

# The ICCA Consortium in 2013

## A year of consolidation...

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# 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

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

**Honorary members**: individuals with experience, capacity and commitment to pursue the ICCA Consortium's mission

**Partners**: 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
- capacities
- better policies
- better practices

➤ at three levels

- local
- national
- international



area of impact	aiming at what?	by what kind of initiatives?
Field-based ICCAs	Improved ICCA self-awareness strength, security, resilience...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 self-awareness and capacities )
- **Canada** (major forthcoming workshop- visibility, capacities, joint planning)



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

## 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?
State govern. national legislation and policy	<p>Concrete steps towards more appropriate legislation, policy and practice in support for ICCAs</p> <p>National ICCA champions?</p>	<p>Tailored initiatives on a country-by country basis</p> <p>Alerts</p> <p>Capacity building</p> <p>Direct lobbying of decision makers</p>



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



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## Programme

### Streams

- Reaching Conservation Goals
- Responding to Climate Change
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- Supporting Human Life
- Reconciling Development Challenges
- Enhancing the Diversity and Quality of Governance
- Respecting Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge and Culture
- Inspiring a New Generation

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## 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

# 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 Vision</u>	<p>Diffuse information, in particular simple summaries, picture stories, video and papers</p> <p>Well functioning web site linked with the sites of Members and Partners</p> <p>ICCA alerts</p>





Area of impact	Aiming at what?	By what kind of initiatives?
The Consortium itself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Expanded membership, in particular federations</li> <li>•Positive experience of Members</li> <li>•Active partnerships</li> <li>•Fundraising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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