DRAFT CCPAWA Inception meeting agenda

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

**Wednesday 30th March**

9:00 Welcome all participants

9:20-9:30 Opening session UNEP-WCMC

* Welcoming remarks by Project Manager/Leader
* Plan of the meeting
* Introduction of partners and country representatives

9:30-10:00 Presentation General Project Overview UNEP-WCMC

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

10:00-11:15 Presentation/Discussion Country profiles (15mins) All countries

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

*11:15 Coffee break*

11:45-12:15 Presentation Climate Change and Protected Areas Lead Scientist

* Importance of PAs and effective management
* Different impacts of CC on PAs
* Tools available
* Types of measures

12:15-12:45 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

*12:45 Lunch*

14:00-14:30 Presentation Year one activities and work plan UNEP-WCMC

* 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

14:30-14:45 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

*14:45 Tea break*

15:15-16:15 Discussion National data collection All countries

* 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 scenarios IUCN SP/DICE

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

10:00-11:00 Training Climate change modelling (PRECIS) Hadley/All countries

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

*11:00 Coffee break*

11:30-12:00 Presentation Climate change, biodiversity and people Birdlife/FFI

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

12:00-12:30 Presentation Gap analysis and spatial planning DICE

* 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

*12:30 Lunch*

13:45-14:45 Discussion Country expectations All countries

* Identification of issues with regards to CC and PAs
* Countries expectations from the project

*14:45 Tea break*

15:15-15:45 Training/Presentation Mapping as a conservation tool DICE

* What is GIS?
* Use of mapping in conservation management
* Demonstration of case studies

15:45-16:15 Discussion Advantages and constraints of using GIS All countries

* Capacity to use of GIS in country
* Usefulness of GIS in practical conservation planning
* Advantages of simplified online mapping tool

**Friday 1st April**

9:30-10:00 Presentation Vulnerability Assessments Durham/IUCN SP

* Different methodologies to assess species vulnerability to CC
* Traits associated with increased susceptibility
* VA modelling of the effectiveness of PAs under CC

10:00-10:30PresentationCommunication and project website UNEP-WCMC

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

*10:30 Coffee break*

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

* Design for website (different fonts and colours)
* Website branding
* Use of data portal and mapping tool

*12:00 Lunch*

13:15-13:45 Presentation Trans-boundary networks and corridors Birdlife/FFI

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

13:45-14:15 Training Conservation planning and monitoring DICE

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

*14:15 Tea break*

14:15-15:15 Discussion Conservation strategies and national priorities All countries

15:15-15:30 Conclusion of the meeting UNEP-WCMC