



IUCN - LISTA VERDE DE ÁREAS PROTEGIDAS EN ESPAÑA

Recognizing protected areas that deliver
conservation impacts for people and nature





WHAT IS THE IUCN GREEN LIST?

The IUCN Green List of Protected Areas is:

- a **global standard** for conservation success
- **adaptable** to the local context of any country or region
- a **voluntary** commitment
- an incentive measure to **improve performance**
- a **credible**, independently assured evaluation procedure
- a **global recognition** for protected areas and their staff



LISTA VERDE EN ESPAÑA

Spain has allowed IUCN's Green List of Protected Areas to:

- Review **GLPA Standard**, experiences of PAs taking part in GL pilot phase in 2014
- Identify specific guidance needed for PAs to facilitate their participation
- Lessons for experts and more ideas on how to participate in the GL programme
- Promoted the GL programme throughout the PA community
- Helped liaise with related schemes to ensure complementarity



SUMMARY - KEY STEPS

The IUCN Green List of Protected Areas requires:

- IUCN to appoint an **independent, accredited Reviewer**
- Convene an **EXPERT ACTION GROUP – Green List (EAGL)**
- **Adapt the Global Standard** to the local context (and marine)
- Identify and **register interest** from protected areas
- Mentor promising sites to become **Green List candidates**
- **Evaluate full nominations** from Green List candidates
- Independent Reviewer **verifies evaluation** process
- IUCN Green List Committee **recognize successful areas**

EXPERT ACTION GROUP

THE TEAM WHO MAKE THE IUCN GREEN LIST HAPPEN

The **balance** of the expert group is essential to provide critical objectivity and expert judgement.

The EAGL team is an honorary IUCN-accredited position (WCPA) that will be expected to help deliver results

Motivation and support for managers and staff is the aim of the Green List

+ Recognition for the success stories of each protected area system



A balance of skills and experience is essential

EXPERT ACTION GROUP – GREEN LIST (EAGL)

GREEN LIST PROCESS

- Identify 8-12 EAGL members
- Ensure diverse skills, background
- Sign TOR and conflict of interest; join IUCN-WCPA
- Independent Reviewer
- PA Agency is usually the key partner, host, non-voting

ESTABLISH EAGL

- Adapt Global Standard
- Promote Green List in country
- Select PAs to register
- Mentor PA candidates
- Evaluate PA nominations

- Submit evaluations to IUCN
- Promote successful PAs
- Improvement plans to PA candidates
- Registrations, mentor new candidates
- Evaluate full nominations

RECURRENT TASKS



IUCN REVIEWER

- Appointed by IUCN to the EAGL
- Reviewer of Green List process
- Accredited by 3rd Party (ASI)
- Culturally and linguistically in-tune
- Partnership model with EAGL
- Assure all aspects of the Green List
- Role provides security and credibility that all Green List protected areas achieve on MERIT

IUCN GREEN LIST

ASSURANCE PROCEDURE



THE IUCN GREEN LIST GLOBAL STANDARD

Pillars and Principles

Delivering Conservation Impact

Natural Values

Social Values

1. Designed
to Deliver

2. Equitably
Governed

3. Effectively
Managed

GLOBAL STANDARD, LOCAL CONTEXT



Global

Adaptable for country or region

**Performance
Pillars**

1. Designed to Deliver
2. Equitable Governance
3. Effective Management
4. Conservation Impact

20 Criteria

**Indicators and
Means of Verification**

**Adapted to local context - to take
account of key differences in the
country or jurisdiction.**

**Criteria are the globally consistent requirements
that a Protected Area must meet in order for it
to achieve the Green List**



THREE STEPS TO GREEN LIST SUCCESS

1. REGISTERED



REGISTER

- Basic data submitted
- Commit to Standard
- Prepare candidacy application



2. CANDIDATE



CANDIDACY

- Must demonstrate potential for success
- Stakeholder input
- Then, prepare full nomination



3. AWARDED GREEN LIST



ACHIEVE GREEN LIST STANDARD

- Demonstrate conservation impact
- IUCN Recognize successful PA on global Green List

ASSURANCE PROCESS

IUCN APPLIES **ISEAL** GLOBAL CREDIBILITY PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICE IN SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS

- Independent Assurance by 3rd Party provider (Accreditation Services International ASI)
- Ensure all ISEAL credibility principles are guaranteed during the Green List process, at all stages.
- Confidence of protected areas that they are listed on merit
- Global credibility and recognition of efforts by protected area agencies
- Review, evaluation and improvement of the Standard



