

# Are there responses to the threats to ICCAs?



Yes!

# Local responses by indigenous peoples & local communities:



- internal organizing/ analyses:
  - study groups & action committees
  - species inventories
  - mapping/ demarcation of territories
  - dialogues between elders and youth
  - capacity building events
  - exchange visits
- info dissemination/ transparency
  - alerts through media (radio, TV, press, posters) and the Internet
  - alliances with journalists in country and abroad
- diplomatic action
  - national alliances, policy advocacy, parliament hearings...
  - international alliances & advocacy (e.g., the ICCA Consortium)
- legal action



- Resistance, demonstrations and civil disobedience

- marches and protests
- strikes and picket lines
- human barricades, road blockades
- sabotage...



In general, IPs and LCs have been strengthening themselves, enhancing their capacities and demanding that their own institutions are recognized as rightful governing bodies for their ancestral domains and ICCAs...



# ICCA Consortium ([www.iccaconsortium.org](http://www.iccaconsortium.org))

- rooted in the movements that promoted equity in conservation, and the international policy recognition of ICCAs...
- legally established in 2010 and registered as a global, member-based association under Swiss Law



- **Mission** – promote the *appropriate* recognition of ICCAs, and *appropriate* support to them
- **Members** – organizations & federations of indigenous peoples and local communities and NGOs directly supporting them (about 150 worldwide)
- **Honorary members** – committed and inspiring individuals with relevant capacities & concerns (about 350, in 75 countries)



# Organs of the Association :

- General Assembly
- Council
- Auditor of accounts

- decision-making by **consensus** (voting only if consensus proves impossible)
- Vision, Statutes, Operational Guidelines, Strategy & yearly work reports online
- important efforts to make materials available in three languages



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The ICCA  
Consortium



...an **innovative work style** (which is evolving 😊...)

- **semi-volunteer personnel** – about 26 people based in 22 countries... no dedicated offices... work with Members
- coordinators and staff are **self-directed, outstanding individuals**, supported and coordinated rather than “instructed” ...
- **trust, flexibility and frugality** are the name of the game: plans offer orientation, monitoring is carried out, but changes are expected and people are trusted to act at best possible for the mission with the most efficient possible use of resources

work

at local level

at national level

at regional level

at international level



# Work at local level

**Aims:** ICCA self-awareness and strength, increased capacity, security, resilience, self-determination, “emblematic ICCAs”...

supporting grassroots  
processes of self-  
strengthening of ICCAs

analysis of problems and  
opportunities, conception and  
implementation of initiatives to  
strengthen and restore ICCAs  
(GEF SGP funding and others),  
support for community  
communication (videos & photo-  
stories, local radio, etc.)

self-monitoring of conservation & livelihoods results & governance vitality,  
links with the UNEP WCMC Registry...





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# Work at national level

**Aims:** a “critical mass” for solidarity & effective advocacy in support of ICCAs; engaging civil society & ICCA leaders/ champions

- Promotion and support to national “**ICCA networks**” (working groups/ coalitions/ federations)
- Advocacy with technical agencies and policy makers for appropriate ICCA recognition and support
- Exchange visits and capacity building events
- Reports on “legal options” to recognize ICCAs
- National/regional governance evaluation processes (with IUCN)



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# ICCA “national networks”

Country	Name	Type
Africa – DRC	ANAPAC-RDC	Federation
Africa – Madagascar	<u>Tafo Mihaavo</u> and <u>MIHARI</u>	Federations
Asia – The Philippines	Bukluran ng mga Pamayanang Nangangalaga sa Kalikasan – Bukluran Inc.	Federation
Asia – Indonesia	<u>Working Group on ICCAs in Indonesia – WGII</u> Members include: AMAN), BRWA, HuMa, JKPP, KIARA, NTFP-EP, PUSAKA, Sawit Watch, WHALI WWF Indonesia	Working group
Asia – Vietnam	National Learning Group of ICCAs in Vietnam. Members include: Pan Nature, Dept of Nature Conservation, Viet Nam Forest Administration, FFI, CSDM, FORWET	Learning group
Asia – Taiwan	<u>Taiwan Indigenous Conserved Territories Union – TICTU</u>	Federation
Asia – China	China ICCA Working Group. Members include Shan shui Conservation Center, BRC, many key individuals.	Working group
Asia – Nepal	ICCA Network Nepal	Association (informal)
Asia – Iran	<u>UNINOMAD</u> and <u>UNICAMEL</u>	Federations
Europe – Spain	<u>Iniciativa Comunales</u>	Formal association
Latin America – Guatemala	Consorcio TICCA Guatemala	Federation
Latin America – Bolivia	Consorcio TICCA Bolivia	Working group
Latin America – Chile	ICCA representatives in Chile	Working group

... several others under development... in Colombia, Mexico, Senegal, Canada, Guinea...

## Work at regional level

**Aims:** sharing inspiring experiences, providing mutual support, joint capacity building...

Organization and facilitation of **regional events** and exchange visits...



# Work at international level

**Aim:** enhanced international recognition of the ICCA contribution to conservation of nature and culture, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, food sovereignty and security, collective rights and responsibilities and human wellbeing

Active presence at international policy negotiations & other regional and international **events**, partnerships and **exchanges** among IPs and LCs...

