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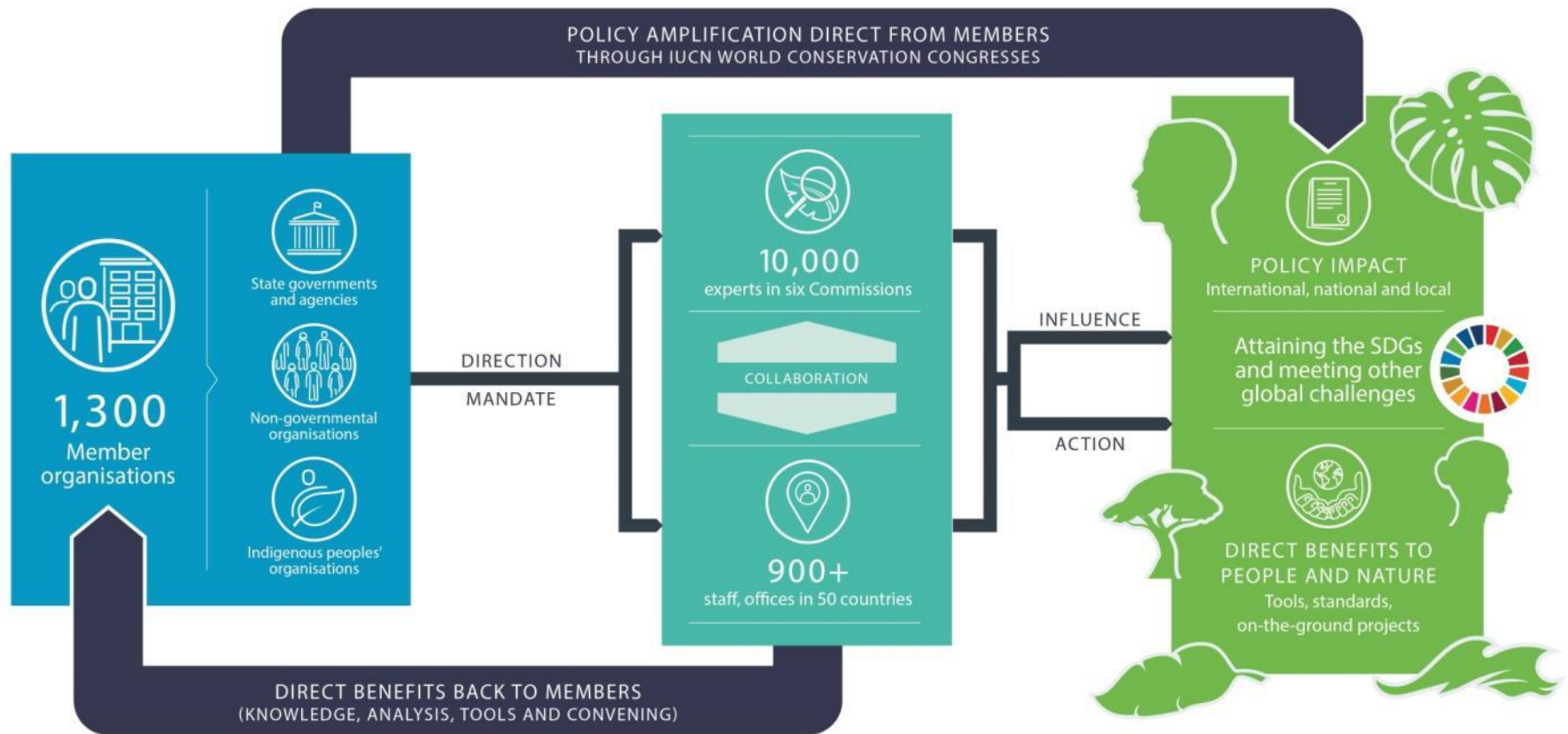
IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group Overview and progress

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TBC SG objectives



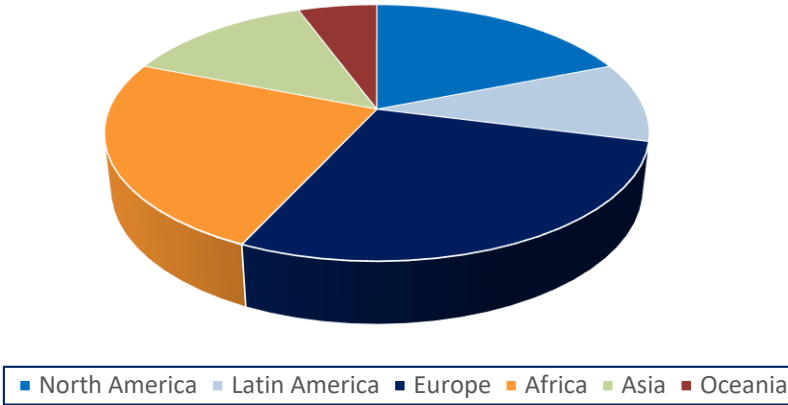
- Support CBD Parties in delivering the goals and targets of the **CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas**
- Support transboundary conservation initiatives through improved **knowledge management, networking** and **capacity building**



