

**The ICCA
Consortium**

The ICCA Consortium Regionalisation Process

Post 2019 - GA

1st Regional Assembly
Valsain, March 13th, 2019

Key Issues to be decided upon

1. Regions and sub-regions (criterias)
2. Structure and governance
3. Functions of regions (national, regional and global level)
4. Funding

Latin America



- Regional Council
- Regional Secretariat, composed by Members of **subregions**
- National Focal Points

PRIORITIES

- Actively engage in the III Congreso de Areas Protegidas de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (III CAPLAC)
- 2nd Regional Assembly pre-CAPLAC

Africa

- 5 sub regions
- A regional Council (Africa) with 5 councilors
- A coordinator per subregions and focal points in each country
- One technical secretariat for the region.



PRIORITIES

- Cultural Continuity/sustainability of knowledge
- Communication
- Sustainable livelihoods.
- Appropriate legal framework for ICCAs/Platform for multi-level network and alliance building
- Empowerment and self-strengthening of ICCAs/Community

West and Central Asia and Caucasus

1 council Member

1 secretariat (A Member) with a coordinator



PRIORITIES

- Expansion of Members and Honorary Members
- Regional report on ICCAs (Identification, different types, etc.)
- Knowledge and experience sharing
- Raising awareness about ICCAs
- Reach out to potential partners in the region (e.g. ILC and GFC);
- begin to liaise with potential donors inside and outside the region,

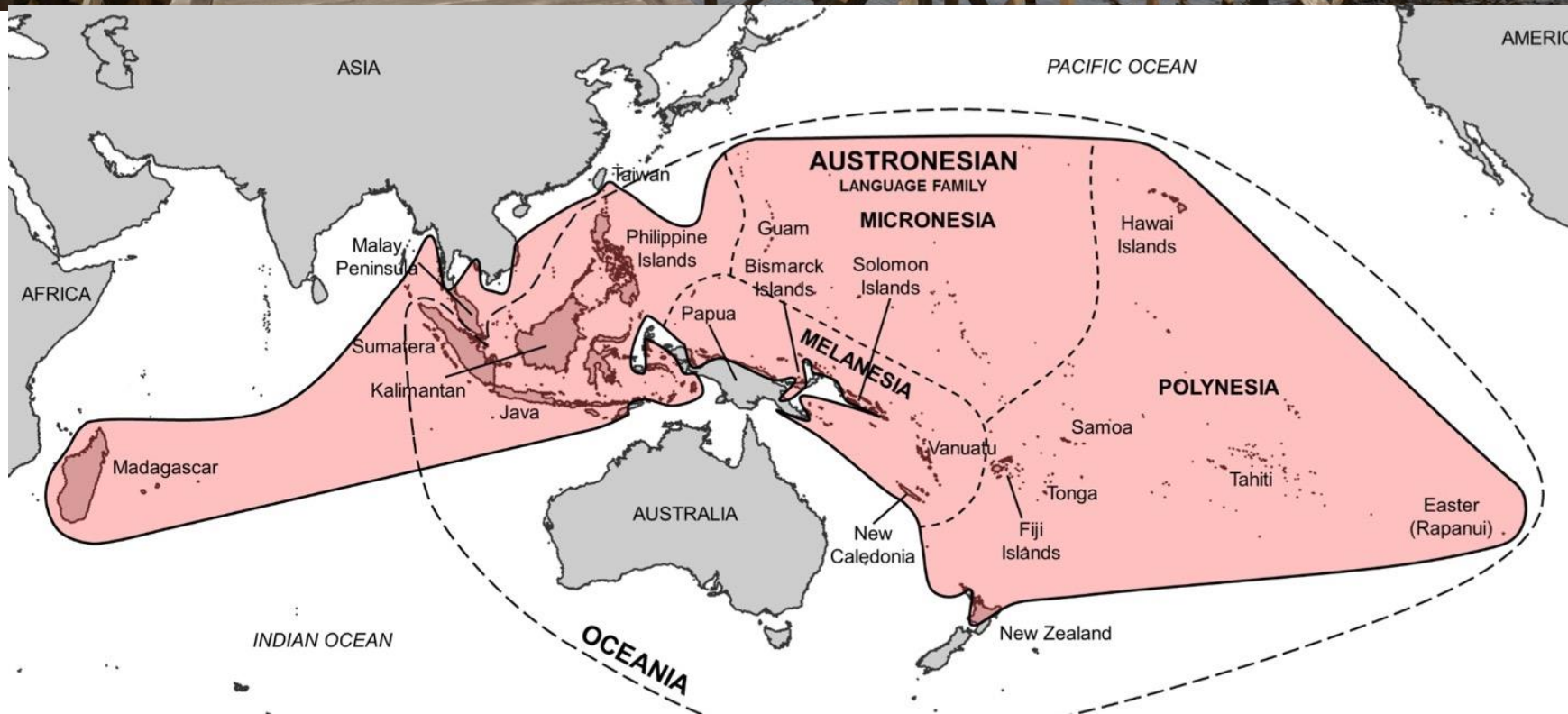
Southeast Asia + West Austronesia

Composition and Governance

- Regional Council (yet to be established) – one seat for each country, at least one seat should be a woman
- Regional Learning Network: composed of the Regional Assembly including non-members
- Regional hub and coordinator
- Countries and focal points (organization based)

Strategic Plans and Roles of the Regional Assembly/Regional Learning Network

- Fund raising
- Mutual learning
- Knowledge management
- Solidarity
- Campaigns on threats to ICCA
- Policy reviews and advocacy
- Capacity building
- Exchange of expertise
- Coordinate the regional strategic partnerships (ILC, MRLG, ACB/ASEAN, AIPP)
- Engage the regional network members in the ICCA global strategic partnerships
- Communication and visibility
- Membership expansion



South Asia

- A regional Assembly will take place this year

East Asia / China

- A regional Assembly will take place this year

Oceania & East Austronesia

- Under development, several online meetings are going on
- Planning a strategy to gain Members

Circumpolar North

- Overlaps with Europe, North America and Asia
- A first meeting took place last year
- [Tero's video]

Key considerations to uphold...

