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Increasing Mediterranean influence in IUCN



WCPA

North Africa, Middle East and West Asia Region (... o sea: todos los países Árabes mas Irán!)

- 18 Countries
- > 1500 Protected Areas
- Most countries still below 10% even for terrestrial
- 5 countries with over 10% of their surface under Protected Areas Marine – Most are still less than 1% (Except Jordan and UAE)
- ONLY UAE has achieved coverage target in both terrestrial and Marine
- low ambitions in many NBSAPs (some targeting 2030)

Opportunities and Priorities



Opportunity to harmonise data and resolve issues with WDPA (under-reporting)

Opportunity to include and reflect on OECMs in the region (particularly for marine and fisheries reserves)

Highlight areas of importance for Ecosystem Services and synergies with other MEAs and SDGs

Share experiences and inspirations, and promote a “healthy competition”

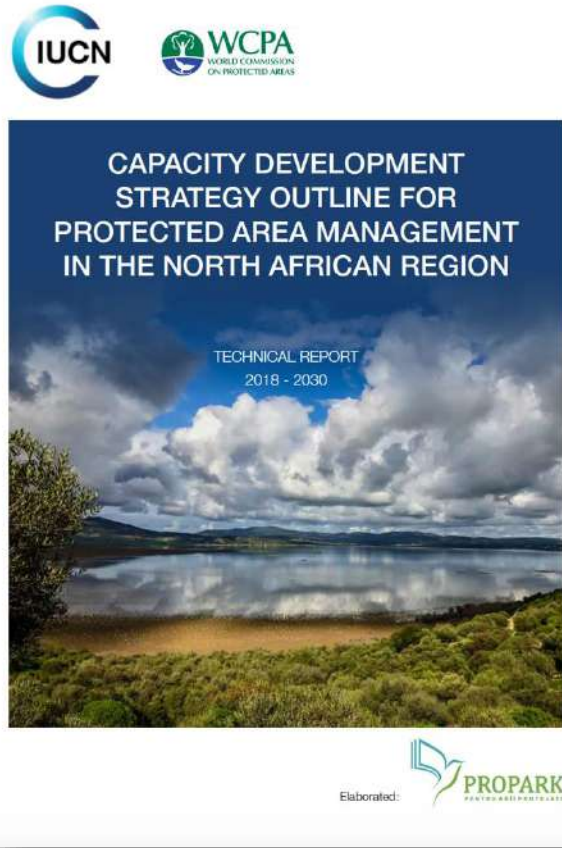
IUCN Green List

Launching the Green List in the Region,

- We set up and trained 2 regional EAGL groups, one for Middle East and West Asia and one for North Africa.
- Received 20 candidate sites from 9 countries.
- 6 were Green Listed by the CBD COP.
- **Lessons learned on process – Shift of focus this year to focus on networking**
- **Francophone Network for GL, evolving towards a Med Network for GL**



Professional Capacity Development



- We finalized a capacity needs assessment and capacity development strategy for PAs in the 5 countries of North Africa
- Collaboration with Junta de Andalucía

Communicating beyond our constituency

 **The Dreamer**
October 24 at 2:55 PM · 🌐

من أحسن الإستثمارات هو أنك تستثمر في الطبيعة، تنفعها وتحافظ عليها و قد ما تعطيك،
تعطيك،
هذي تونس الحقيقية إلي لازم نخطوها في عينينا و نعطيوها من قلوبنا.
محمياتنا كنز و الناس إلي دايرين بالمحميات هوما أكثر ناس يمثلوا تونس بطبيعتهم ..
ضحكتهم...قلوبهم الكبير ... وزادة بعاداتهم وتقاليدهم و حتى أبسط تفاصيل حياتهم
اليومية. ... See More



1.4K 75 Comments 738 Shares 70K Views

- Strong communication and social media campaign with a focus on importance and role of protected areas
(#Our_Parks_are_Our_Future; #مستقبلنا محمياتنا)
- Video series “Protected Areas: Sanctuaries for Biodiversity, Engines of development”
- **Series for Mediterranean PAs prepared for the Congress**

Launching a process to identify OECM in the S&E Mediterranean

- OECM – an opportunity to achieve Target 11 and Beyond
- Workshop in February 2020
- Collaboration w FAO, IUCN National French Committee



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WORLD COMMISSION
ON PROTECTED AREAS
1960 - 2020

Celebrating WCPC 60th Anniversary starting late 2019



National day for protected areas

- Lebanon – March 10
- Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia



Candidatura para el Consejo de UICN

Porque?

- Asegurar una representación de África del Norte (diversidad entre los 4 puestos para África)
- Empujar una mayor influencia Mediterránea

Que traigo?

- Una experiencia global
- Desde base hasta política internacional
- Conocimiento de UICN y sus procedimientos: staff, organismo miembro, miembro y líder de Comisión, 4 congresos, 2 congresos de parques...
- Manejo de los 3 idiomas de la Unión
- Un network de contactos



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wcpanamewa/>

"Protected Areas: Sanctuaries for Biodiversity, Engines of Development"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezQMhMU2c7E>

Shouf Biosphere Reserve-Lebanon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=useiCPSQPrg&t=81s>

Feija National Park - Tunisia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScsuJ-NqZFU>

Serj NP - Tunisia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpMUfQAvZUI&t=15s>

Launching the Green List in the Maghreb region: <https://youtu.be/QwumaxxQdDs>