum

- Preventive diplomacy/early warning**
 - Ensure resource governance is transparent, inclusive, accountable, sustainable and equitable - Identify violations of economic, social and cultural rights linked to natural resources - Identify resource scarcity, hotspots and livelihood support needs - Support existing mechanisms that channel the voice of women in the above mentioned issues
- Peacekeeping and mediation**
 - Support dialogue between parties using 'good offices' - Provide impartial technical information - Identify mutual benefits from natural resources - Build capacity for interest-based negotiation and for natural resource management - Include natural resource in negotiations and agreements when they are a conflict driver or means - Open the political space for key resource stakeholders to engage, including women
- Peacekeeping**
 - Secure and demilitarize natural resource sites - Issue sanctions against conflict resources and support their enforcement - Support the implementation of natural resource clauses in peace agreements - Prevent hostilities arising from environmental crises - Ensure administration of natural resources
- Peacebuilding/sustaining peace**
 - Establish national vision and a framework for resource governance reforms combined with capacity building - Create jobs and resilient livelihoods from full range of natural resources for men and women - Secure land right and other resource rights as basis for sustainable resource management - Use cooperation over natural resources as a basis for trust building between divided groups - Develop co-management regimes and local dispute resolution processes for natural resources - Develop natural resources in a conflict and gender sensitive manner - Use resources as economic incentives for peace - Inclusive specific focus on ex-combatants, marginalized groups and women
- Sustainable development**
 - Build inclusive, transparent and accountable political and economic institutions - Provide opportunities for inclusive decision-making on natural resources, including for women and indigenous groups - Share benefits from natural resources in an equitable manner - Ensure public rights to information, participation and justice in decision-making on natural resources and the environment - Increase transition towards an inclusive green economy for human well-being and social equity

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E-learning

The Initiative has developed concise learning modules which take approximately an hour each, providing an overview of key terms, concepts, resources, and approaches. To access the module 'Transboundary protected areas and regional networks', other on-line courses as well as exercises, additional learning materials, and discussion forums, click here.

Implementing agreements

Security, Tension, and Armed Conflict

Guidelines for Managing Tension and Armed Conflict

In addition to take security concerns, such as controlling the flow of firearms and weapons, there are also increasingly the types of tension and armed conflict between countries.

In such cases, there are some basic guidelines for managing transboundary protected areas:

- Develop roles and protocols before a conflict arises.
- Take steps towards resolution and mediation.
- Intervene quickly to defuse potential tensions.
- Develop protocols and procedures for displaced people.
- Develop sustainable and rehabilitation plans.

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Figure 1. Conceptualization of risks and opportunities from natural resources and the environment along the peace and security continuum





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