- It is fundamental to respect the **complexity and diversity of ICCAs** therefore the diversity of the members of the Consortium
- The aim of Regionalisation should **not** be **divisive** or create invisible borders - it should make our work **more efficient** and **connect us more**
- Regionalisation should encourage **inter-regional exchange, collaboration** and **joint work** and support the **creative adaptation** and **innovation** happening among Members and partners around the world

... key considerations to uphold

- **Definition** of the regions should be **porous** and open and allow useful **overlapping**
- Regional **structures** may be **defined by each region**, but there should be a **clear way to connect** with the global Council, Secretariat and Assemblies
- Regionalisation is a **dynamic process** that depends on the active input of the Members of the Consortium and may take longer than the 2 years envisaged...

Proposals from the XIIIth GA · Bishoftu, Ethiopia

- 1. Support Regions to continue and strengthen their regionalisation process with their particularities**
- 2. Support regions that want to start their regionalisation process** (South Asia, Europe, North America, Circumpolar North)



Proposals from the XIIIth GA in Bishoftu

3. Approve proposed Structure & Governance

a. Global Level:

- General Assemblies / Decision making at global level
- Steering Committee / Regional representation or/and thematic?
- Global Secretariat / Global team + Regional Secretariats

b. Regional Level:

- Regional Assemblies / Decision making at regional level – **Are Honorary Members included in the quorum?**
- Regional Councils / Political Role / Selected by the Reg. Assemblies / Represent the regions in the Global Council (**according to region's size**)
- Regional Secretariat / Technical Role / Selected by the Reg. Assemblies.
Advice: **It should be a Member of the Consortium, but the region decides**

c. National Level:

- National Network / Decision making at the national level
- Focal Point / Selected by national network

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5. Fundraising

- **Global Level:** fundraising priority should be to maintain the global and regional technical structure (Secretariat: human resources, basic operational resources); general & regional assemblies.
- **Regional level:** fundraising to implement regional assemblies & regional plans of actions; to support national plans of action.
- **National Level:** fundraising to implement national plans of action & support ICCAs (local action)

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6. Consortium Legal Frame

- **Currently Swiss Statutes**, will probably need to be modified to adjust to the new organizational structure?
- **Regional legal frame:** Regions that move ahead in this process will need a regional legal frame in one of the states of the region/or at least an umbrella organization, a Member, that could host the regional structure/funding, etc.

In Europe, what are our key priorities of action to strengthen the ICCA Consortium work in the region?



3 Axis of work

- Sustaining ICCAs - Territories of life
- Defending ICCAs - Territories of life
- Documenting ICCAs - Territories of life

4 Questions:

- What activities are related to these?
- How to implement them?
- Who?
- What are the sensitive points to think of?

Some questions...

- What are **the roles** of the region?
- Do we want to increase Membership? Why? How? What kind of Members and where?
- What is the role of the Honorary Members?
- How will the **regional secretariat** in Europe function?
- Should the region be **subdivided into subregions**?
- How do we have to complete the work made by EMENA?
- What are the key other events coming up? What should be prepare for them?
- What are the possible other kind of **fundraising** we may need? Valsain next year ? What should be achieved by then?
- How do we take advantage of the WCC coming up in 2020 in Marseille?

Process steps so far:

- **XIth GA, 2017:** Decision that each region has to **develop a proposal on how to regionalise**
- **January 2018:** Global Secretariat sent communication to Regional Coordinators with **a detailed questionnaire designed to think** – in collaboration with Members, Honorary members and Council members
- **May/june 2018:** Responses received from some Regional Coordinators
- **June 2018:** Regionalisation Committee meeting + Council meeting + EGA in Montreal > **discussed proposals** and made some **recommendations, distilled into a power point presentation** > input for regional meetings

1st Regional Assemblies – Past already

- **August 2018:** 1st Regional Assembly in **South-East Asia & West Austronesia**
- **October 2018:** 1st Regional Assembly in **Latin America ; Regional Meeting West, Central Asia & Caucasus**
- **November 2018: November 2018:** 1st Regional Assembly in **Africa**

Regional Assemblies – Planned in 2019

- **East Asia – China:** 1st RA - Date unknown
- **Oceania & East Austronesia:** 1st RA besides LMMA International Network regional meeting 2019, or Species on the Move (SOTM) South Africa July 2019 (tbc)
- **Europe:** 13st March 19
- **Latin America:** 2nd RA October in Lima, before the III CPALAC , November(tbc)
- **West and Central Asia and Caucasus:** 1st RA in Armenia (tbc)

Criteria to Define Regions and Sub-regions

- Membership
- Culture/language /history
- Ecosystems
- Political context
- Proximity
- Operational
- Financial

