



CCPAWA Inception meeting

‘Climate Change and Protected Areas in West Africa’

Banjul, The Gambia, 30th March - 1st April 2011

The project

CCPAWA is a full-size GEF project focusing on the issues of climate change and protected areas. It is being managed by UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), which has developed the project proposal and secured co-financing.

The project will run from 2011 to 2015. The geographic scope of the project covers 5 pilot countries in West Africa: Chad, Gambia, Mali, Sierra Leone, and Togo. An additional 3 countries will participate in preparatory activities relating to transboundary conservation (Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana).

The project represents a significant body of work to be undertaken across a wide geographic area. There are potentially huge benefits to the whole West Africa region from using the tools developed to increase the resilience of protected areas to climate change. The project will also allow for additional transboundary conservation initiatives. To achieve these aims, the project will require significant support from all its local, regional, and international partners.

Objectives of the inception meeting

- Launch the full implementation of the project.
- Review the project planning with country representatives and technical partners.
- Present the data situation and outline the data collection strategy.
- Discuss the communication strategy (website and data portal).
- Conduct initial training sessions on climate change, vulnerability assessments, mapping, conservation planning and transboundary networks.

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 30th March

9:00	Welcoming remarks	Gambia representative
9:20-9:30	Opening session	Charles Besancon (UNEP-WCMC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan of the meeting• Introduction of all partners, UNEP GEF and country representatives	
9:30-10:00	Presentation General Project Overview	Elise Belle (UNEP-WCMC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNEP-WCMC• Climate change impact on PAs• The project: aim, components, timeline, outputs, structure	
10:00-11:15	Presentations Country profiles (15mins)	All country representatives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Gambia• Togo• Mali• Chad• Sierra Leone• Burkina Faso	
11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12:00-12:30	Presentation Climate Change and Protected Areas	Neil Burgess (Lead Scientist)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Importance of PAs and effective management• Different impacts of CC on PAs• Tools available• Types of measures	
12:30-13:00	Presentation Summary of Baseline studies	Elise Belle (UNEP-WCMC) Bora Masumbuko (IUCN PAPACO)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baseline study A: Identifying current data gaps and status of data acquisition for CC and PAs in West Africa• Baseline study B: Current state of research and understanding of the links between CC, PAs and communities• Baseline study C: State of political tools, institutional capacities and awareness levels in relation to CC and PAs in West Africa	
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30-15:00	Presentation Year 1 activities & data requirements	Charles Besancon (UNEP-WCMC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data review conclusions	

- National data collection (Priority data area: boundary information, management effectiveness, IUCN categories, type of financing, conservation goals, species distribution, habitat distribution)
- Vulnerability assessments and CC modelling
- Development of a communication strategy (website and data portal)
- Regional framework for long term monitoring

15:00

Tea break

15:30-1630 Discussion Year 1 and data collection All country representatives

- Discuss and agree on data to collect, activities, and timelines
- Possible activities:
 - Field surveys of PA boundaries
 - Digitisation of existing maps
 - Data collection from national databases (species and habitats)
 - Management effectiveness assessments

Thursday 31st March

9:30-10:00 Presentation Climate change impact on biodiversity Steve Willis (Durham University)

- Modelling climate change impact on biodiversity
- Scenarios at the global scale
- Downscaling the global models

10:00-11:00 Presentation Climate change modelling (PRECIS) Richard Jones (Hadley Centre)

- Regional Climate Models (RCMs)
- PRECIS: 'Providing Regional Climates for Impacts Studies'
- Creating regional climate scenarios using PRECIS

11:00

Coffee break

11:30-12:00 Presentation Climate change, biodiversity & people Neil Burgess (Lead Scientist)

- Ecosystem services provided by PAs
- Effects of changing climate on ecosystems and people:
 - Changes in temperatures
 - Modification of precipitations
 - Rising sea levels
- Reference to Natural Solutions publication

12:00-12:30 Presentation West Africa region: PAs, institutions Bora Masumbuko (IUCN PAPACO)

- West African institutions
- PAs in West Africa

- Projects running
- Challenges of the region

12:30

Lunch

14:00-15:00 Discussion Country needs & expected outcomes All country representatives

- Identification of issues with regards to CC and PAs
- Countries needs from the project

15:00

Tea break

15:30-16:00 Presentation Mapping and conservation planning Bob Smith (DICE)

- Use of mapping in conservation management
- Designing protected areas
- Demonstration of case studies
- Long term monitoring of CC impacts on PAs

16:00-17:00 Discussion Advantages/constraints of the methods All country representatives

- Capacity to use of GIS in country
- Advantages of simplified online mapping tool
- Practical applications of conservation planning

Friday 1st April

9:30-10:00 Presentation GEF reporting requirements Esther Mwangi (UNEP GEF)

- UNEP DEPI
- GEF reporting requirements

10:00-10:30 Presentation Vulnerability Assessments and CC adaptation planning

Steve Willis (Durham University) & Ken Mwathe (Birdlife)

- Assessing vulnerability of PA systems to CC
- VA modelling of the effectiveness of PAs under CC
- CC adaptation planning

10:30-11:00 Presentation Communication and project website Elise Belle (UNEP-WCMC)

- Knowledge management
- CCPAWA website
- Data portal
- Demo mapping tool

11:00

Coffee break

11:30-12:30	Discussion	Website design & data portal	All country representatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design for website (different fonts and colours)• Website branding• Use of data portal and mapping tool			
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:00-14:30	Presentation	Transboundary networks and corridors	Rob Small (FFI)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advantages of transboundary PAs and corridors• Case study in West Africa			
14:30-15:30	Discussion	Regional conservation strategies and national priorities	All country representatives
15:30-16:00	Conclusion of the meeting		UNEP-WCMC and Gambia representative

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