

Asia's Protected Areas – Cornerstones for Sustainable Development

Sunday, 5 September, 10:30 - 12:30, Palais Phocéén Hall 3, A-31

Purpose

This session will provide a comprehensive assessment of Asia's progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, and identify ways of strengthening the contribution of protected areas to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

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The main topics to be addressed by the session will include the current status of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in Asia; successes, challenges and lessons learned to date; mechanisms for strengthening regional collaboration for Asian protected areas; and the roles of protected areas in addressing the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 14 and 15.

The first part of the session will present the results of the recent analysis of Target 11 carried out by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat. The analysis will go beyond an assessment of the extent of protected area coverage in order to look at the other aspects of Target 11 dealing with PA quality, such as management effectiveness. The second part of the session will introduce the Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP) as a key platform for enhancing regional collaboration and accelerating the achievement of PA target. The progress which APAP has made while the Republic of Korea served as co-chair of the Partnership will be addressed. Finally, the session will address the role of protected areas in delivering Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework. The potential for greater regional collaboration will be highlighted through an introduction on the 2nd Asia Parks Congress.

This session will help to ensure that the voice of the Asian protected area community is heard by the global conservation community.

The session will include:

- A presentation on Asia's progress towards Target 11, highlighting successes, challenges and lessons (ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity);
- A presentation on APAP, as a key platform for enhancing regional collaboration and accelerating the achievement of PA targets (Korea National Park Service, IUCN);
- A presentation on: the role of protected areas in delivering SDGs 14 and 15; the role of protected areas in the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework; and new approaches to strengthening regional collaboration focusing on the 2nd Asia Parks Congress (IUCN).

*Lunch will be served.

Organization

- Korea National Park Service, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, IUCN, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Relevant Congress Themes

- Managing landscapes for nature and people
- Conserving freshwater to sustain life

Relevant Forum objectives

- To catalyse action and transformative initiatives

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