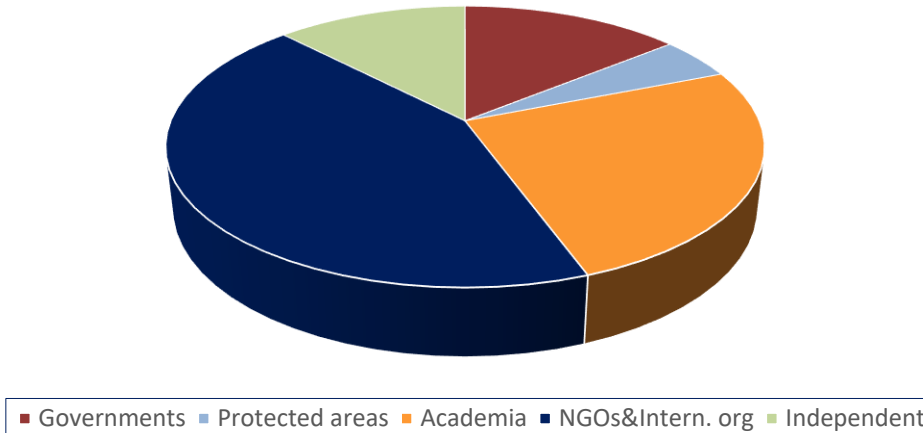
Membership

- Established in 1997
- **The largest global network of transboundary conservation specialists**
- 260+ members
- Voluntary network of experts
- Representing protected area administrations, government agencies, NGOs, international organisations, universities, private foundations

Members by regions



Members by sector



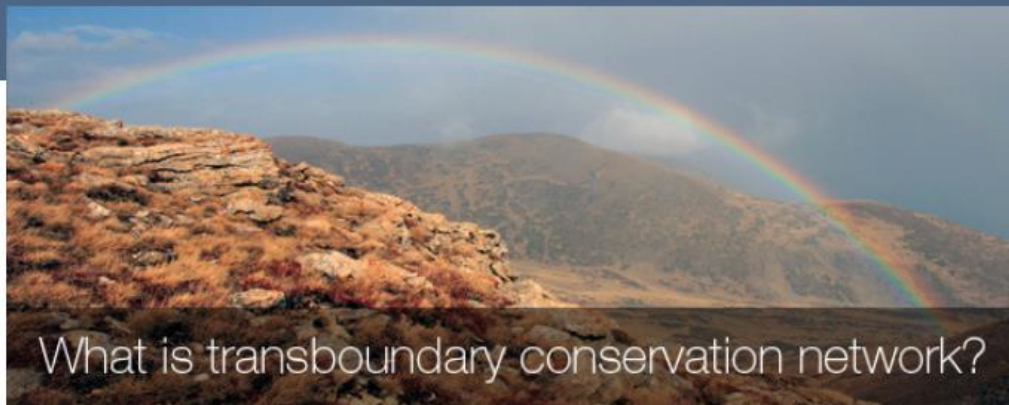
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The **Global Transboundary Conservation Network** brings together more than 200 experts in transboundary conservation. The network was launched at the Vth IUCN World Parks Congress and is facilitated by Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group of [IUCN](#) [WCPA](#) (World Commission on Protected Areas). [IUCN](#) (International Union for Conservation of Nature) is the world's oldest and largest global environmental network with a membership of more than 1,000 organisations and 10,000 volunteer experts organised through six [Commissions](#). The Global Transboundary Conservation Network offers expertise and guidance on all aspects of transboundary conservation planning, management and

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New IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on transboundary conservation now available online. Read the news [here](#) and download the Guidelines [here](#).