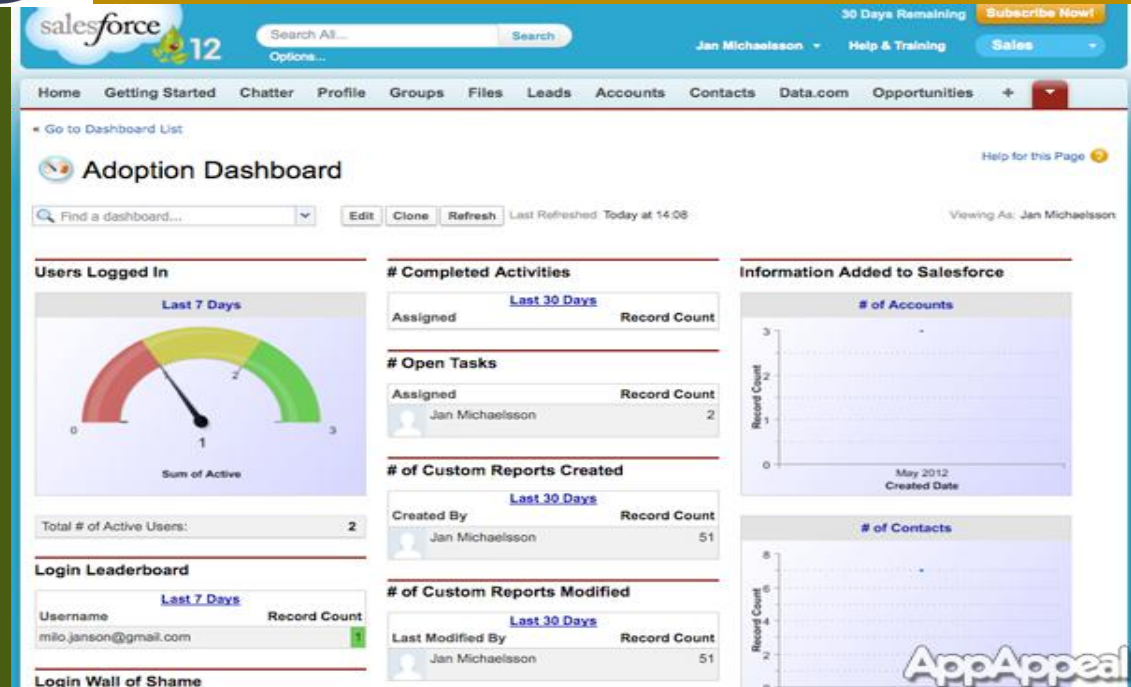
COMMUNICATIONS: DATA AND CONTENT MANAGEMENT

GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

- EAGL LOGISTICS AND PLANNING
- TRACKING PROGRESS
- MANAGING CONTENT, DATA
- TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY
- GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY
- MULTI-LANGUAGES
- *Operational mid-2015*



CUSTOM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



IUCN IS SEEKING SUPPORT TO DEVELOP STATE-OF-THE-ART CMS SYSTEM



GREEN LIST EVALUATION PROCESS

IUCN Global Green List Committee

Verifies
TECHNICAL
evaluation is
sound; and
compliance with
ASSURANCE
PROCESS

Takes final
decision on
awarding 'Green
List' status to PAs

Accredited Independent Reviewer

Gives feedback on
evaluation for each
PA based on
compliance with
PROCESS and
ASSURANCE

Local Expert Action Group

Technical evaluation of candidate Protected Area full nominations against the Standard, with decision by vote on each area:

- *Successful nominations submitted, via review, to Committee for approval*
- *Incomplete nominations referred, via review, to Protected Area for reworking. Clear guidance provided on gaps and shortfall.*

EXAMPLE IUCN GREEN LIST SCENARIO FOR PARTNER COUNTRY, 2015-2020

Protected Areas	2015-16	2017...	...by 2020
Registered	5	16+	50+
Candidates	2	4	3-5 per year
Green List nominations	1	2	2-3 per year
'Green List' PAs (estimate)	1	3	8-12



- 5 Protected Areas register in 2015
- 2 Protected Areas achieve Candidate Status by 2016
- 1 protected area submits full nomination in 2016
- For 2017, many protected areas in jurisdiction are registered
- 3 to 5 additional protected area candidates in 2017
- 2 protected areas submit full nominations in 2017 ...

SPONSORSHIP AND PROMOTION

- IUCN developing and promoting Green List brand in 2015
- Partnerships in pipeline
- Strategic partnerships sought
- Each partner country to help promote Green List
- Assurance process being developed to allow sponsorship
- Country networks and experience invaluable



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IUCN GREEN LIST CALENDAR

Summary of Global events and
processes

IUCN Green List of Protected Areas
Development Phase 2015 - 2018

- | | |
|------|--|
| JUN | - Launch Global Standard for consultation |
| SEPT | - Conclude consultation on Standard |
| OCT | - Standard Version 2.1 launched for use |
| JAN | - Registered PAs develop Candidacy |
| APR | - Select Candidate sites begin nominations |
| JUL | - Nominations submitted to EAGL |
| AUG | - Independent review |
| | - Final decisions by EAGL |
| | - Submission to GLPA Committee |
| SEP | - GLPA Committee verify successful PAs |
| | - Green List event in Hawai'i, IUCN WCC |
| OCT | - CBD event, Mexico |
| NOV | - Evaluation and plan for 2017 Phase |

