IUCN GREEN LIST

PROTECTED AND CONSERVED AREAS

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Green List history

- 2008: Concept developed by WCPA – 1st pilot in Colombia 2010
- 2012: IUCN Resolution, pilot phase
- 2014: IUCN World Parks Congress pilot awards
- 2016: WCC Hawai’i; Green List in CBD COP Mexico Declaration
- 2017: IUCN Council approve Green List Standard
- 2018: Operational – CBD COP 14 EGYPT for award ceremony 2018
By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water areas and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscape and seascape.
What is the Green List?

- Global Standard
- Locally relevant process
- Certification

Voluntary

- Investment
- Improvement
- Recognition

Incentive

National and local commitment
Direct results

Improved capacity and exchange among peer networks of conservation experts and practitioners.

The IUCN Green List implementation and evaluation process identifies pathways and targets for action to achieve conservation success.

The IUCN Green List Programme certifies, celebrates and promotes protected and conserved areas that are effectively and fairly achieving their conservation goals.

Intermediate results

Growing recognition and support for protected and conserved areas through an effective area-based conservation standard.

More effective targeting and use of resources to achieve enhanced conservation impacts.

Value for managers, communities, partners, stakeholders.

Value for governing agencies, donors, investors, sponsors.

Long-term result

Increasing global area of well-designed, fairly governed, and effectively managed protected and conserved areas achieving their intended objectives, and contributing to global sustainability goals.
Verify performance

IUCN GREEN LIST STANDARD

Effective Management

Good Governance

Conservation Outcomes

Sound Design and Planning

IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas: Standard, Version 1.1
The global standard for protected areas in the 21st Century
COMPONENTS

• Three central elements to area-based conservation
• Combined, these deliver successful conservation outcomes

CRITERIA

• 17 criteria that describe success
• Globally consistent

INDICATORS

• 50 generic indicators
• Adaptable to a regional or national context
IUCN GREEN LIST STANDARD: COMPONENTS AND CRITERIA HEADLINES

1.1 Guarantee legitimacy and voice
1.2 Achieve transparency and accountability
1.3 Enable governance vitality and capacity to respond adaptively

2.1 Identify major site values
2.2 Design for long-term conservation
2.3 Understand threats and challenges
2.4 Understand social and economic context

3.1 Long-term management plan
3.2 Manage ecological conditions
3.3 Manage within social and economic context
3.4 Manage threats
3.5 Effectively enforce laws
3.6 Manage access and use
3.7 Measure success

4.1 Demonstrate conservation of major natural values
4.2 Demonstrate conservation of ecosystem services
4.3 Demonstrate conservation of major cultural values
<p>| Criterion 1.1 GUARANTEE LEGITIMACY AND VOICE | There are clearly defined, legitimate equitable and functional governance arrangements, in which the interests of civil society, rights-holders and stakeholders, are fairly represented and addressed, including those relating to the establishment or designation of the site. |
| Criterion 1.2 ACHIEVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY | Governance arrangements and decision-making processes are transparent and appropriately communicated, and responsibilities for implementation are clear, including a readily accessible process to identify, hear and resolve complaints, disputes, or grievances. |
| Criterion 1.3 ENABLE GOVERNANCE VITALITY AND CAPACITY TO RESPOND ADAPTIVELY | Planning and management draws on the best available knowledge of the social and ecological context of the site, using an adaptive management framework that anticipates, learns from and responds to change in its decision-making. |</p>
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<td>1.1 GUARANTEE LEGITIMACY AND VOICE</td>
<td>GLPCA-V1.1-1.1.1</td>
<td>The site's governance structure is clearly defined and documented and in accordance with relevant national or regional government, jurisdiction or recognised authority specifications.</td>
<td>Foundational documents or equivalent containing rules, bylaws, governance structure</td>
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<td>GLPCA-V1.1-1.1.2</td>
<td>The site's and local governance structures and mechanisms provide civil society, stakeholders and rights-holders with appropriate opportunities to participate in management planning, processes and actions.</td>
<td>Foundational documents or equivalent explaining rules, bylaws, governance structure Minutes of meetings during management plan development</td>
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<td>GLPCA-V1.1-1.1.4</td>
<td>Rights-holders and stakeholders are effectively involved in decision-making and the adaptive management of the site.</td>
<td>Clear identification of rights-holders and stakeholders Discussion with rights-holders and stakeholders Discussion with site managers</td>
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<td>3.6 MANAGE ACCESS, RESOURCE USE AND VISITATION</td>
<td>The types and levels of permitted activities are clearly described, and are compatible with the conservation of major site values</td>
<td>Description of permitted uses in management plan Consultation with site management Environmental impact studies Consultation with relevant experts</td>
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<td>3.7 MEASURE SUCCESS</td>
<td>For each of the major site values identified under Criterion 2.1, a monitoring system is in place and a set of performance measures has been defined and documented, which provides an objective basis for determining whether the associated value is being successfully protected</td>
<td>Monitoring programme documentation Discussion with site managers Consultation with relevant experts</td>
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- Establish EAGL
  - Convene expert group
  - Inspire commitment
  - Accredit and train
  - Additional mentors
  - COMPASS platform
  - REVIEWER

