

# README: GMBA SDG 15.4.1 Calculator

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“Intersection\_Official” and “Intersection GMBA” are based on code by Ash Simkins & Lizzie Pearmain, March 2020

## Purpose:

This project contains a set of scripts used to calculate mountain biodiversity protections utilizing the GMBA mountain inventory V2.0. Contents of this project are aimed at improving reporting progress towards SDG 15.4.1 by disaggregating calculations to the mountain level

## Data Availability:

The most recent version of world database on protected areas (WDPA) can be accessed through the website: <https://www.protectedplanet.net/en/thematic-areas/wdpa?tab=WDPA>. Data on key biodiversity areas (KBA) can be accessed by request via this form: <https://www.keybiodiversityareas.org/kba-data/request>. The GMBA mountain inventory is accessible online: <https://www.earthenv.org/mountains>. Preselection of mountainous KBAs provided by Bird Life International as one of the indicator custodians, and the data file is available as part of our repository: [https://github.com/GMBA-biodiversity/SDG15.4.1\\_Calculator/tree/master/data/KBA/kba\\_class\\_2020.csv](https://github.com/GMBA-biodiversity/SDG15.4.1_Calculator/tree/master/data/KBA/kba_class_2020.csv)

## Setup:

The results of this analysis are reproducible using only this repo, and all r required input data files. To do so:

1. Clone this repository
2. Download additional required data files (see above)
3. Run the desired analysis (see below for details)

## Intersection\_Official.R :

Calculate the % coverage of mountainous Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) by Protected Areas (PAs) using the official SDG method. For any KBA that overlaps with a GMBA polygon, the *full* KBA is overlapped with all PAs to determine the % coverage. For KBAs that increase in size, each additional entry is the additional overlap. Initial output results are *not* cumulative. Adapted from the Birdlife International script: (<https://github.com/BirdLifeInternational/kba-overlap>)

**Output:**

- `/results/finaltab_official_‘YEAR_RUN’.csv` : table with % added coverage for each KBA
- `/results/results_official/...` : folder with country-specific results

**Intersection\_GMBA.R**

Calculate the % coverage of mountainous Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) by Protected Areas (PAs) using the new GMBA proposed method. For any KBA that overlaps with a GMBA polygon, the *KBA is cropped* by the mountain range, and then overlapped with all PAs to determine the % coverage. For KBAs that increase in size, each additional entry is the additional overlap. Initial output results are *not* cumulative. Adapted from the Birdlife International script:

(<https://github.com/BirdLifeInternational/kba-overlap>)

**Output:**

- `/results/finaltab_gmba_‘YEAR_RUN’.csv` : table with % coverage of each mountainous area of each KBA as identified by the GMBA polygons
- `/results/results_mt/...` : folder with mountain range-specific results

**Additional Scripts:****Data\_Prep\_for\_Visuals.R**

To simplify aggregation and translate the data to show cumulative coverage for every year, this script reads in the results of a previous run (updated by user in section 1.2), and outputs multiple aggregation files.

**Output:** Four main output files are created after running the above script:

- `results/results_all_years.csv` : cumulative coverage by KBA for every year starting with the minimum year in the result file when using the official SDG 15.4.1 method. Each row is the total coverage for a KBA in that year. All aggregations for official results come from this dataset
- `results/results_gmba_all_years.csv` : cumulative coverage by KBA for every year starting with the minimum year in the result file when using the GMBA proposed method. Each row is the total coverage for a KBA in that year. All aggregations for official results come from this dataset
- `results/clean_data_for_visuals_range_MONTHYEAR.csv` : All range-level aggregations for both official WCMC method and GMBA proposed method
  - Country\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Area
  - Range\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Area
  - CountryRange\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Area
  - Country\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Site
  - Range\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Site
  - CountryRange\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Site
  - Country\_Highland\_KBAPA\_GMBA\_Area
  - Range\_Highland\_KBAPA\_GMBA\_Area
  - CountryRange\_Highland\_KBAPA\_GMBA\_Area
- `results/clean_data_for_visuals_system_MONTHYEAR.csv` : All range-level aggregations for both official WCMC method and GMBA proposed method

- System\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Area
- CountrySystem\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Area
- System\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Site
- CountrySystem\_Highland\_KBAPA\_WCMC\_Site
- System\_Highland\_KBAPA\_GMBA\_Area
- CountrySystem\_Highland\_KBAPA\_GMBA\_Area

See associated publication (Ly et al. 2023) for details on aggregation levels