# The ICCA Consortium in 2013 A year of consolidation... Report to the VIth General Assembly of Valdeavellano, 6 Oct. 2013



## The Consortium's...

Mission: promoting the appropriate recognition of, and support to, indigenous peoples' and community conserved territories & areas (ICCAs) at local, national & international level

<u>Members</u>: Indigenous Peoples' organizations (IPOs), local communities' organizations (CBOs) and NGOs working closely with them in support to ICCAs

<u>Honorary members</u>: individuals with experience, capacity and commitment to pursue the ICCA Consortium's mission

<u>Partners</u>: suitable organizations willing to collaborate with the ICCA Consortium in its mission and work

The organs of the Association are:
The General Assembly
The Steering Committee
The Auditor of Accounts

we seek decision-making by consensus we resort to voting if consensus proves impossible, voting rights are for Members who paid dues

- Founded informally in 2008, at WPC in Spain
- Officially created in Switzerland in July 2010





 Vision and programme developed in Japan in 2010 (CBD COP 10)

 Proposals written and submitted, funding obtained in 2011 from TCF and GEF SGP



Action plan developed by key members & coordinators (Indonesia, Oct. 2011)

Important international recognition (India, Oct 2012)



# How does the Consortium work?

with and through its Members and Honorary Members and with the impulse of Coordinators, mostly self-directed

## ➤ seeking

- awareness & understanding
- $\circ$  capacities
- $\circ$  better policies
- better practices

## > at three levels

- o local
- o national
- o international



area of impact	aiming at what?	by what kind of initiatives?
	strength,	<ul> <li>grassroots discussions</li> <li>indicators for self-monitoring</li> <li>conceive and carry out initiatives to strengthen and restore ICCAs (GEF SGP funding and others)</li> <li>linking with national ICCA networks and federations</li> <li>inscription in the ICCA Registry</li> <li>exchange visits</li> <li>tools: Photostories, Resilience and Security Tool, etc.</li> </ul>

### Examples of local, ICCA-based initiatives

- Senegal (radio programmes, visits and advice in the region, two new ICCAs requested formal approval by regional council)
- Bolivia (Grassroots discussions + Photostory, R&S Tool, links with other initiatives)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (grassroots and district-level discussions and workshops in several locations)
- Iran (multiple initiatives with MIP)
- Kenya (Photostory/ Film, R&S Tool on going work with local rights)
- Nepal (2 Photostories in the making, R&S Tool, )
- Taiwan (discussions with IP communities)
- Niger (GEF SGP project under development)
- India (Grassroots dis.+ Photostory, R&S Tool, links with other initiatives)
- Paraguay (Photostory/ diapositives, R&S Tool- on going)
- Argentina (Capacity building of communities inside national park)
- Guatemala (Discussions with leaders of IP communities, building of selfawareness and capacities )
- Canada (major forthcoming workshop- visibility, capacities, joint planning

Area of impact	aiming at	by what kind of initiatives?
	what?	
Civil society	engaged	Coalitions and federations,
organisations	civil society	exchange visits, mutual
directly	capacities	learning
concerned	and leaders	
with ICCAs		New Consortium Members
		Collaborating for relevant
		national, regional and
		international events

### Examples of "civil society-related" regional initiatives:

- South America (regional meeting in Chile)
- Central America (regional meeting, establishment of a Central America network, alerts diffused, ideas of a joint project...)
- Mekong Region (project proposal developed for 2014)
- Amazon Region (project proposal developed for 2014)

Area of impact	Aiming at what?	By what kind of initiatives?
	Concrete steps towards more appropriate legislation, policy and practice in support for ICCAs National ICCA champions?	Tailored initiatives on a country- by country basis Alerts Capacity building Direct lobbying of decision makers

Examples of "national" initiatives in 2013

- The Philippines (support to national ICCA Consortium)
- Taiwan (focused mission prepared by local members, including discussions with IP communities, meetings with high level officials, radio interviews, university lectures, etc.)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (project developed and funded to lobby for national change in ICCA-related legislation and policy)
- Spain (new society for the study, recognition and support of the commons under development)
- Indonesia (national meeting and capacity building)
- Iran (National federation, multiple initiatives)
- Nepal (GEF SGP attempted project)

Area of impact	Aiming at what?	By what kind of initiatives?
International organizations and policies International I P org.	ICCA contributions better recognised towards CBD Aichi Targets, ecosystem functions, sust.livelihoods, CC mitig. & adaptation, disaster prevention, fulfilment of IP and LC collective rights	Publications with IUCN and UN bodies Policy briefs on ICCAs & Aichi T., ICCAs & ecosystem functions, ICCAs & PAs Active presence at UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD COPs and other regional and international events (e.g. EMRIP, RRI conf., Tatra, GEF NGO Network)



