Information Sheet for FREE, PRIOR AND INFORMED CONSENT for the Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas Registry (the "ICCA Registry")

About the ICCA Registry

The ICCA Registry is a database of information about Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs). It aims to document the role of ICCAs in biodiversity conservation and livelihoods and to make some of this information accessible to the public through a highly visual and informative website. Communities can choose whether or not their information is made available to the public.

Who is involved in the ICCA Registry?

The ICCA Registry is operated by the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). UNEP-WCMC is working with partners to develop the ICCA Registry. These partners include the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), government agencies, NGOs, international grant-making bodies and of course, indigenous peoples and local community organisations. A full list of ICCA Registry partners can be found at www.iccaregistry.org.

How will information and data provided to the ICCA Registry be used?

Information and data provided to the ICCA Registry will be used for:
- **Global and national-level analyses that document the status of ICCAs and their contribution to conservation.** The analytical results and maps will be available to the public via the Registry website at www.iccaregistry.org.
- **Increasing global awareness of ICCAs through a visual presence on the internet.** Information, such as the name and size of the ICCA and associated communities, would be viewable through an interactive website using on-line maps.

Who will benefit from the ICCA Registry?

The ICCA Registry partners envisage benefits for indigenous peoples in terms of:
- increased awareness of the conservation value of ICCAs and ICCA governance models;
- greater engagement of local and traditional communities in policy arenas;
- promotion of locally appropriate official recognition of ICCAs.

Researchers, academics, companies and the general public will be able to appreciate the ecological and cultural values that ICCAs conserve and be better informed the role of ICCAs in biodiversity conservation.

Does participation in the ICCA Registry affect our rights to own and control data?

Data and information about ICCAs collected by or on behalf of indigenous peoples or local communities are likely, under national laws, to be owned by those indigenous peoples or local communities. Ownership rights of data or information are usually referred to as "intellectual property rights".

UNEP-WCMC and the other ICCA Registry partners will respect your intellectual property rights, and the intellectual property rights of the indigenous peoples or local communities you represent, in any data and information collected by you and provided to the ICCA Registry. UNEP-WCMC will not use this data or

information for commercial purposes, nor will it be transferred to third parties for commercial purposes. It is made clear to all users that they may not use the data and information for commercial purposes either, without the permission of UNEP-WCMC. This permission will not be given without your free, prior and informed consent.

Any information in the public domain may, at a later stage, be incorporated and adapted into new databases or products by third parties, which would then receive their own protection under the law of copyright.

Other legal issues

Data and information contained in the ICCA Registry are made available to third party users on the condition that use of the data is their own responsibility and risk. In other words, neither UNEP-WCMC, nor its ICCA partners, nor any providers of data to the ICCA Registry may be held legally responsible for any problems that occur with the data or information.

Do we have any say over how the information is displayed and used?

In order to protect your legal rights in intellectual property, the ICCA Registry allows you to control the extent to which data and information about ICCAs are shared with the public. Before accepting any data or information from you, it is necessary that you complete a "Free Prior and Informed Consent Form" ("FPIC Signature Form"). The FPIC Signature Form asks you to specify which level of access is to be given to different kinds of information. These levels of access are explained further below.

Finally, indigenous peoples and local communities can withdraw their participation at any time by contacting the ICCA Registry Managers who will remove the relevant data and information. However, it may not be possible to remove the information from publications by third parties derived from the data if those publications are already in the public domain.

You may still have concerns, for instance, the risks that could arise from popularising or publicising your site and initiative. If so, please contact the ICCA Registry Contacts (details given below) who will be glad to discuss these concerns with you and hopefully work out a solution that it acceptable.

What levels of access are provided to data and information submitted to the ICCA Registry?

Information for the Registry can be shared in four ways. You select the level of access that will be given to the data and information you provide. This is done, initially, in the FPIC Signature Form, although you are entitled to change the level of access given to different kinds of data and information.

Level 1: Display and Download
Information is open and available in the World Database of Protected Areas (www.wdpa.org) and the ICCA Registry. This requires compulsory minimum descriptive and spatial data. The data included in the WDPA will be used according to the Terms and Conditions as found at http://www.protectedplanet.net/termsandconditions. Note that, under these terms, data and information included in the WDPA may be downloaded and published (with proper attribution) by third party users. However, commercial use of WDPA data is prohibited without express permission from UNEP-WCMC.

Level 2: Display
Information is available to all on the ICCA Registry website but not available for download.

Level 3: Password Protected Access
Information is available to ICCA Registry Managers, and to others with the prior permission of the information providers (permission given on a case by case basis from representatives of the relevant indigenous peoples of local communities on the basis of free, prior and informed consent)

<u>**Level 4: Analysis Only, No Access**</u>
Information is not available to anyone other than ICCA Registry Managers, under any circumstance.

If you decide not to allow public access to data or information (i.e. Level 4), you should be aware that this data could still be used in national or global analyses of ICCAs and their role in conservation, although every effort will be taken not to identify your ICCA by name.

<u>What kind of information can be provided to the ICCA Registry?</u>

Information can be provided to the ICCA Registry through (a) the online ICCA Registry questionnaire, and (b) the creation of a case study webpage on your ICCA. The information collected by these will include:

1. Descriptive or general information about your ICCA (collected through a questionnaire, interview, existing documents, participatory discussions or field observations)
2. Analysis and opinions regarding various aspects of your ICCA (collected as above)
3. Photos and videos regarding the ICCA, the community, local management, and conservation impacts. Clips of interviews and quotations from community members, and/or others associated with or knowledgeable about the ICCA, are also valuable contributions.
4. Maps and/or spatial data that can provide information about the point location of the ICCA (fig. 1) or the exact boundaries of the ICCA (fig. 2).

Any of the information and data you provide may be used for national and/or global analyses, but you will specifically agree about which data you want to be made available to the public, and to what extent. New information can be added and existing information updated or removed at the request of the data provider.

Figure1: Point locations on a map

Figure 2: Boundary data on a map

<u>How will confidential or sensitive information be treated?</u>

UNEP-WCMC will not publish or disclose any confidential information about personal identity or any other data that you have indicated to us is confidential or sensitive. As noted above, if you wish access to any specific data or information to be restricted, you may request this by ticking the relevant boxes in the FPIC Signature Form or, later on, at the time the information is provided.

<u>Getting Started</u>

The ICCA handbook sets out a step-by-step guide on how to begin contributing to the ICCA Registry. Before accepting any data or information, we need to ensure that we have your community's free prior and informed consent to the use of that data and information in the way described in this information sheet and the ICCA

Handbook. This consent is indicated through the FPIC Signature Form, signed by an authorised representative of your community.

<u>Contacts for Further Information</u>

If you have any queries or concerns surrounding the ICCA Registry, please feel free to contact us for further information.

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