2014 GLPA in Numbers:

08

PARTNER
COUNTRIES

50

PROTECTED AREA
COMMITMENTS

28

PROTECTED AREA
NOMINATIONS

23

ACHIEVED IUCN
GREEN LIST STANDARD

202

EXPERT REVIEWERS
Involved in process

12

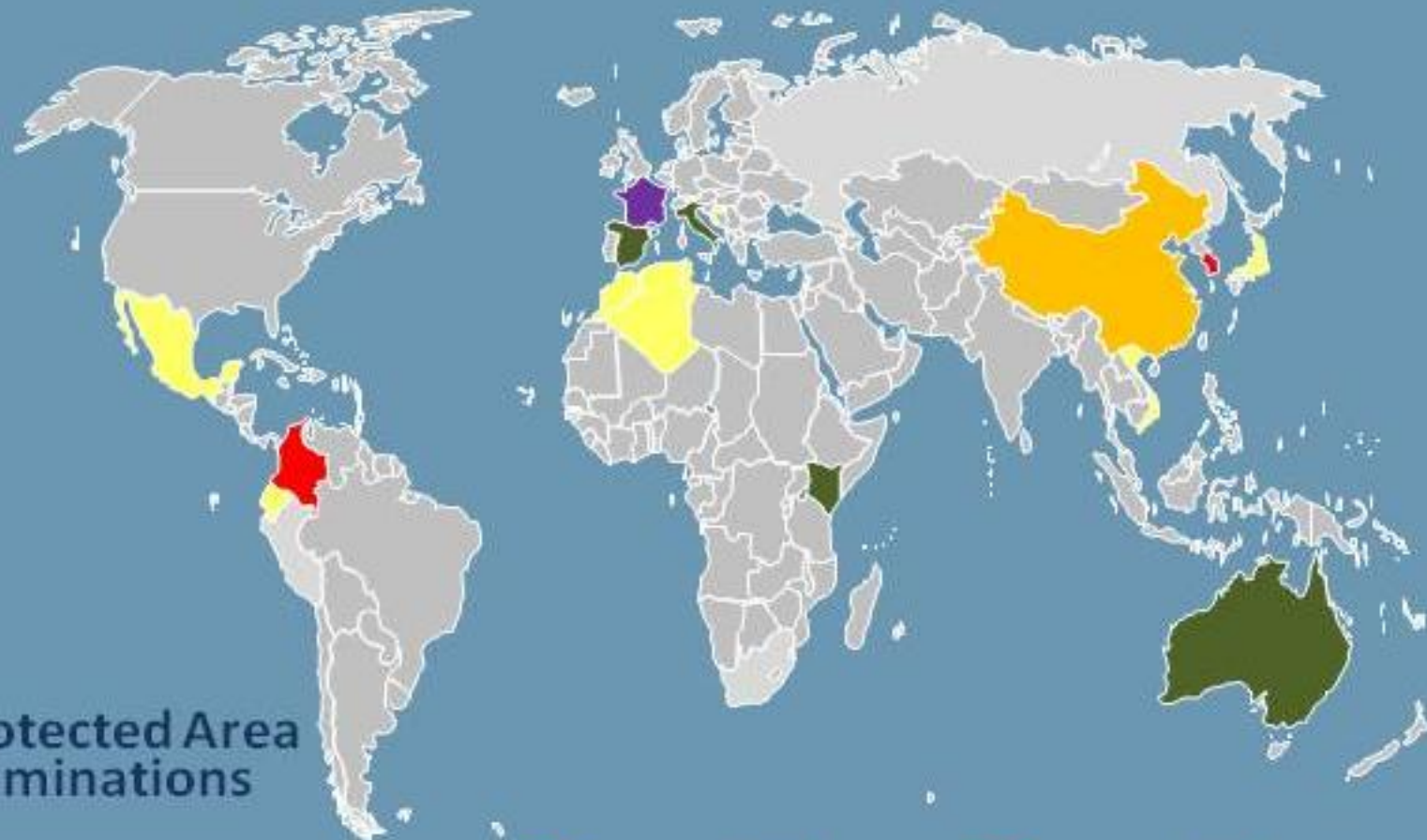
NEW COUNTRY
PROPOSALS

Protected Area Nominations

The IUCN GLPA requested a minimum number of candidates for the 1st phase.

However, given the high demand and open engagement, a total of 28 nominations were received

There is no cap on nominations; each is considered on its individual merits.



