



Working Group 'Area-based Conservation'

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Who Are We?

Area-based
Conservation



Working Group leader:



Working Group co-leaders:



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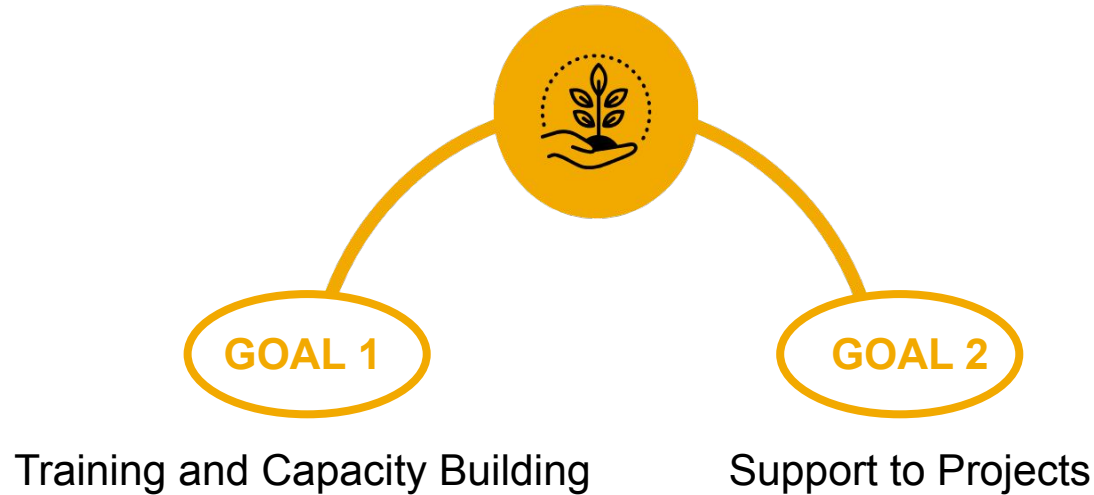
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Working Group Goals

Area-based Conservation



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Scope of the Working Group

Tackle key issues concerning **Protected Areas (PAs)** and **Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)**.

Inform conservation strategies through **policy and advocacy**.



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We Discussed It Back in Slovenia....

Themes

- Spatial planning and intersectorial integration of conservation principles
- Protected Areas and OECM networks
- Regional assessment of species/ecosystems
- Assess the effectiveness of existing Protected Areas
- Examine opportunities and constraints for expanding PAs and OECMs

Actions

- Increase knowledge at all levels of governance
- Provide material, information, ideas, contacts, speakers and expertise
- Reward good practices
- Advocate for include management



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GBF Targets - Target 1

Target 1: Spatial Planning

Ensure that all areas are under participatory, **integrated and biodiversity inclusive spatial planning and/or effective management** processes addressing land- and sea-use change, to bring the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance, including ecosystems of high ecological integrity, close to zero by 2030, while respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.



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GBF Targets - Target 3

Target 3: Area-based Conservation

Ensure and enable that by 2030 **at least 30 percent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and of marine and coastal areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are effectively conserved and managed** through ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories, where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories.



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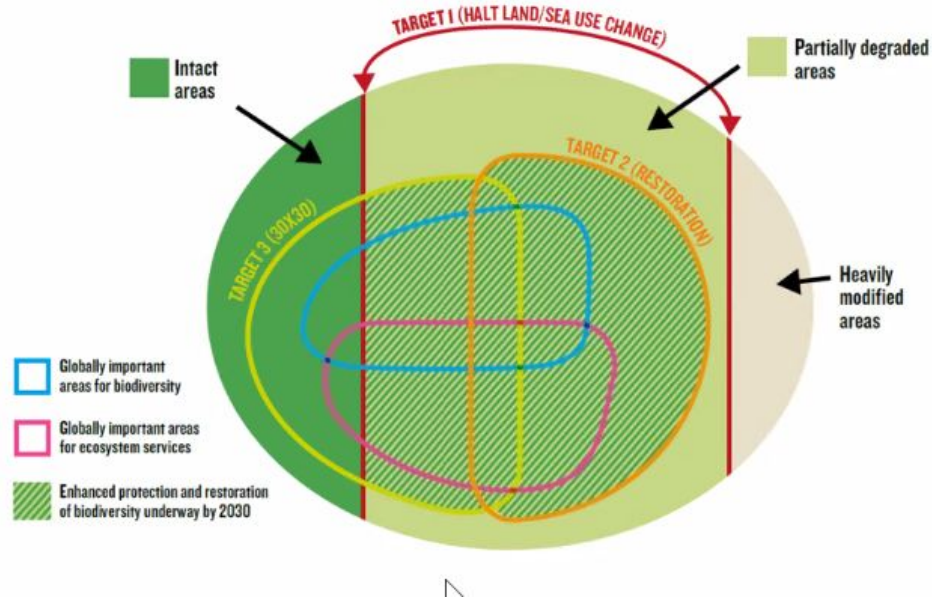


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Interlinkages between Targets



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What we heard from NRL

- **National targets:** 30% of areas in good condition by 2030-
Priority to Natura 2000.
- **Non-deterioration clause:** conditions of ecosystems do not worsen
- Art. 6 and 7: **exemptions for energy use** outside N2000
- Art. 13: **3 billion trees**
- **Climate change** impact scenarios
- **National plans by 2027**



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What we heard from NRL / Challenges

- **Governance:** alignment of priorities at all scales / ensuring compliance strong enforcement
- **Financing:** secure funds complex
- **Capacity:** technical knowledge needed / laco of admin capacity at subnational level
- **Multilevel challenge:** need for cross border coordination
- **Policy coherence:** with environment, energy projects etc
- **Stakeholder engagement:** risk of opposition



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Now it's time to hear YOU!!

- As a group that supports area-based conservation, where could we contribute in the restoration discussion?
- What are the key issues we want to make sure are taken into account when addressing restoration?



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Let's discuss it on MIRO



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Together, we'll produce a **position paper on restoration**

Who do we want to reach with this position paper?



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