CCPAWA Inception meeting agenda

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

**Wednesday 30th March**

9:00-9:10 Presentation Opening session UNEP-WCMC

* Welcoming remarks by Project Manager/Leader
* Importance of the project for West African countries
* Plan of the meeting
* Introduction of partners and country representatives

9:10-9:40 Presentation General Project Overview UNEP-WCMC

* UNEP-WCMC
* Climate change impact on PAs
* The project: aim, components, timeline, outputs, organisational structure
* Summary

9:40-10:10 Presentation Climate Change and Protected Areas Lead Scientist

* Different impacts of CC on PAs
* Tools available
* Types of measures

10:10-10:40 Presentation Summary of Baseline studies IUCN PAPACO

* 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

*10:40 Coffee break*

11:10-11:25 Presentation National Data requirements UNEP-WCMC

* Data needed to implement the project
* Priority data area (PPG): PA boundary information, categories, management effectiveness, type of PA financing, conservation goals, species distribution, habitat distribution

11:25-12:10 Discussion National data collection All

* 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

*12:10 Lunch*

13:30-14:00 Training/pres Vulnerability Assessment approaches UNEP-WCMC

* Different possible approaches

National data collection IUCN PAPACO

* Methods for efficient data collection

14:00-14:30 Training/pres Climate Change scenarios Hadley Centre

* Current science behind climate change
* Scenarios at the global scale
* Downscaling the global models

*14:30 Tea break*

15:00-16:00 Training Climate change modelling (PRECIS) Hadley Centre

* PRECIS: Providing Regional Climates for Impacts Studies
* A regional climate modelling system (RCM)
* How does it work?

**Thursday 31st March**

9:00-9:30 Presentation Climate change, biodiversity and people (C2) Birdlife / FFI

* Ecosystem services provided by PAs
* Effects of changing climate on ecosystems and people:
  + - Changes in temperatures
    - Modification of precipitations
    - Rising sea levels

9:00-9:30 Presentation Gap analysis and spatial planning (C2) IUCN PAPACO

* Assessing PA coverage and connectivity for important areas
* Updating national assessment on status of threatened species
* Mapping legal and policy frameworks
* Reviewing global resource management practices

9:30-10:30 Presentation Country profiles All countries

* The Gambia
* Togo
* Mali
* Chad
* Sierra Leone

*10:30 Coffee break*

11:00-11:15 Presentation Year one activities and work plan UNEP-WCMC

* Activities for year one:
  + - Data review and gap filling strategy
    - National data collection
    - Preparation for modelling (VA approaches and CC modelling)
    - Development of a communication strategy
    - Knowledge management and data portal
    - Regional framework for long term monitoring

11:15-12:00 Discussion Implementation of year one activities All

* Discussion of the implementation of each activit

*12:00 Lunch*

13:30-14:00 Training Protected Areas effective management IUCN PAPACO

13:30-14:00 Training Protected Area Systems IUCN PAPACO

* Importance of PAs
* Use of IUCN categories
* Effective management

14:00-14:30 Training Species Vulnerability Assessments Durham / IUCN SP

* Different methodologies to assess species vulnerability to CC
* Traits associated with increased susceptibility to CC (IUCN SP)

14:00-14:30 Training PA Vulnerability Assessments Durham / IUCN SP

* VA modelling of the effectiveness of PAs under CC
* Assessing the vulnerability of individual PAs to CC

*14:30 Tea break*

15:00-16:00 Training Use of GIS DICE

* What it GIS?
* GIS for conservation management
* Demonstration of examples with ArcGIS

**Friday 1st April**

9:00-9:30 Presentation Communication strategy UNEP-WCMC

9:30-10:00 Presentation Trans-boundary networks and corridors (C3) Birdlife / FFI

* Advantages of trans-boundary PAs and corridors
* Pilot management plans and policy implementation support

10:00-10:30 Presentation Mapping as a monitoring and evaluation tool UNEP-WCMC

*10:30 Coffee break*

11:00-11:15PresentationData portal and mapping tool UNEP-WCMC

11:15-12:00 Discussion Website design, branding and data entry All

*12:00 Lunch*

13:30-14:00 Training Knowledge management and communication UNEP-WCMC

* Communication approaches and strategy
* Knowledge management: website and data portal

14:00-14:30 Training Conservation planning and monitoring DICE

* Designing protected areas
* Long term monitoring of CC impacts on PAs
* Management techniques

*14:30 Tea break*

15:00-16:00 Training Management techniques UNEP-WCMC

16:00-16:30 PresentationConclusion of the meeting UNEP-WCMC