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CHINA



5

FRANCE



3

KOREA
COLOMBIA



2

AUSTRALIA
SPAIN
ITALY
KENYA



new

MEXICO, CROATIA
NORTH AFRICA (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria)
MICRONESIA (FSM, Palau, Marshall Islands)
And US – (Hawaii, Guam, Northern Marianas)
JAPAN, VIETNAM
AMAZONAS (Ecuador, Peru)

SOUTH AMERICA

Colombia

- 1 Galeras Santuario de Flora y Fauna Galeras
- 2 Parque Nacional Natural Gorgona
- 3 Parque Nacional Natural Tatamá

EUROPE

France

- 4 Guadeloupe National Park (Overseas Territory)
- 5 Natural Marine Park of Iroise
- 6 Sensitive Natural Area “Marais d’Episy”
- 7 Pyrénées N.P.
- 8 Marine Natural Reserve of Cerebè-Banyuls

Italy

- 9 Gran Paradiso N.P.

Spain

- 10 Espacio Natural de Doñana (provisional)
- 11 Espacio Natural de Sierra Nevada

AFRICA

Kenya

- 12 Ol Pejeta Conservancy
- 13 Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

ASIA

China

- 14 Wudalianchi Geological Park
- 15 Longwanqun National Forest Park
- 16 Shaanxi Changqing National Nature Reserve
- 17 Sichuan Tangjiahe N.N.R.
- 18 Eastern Dongting Lake N.N.R.
- 19 Mount Huangshan Scenic Area

South Korea

- 20 Seoraksan N.P.
- 21 Odaesan N.P.
- 22 Jirisan N.P.

AUSTRALIA

- 23 Arakwal N.P. and Cape Byron State Conservation Area
- 24 Montague Island N.R.



SOURCE: WDPA; IUCN



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Get involved:

- Consider being an EAGL member
- Contribute comments to the standards and criteria
- Review your own management practices
- Help to publicise the GL
- Contact us with your ideas

EXTRA SLIDES

More information on Standard

IUCN GREEN LIST STANDARD CRITERIA: *DESIGNED TO DELIVER*

1. DESIGNED TO DELIVER

- **Highlighting core conservation values**
- **Designed to protect core values for the long term**
- **Understanding the threats and challenges to core values**
- **Understanding the social and economic impacts of protection**
- **Equitable establishment**

EXAMPLE INDICATORS (INDICATORS AND MEANS OF VERIFICATION ADAPTABLE TO LOCAL CONTEXT)

- *Meets the IUCN definition of a Protected Area*
- *The overall conservation area contains the full range of habitats required*
- *There is a listing of all the significant threats to the core values*
- *An analysis of the economic impacts of the Protected Area*
- *The legal basis for the establishment of the Protected Area is clear*

IUCN GREEN LIST STANDARD CRITERIA: *EQUITABLE GOVERNANCE*

2. EQUITABLE GOVERNANCE

- Legal, equitable and effective governance
- Participation in planning
- Transparency and accountability
- Complaints, disputes or grievances

EXAMPLE INDICATORS *(INDICATORS AND MEANS OF VERIFICATION ADAPTABLE TO LOCAL CONTEXT)*

- Governance structure is clearly defined and documented
- Defined system for the assessment, review and updating of management goals
- key documents, records or other information are accessible to the public

IUCN GREEN LIST STANDARD CRITERIA: *EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT*

3. EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT

- Long-term management plan
- Management of natural resources
- Management of social aspects
- Management of threats
- Management for visitors and for other approved activities
- Objective measures of success
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Management resources

EXAMPLE INDICATORS *(INDICATORS AND MEANS OF VERIFICATION ADAPTABLE TO LOCAL CONTEXT)*

- An up-to-date management plan
- Management is conducted to work program
- Engage proactively with local stakeholders
- There is a work program in place
- access for visitors is clearly described and managed effectively
- A set of performance measures are defined
- Up to date data on performance
- Adequate equipment and infrastructure

IUCN GREEN LIST STANDARD CRITERIA: CONSERVATION IMPACT

4. CONSERVATION IMPACT

- **Conservation performance thresholds are achieved**
- **Social performance thresholds are achieved**
- **Exceptional responses to conservation challenges**

EXAMPLE INDICATORS *(INDICATORS AND MEANS OF VERIFICATION ADAPTABLE TO LOCAL CONTEXT)*

- The Protected Area is meeting or exceeding the performance thresholds
- Stakeholder's positive feedback on division of costs and benefits of protection
- Management has demonstrated exceptional dedication or innovation

GLOBAL POLICY CONTEXT

The IUCN Green List is recognized as a commitment, progress marker and a reportable measure against Target 11 and the CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020.

The IUCN Green List will inform follow-on CBD policies and targets post-2020, to ensure that the quality of protected areas remains priority.



IUCN is developing the Green List of Protected Areas following a resolution commitment by IUCN members at the 2012 World Conservation Congress.