- Adapt Standard
  - EAGL review
  - Public and expert input
  - Approved version ready for use
  - Shared widely
  - Promote on COMPASS and Protected Planet

- Promote Green List
  - Share information
  - Encourage partnership
  - Site commitments
  - Self assessments
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Assign mentors
  - PANORAMA solutions
  - Begin review and evaluation
  - Visibility of sites on Protected Planet

- Recognise success and measure impact
  - Empower EAGL evaluations
  - Review and Assurance
  - Recognize success
  - Share solutions
  - Green List metrics demonstrate impacts
  - Showcase events

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SITE-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION

**Application Phase**
- Commit to achieve the Standard
- Identify stakeholders and supporters
- Provide a self-assessment
- Pass an evaluation and eligibility check

**Candidate Phase**
- Provide relevant evidence against all criteria
- Consult with stakeholders
- Receive a site visit
- Pass an evaluation and Reviewer check

**Green List Phase**
- Admitted by the independent IUCN Green List Committee
- Pass a mid-term review
- Address concerns and alerts that arise
- Pass a 5-year renewal review
‘Candidate’ for efforts

- Good Governance
- Sound Design and Planning
- Effective Management

Candidates work towards meeting all performance criteria
‘Green List’ for outcomes
ASSURANCE

• ISEAL Codes of Practice
• Accreditation Services International (ASI)
• Independent Reviewer assigned to each jurisdiction
• Comparison and compatibility with other programmes (FSC, Blue Flag, MEA designations)
DATA MANAGEMENT

• Cloud-based data platform: ‘Community of Protected Areas - Sustainability Standard’ (COMPASS)

• [Website URL]

• Address data gaps in global management effectiveness information
INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PROVIDER

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
- Approves standard and indicators
- Admits sites

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
- Technical reviewers of standard and indicators
- Approves jurisdictions
- Approves User Manual
- Strategy

OPERATIONS TEAM
- Green List Secretariat
- Updates User Manual

IUCN GREEN LIST COMMITTEE
- Approves process at each stage and provides training

P/CA STAFF
EAGLs
HOST ORGs
WCPA RVCs
WCPA GL SG
WCPA MARINE
WCPA PAME + SGs

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Green List Governance Structure

**GREEN LIST COMMITTEE**
- Chair is the Chair World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) or their appointee (non-voting)
- 7-9 Members are appointed by WCPA Chair through a transparent process of nomination/selection

**Main functions**
- Custodian of IUCN Green List Standard to ensure rigour and effectiveness
- Approves national indicator adaptations based on technical and process recommendations
- Admits evaluated areas to the Green List and oversees their renewal
- Members are also ambassadors to promote the Green List to a wide constituency
- Convenes Technical Expert Groups (including Standards-Committee)

**GREEN LIST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
- Chair is appointed by IUCN Director General (DG)
- 9-12 Members are appointed by DG after a transparent process of nomination/selection

**Main functions**
- Strategic development of the Green List Programme
- Accepts new jurisdictions in the Green List Programme
- Ensures global procedures for standard-setting, assurance, and impact assessment are fully ISEAL compliant
- Approves the IUCN Green List User Manual and ensures that it is fit for purpose
- Guides the Operations Team on the implementation of the Programme
- Reports annually to DG

**GREEN LIST STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
- Co-Chairs are appointed by Chair WCPA
- A further 8-10 Members are appointed by the Co-Chairs of the Standards Committee

**Main functions**
- Assesses proposed national indicator adaptations by jurisdictions and makes recommendations to the Green List Committee
- Undertakes independent technical review and maintenance of the Standard to ensure scientific integrity and makes recommendations to the Green List Committee
- Convenes technical working groups when necessary and provides guidance and training

**GREEN LIST OPERATIONS TEAM**
- Manager is the Director IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme (GPAP) or nominee
- Members appointed by GPAP Director

**Main functions**
- Serves as the Secretariat for the Committees and Green List Programme
- Implements decisions taken by the GLCPA Committee and Management Committee
- Develops globally applicable procedures and thematic work plans
- Convenes thematic working groups when needed
Application Phase for Areas commences

Stages of review and approval:
- Adapted indicators reviewed and recommended by IUCN Green List Committee
- STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Accepts jurisdiction from New jurisdiction commits:
- MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Supporting Partners:
- OPERATIONS TEAM
- P/CA STAFF
- EAGLs
- HOST ORGs
- WCPA RVCs
- WCPA PAME + SGs
- WCPA GL SG
- WCPA MARINE
THANK YOU!

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