FEATURING VIDEOS

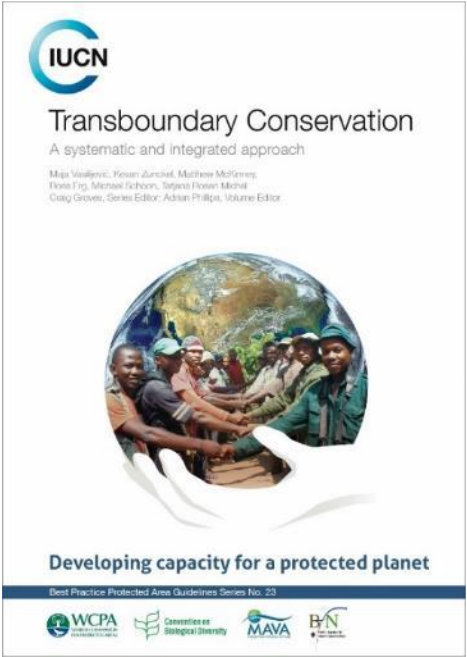
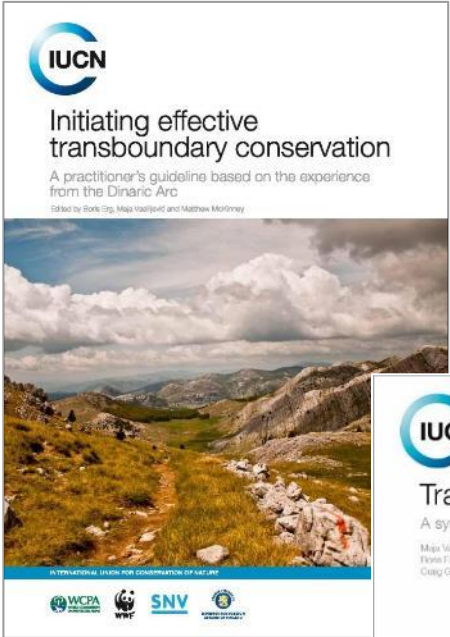
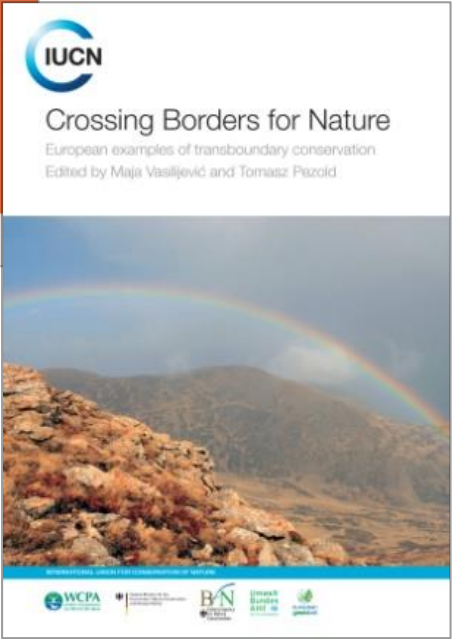
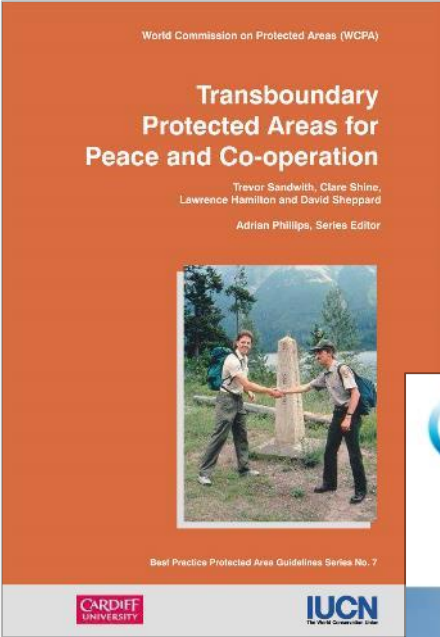


Transcending Boundaries: Perspectives from



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Knowledge products



TBC Diagnostic tool



Assesses:

- the **need** for TBC
- **readiness** of stakeholders to initiate TBC
- **opportunities** that could speed up the process and/or be generated by TBC
- **risks** that could slow the process

'S' QUESTIONS: Stakeholders
OPPORTUNITY ('S3')
Instructions and results
List the 'S3' questions evaluated with 5 points: _____
'Opportunity' statements
There are a number of opportunities, namely: _____ (list the 'S3' question areas evaluated with 5 points)
RISK ('S4')
Instructions and results
List the 'S4' questions evaluated with 1 point: _____
'Risk' statements
There are a number of risks, namely: _____ (list the 'S4' question areas evaluated with 1 point)

Training module on TBC

- Draws on the **IUCN WCPA TBC Guidelines**
- Aimed to **enable practitioners** on national, regional and local level to effectively **plan, initiate and institutionalize transboundary conservation**
- Tailored to experts and practitioners interested in **initiating and institutionalizing transboundary conservation**
- Training modules covers all major **definitions and terms and steps** to initiate a TBC initiative
- Includes a **trainer's manual**
- Developed in partnership with the **German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)**

TBC training module



TBC SG's advisory role



- **Provide advice on TBC establishment, management and process to planners and managers**
- **Develop statements and policy recommendations of global and regional importance** (e.g. A Statement on Transboundary Conservation for Biodiversity and Peace, CBD COP12; Promise of Sydney – Governance Stream, WPC, Sydney, 2014, Razor wire and nature in Europe, 2015)
- **Evaluate transboundary UNESCO World Heritage nominations** (e.g. Dauria Landscapes, Russia/Mongolia, 2014)
- **World Heritage Conservation Outlook Assessment**
- **Convene international workshops and events** (e.g. International workshop, Thayatal NP, 2013; Best Practice Guidelines' pre-launch, WPC Sydney, 2014; Governance of TBCAs, Hands across Borders, USA/Canada 2016)



Partnership network

Cooperation at multiple levels and partnerships with a number of partners, incl. EUROPARC Federation, Southern African Development Community (SADC), International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), MAVA Foundation, The University of Montana, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)



Next steps

Develop a comprehensive **global database** of TBCAs, based on new WCPA's definitions

Develop guidance on **monitoring and evaluation** of the effectiveness of TBC programmes

Test and improve the diagnostic tool to assess the feasibility for TBC

Support TBC as a practical way to **encourage cooperation** across international boundaries

Support implementation of a variety of **formal and informal models of TBC governance**

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