

Workshop 5 Health and Protected Areas

30 participants from 19 countries

1. Main successes and Challenges raised by the participants during the workshop

Main successes

- Interest in health and protected areas is growing fast
- Lots of good practice examples at the national, regional and individual protected area level
- An active EUROPARC commission!

And challenges

- Engaging the health sector more effectively at all levels
- More evidence on the health outcomes of specific interventions by protected area
- Sustaining and scaling up individual projects

2. What new voices, new visions are needed to be brought in and heard on this topic?

- New alliances, partnerships and projects with the health and social care sector and other relevant stakeholders and groups
- Develop and promote European version of the Healthy Parks, Healthy People principles

3. How can EUROPARC enable this “new voices” to be included?

- Establish links and networks with health sector at European level
- Scope and develop a demonstration project on health and protected areas with EU and industry funding