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### Governance of Protected Areas

From understanding to action

Grazia Bornin-Feyerabend, Nigel Dudiey, Tilman Jaeger, Barbara Lassen, Neema Pathak, Adrian Phillips and Trevor Sandwith



### Developing capacity for a protected planet

The ICCA

Consortium

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Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series No.20

Convention on Biological Direction

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IUCN World Parks Congress Sydney 2014

Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions 12-19 November 2014

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### Programme

#### Streams



Reaching Conservation Goals Responding to Climate Change Improving Health and Well-Being Supporting Human Life Reconciling Development Challenges Enhancing the Diversity and Quality of Governance

Respecting Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge and Culture

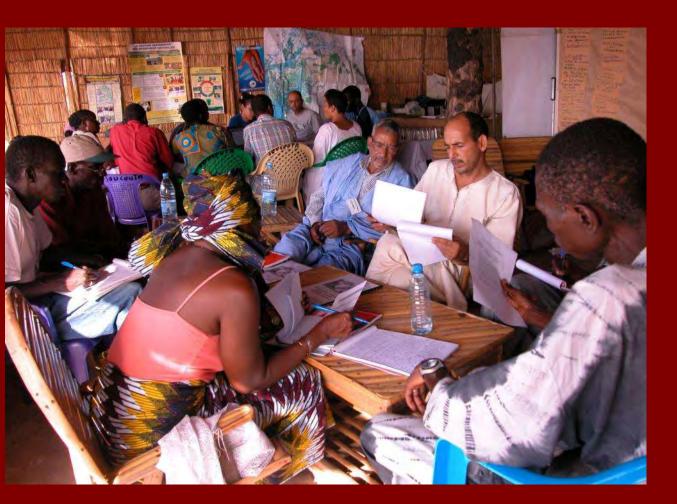
### Enhancing the Diversity and Quality of Governance

This stream will build on the achievements on protected areas governance made at the 5th IUCN World Parks Congress in 2003, which led to emphasis on the key role of governance in the Convention on Biological Diversity's Programme of Work on Protected Areas. Globally, improvements in governance have contributed significantly to strengthening the protected areas systems of many countries. This stream will, examine both the diversity and quality of governance of the world's protected areas, as well as other areas that are contributing to biodiversity conservation. The IUCN World Parks Congress 2014 will take stock of achievements, share experiences and present practical governance approaches and tools, illustrating progress to enhance the diversity and quality of governance in national protected areas systems.

### Stream Lead Organisation

Inspiring a New Generation

## On going dialogue and collaboration with:



- IUCN
- GIZ
- UNDP GEF SGP
- UNEP WCMC
- WILD10
  - Others (WWF, WIN...)

Area of impact	Aiming at what?	By what kind of initiatives?
Knowledge and consciousness of individuals and groups about ICCAs	Getting closer to <u>Shirakawa</u> <u>Vision</u>	Diffuse information, in particular simple summaries, picture stories, video and papers Well functioning web site linked with the sites of Members and Partners
		ICCA alerts

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## Consortium leaflets in three languages

# Photostories in India, Kenya (film), Bolivia, Senegal, Nepal...



Area of impact	Aiming at what?	By what kind of initiatives?
The Consortium itself	•Active partnerships	<ul> <li>Joint initiatives with Members</li> <li>Internal communication</li> <li>Focused recruitment of new Members</li> <li>Links with partners</li> <li>Small funding support for punctual activities</li> <li>Advancing towards a GEF middle-size grant for 2014</li> </ul>

- Grants to members and partners to co-sponsor the Tofino workshop (40,000 \$)
- Travel grants from various sources, including the CBD Voluntary Fund, WIN, etc.
- Unsuccessful: funding for GA in Switzerland, start-up funds for project development in Casamance...
- Co-sponsoring of meetings (e.g., GIZ) and the GA (The WILD Foundation)
- Forthcoming meetings with UNDP, Ford Foundation and TCF



- Continuing membership growth- current totals
  - 53 organisations (soon 55 (Ekuri Initiative & Kivulini Trust),
  - 130 honorary members



# Some milestones of 2013

- The Philippines create the first National ICCA Consortium
- The (int) Consortium participates in WIN
- The (int) Consortium is selected to run the Governance Stream at Sydney WPC
- The Governance Guidelines, published and about to be launched by the CBD Secretariat at SBSSTA

# Some problems of 2013

- Still limited effectiveness in communication and alerts
- 20 semi-volunteer, part-time staff (1 or 2 not active at the moment) in 20 countries
- Still insecure funding
- Staff deserves better incentives
- Youth group not very active