Developing **applied research** & **publications** with CBD, IUCN and other UN bodies (e.g., Policy Briefs)



# ... examples of advice on ICCAs and ways to appropriately recognize and support them...



## Whose 'Inclusive Conservation'?

### Policy Brief of the ICCA Consortium

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## Conservación inclusiva ¿de quién?

### Informe de política del Consorcio TICCA

No. 5

Consortio TICCA

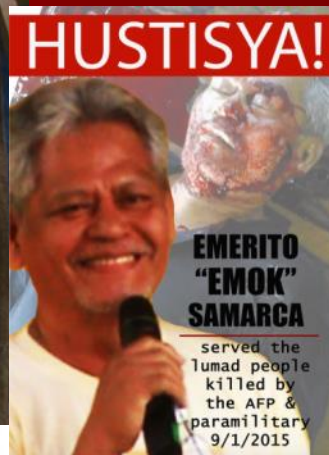
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...the Consortium is also very concerned with  
the defenders of Territories of Life...



*"More than three people were killed a week in 2015 defending their land, forests and rivers against destructive industries. ...the report On Dangerous Ground documented 185 killings across 16 countries – by far the highest annual death toll on record and more than double the number of journalists killed in the same period... Some are shot by police during protests, others gunned down by hired assassins.... in 2014 a shocking 40 % of victims were indigenous, with most people dying amid disputes over hydropower, mining and agri-business." (Global Witness 2014 and 2015)*

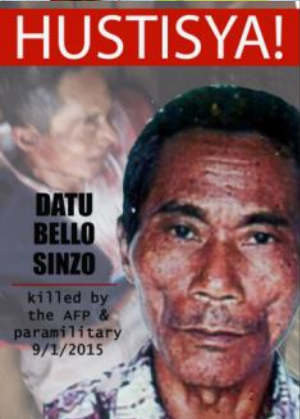


It believes it is a **moral imperative** to support those who— as a consequence of defending their Territories of Life— suffer discrimination, stigmatization and threats, intimidation, maiming and killing, forced displacement, confinement and militarization of their territories...



That is why we have an **ICCA Alert mechanism**

and we are engaged in **Defending Territories of Life and their Defenders** (policy approved in November 2018)



# Global Support Initiative to ICCAs

- Work with Consortium to support national catalytic organisations and ICCA self-strengthening projects in 26 countries
- Work with IUCN to support governance assessments in 6 countries and get ICCAs well recognised
- Work with WCMC to set up and run the ICCA Registry
- Work with Natural Justice to identify option for legal recognition of ICCAs



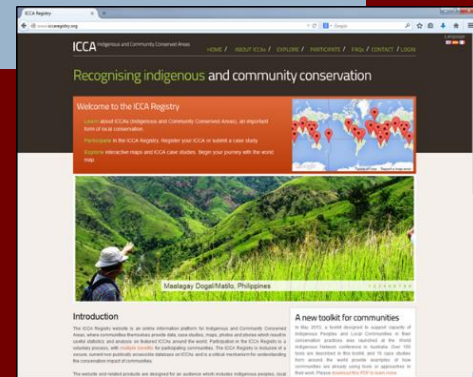
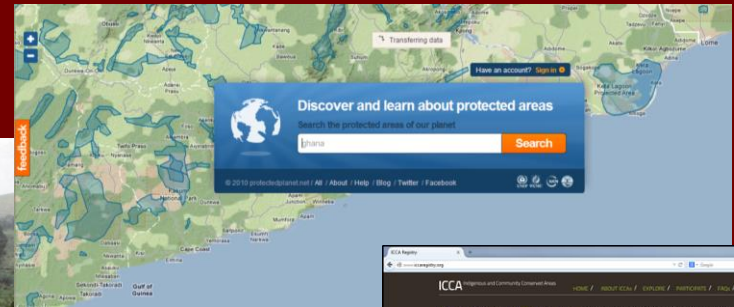
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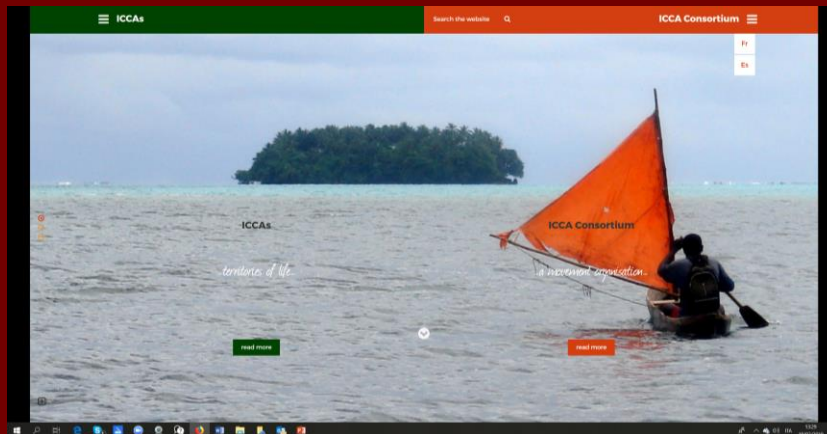
## ■ National catalytic organisations

- Organise consultations at various levels to discuss ICCA situation and compile a **synthesis paper**
- develop **database** on existing and potential ICCAs in the country
- identify **4 to 10 "emblematic" ICCAs** and accompany them in a **self-strengthening process**
- accompany/ promote an **ICCA network**, also for **peer-to-peer validation** of entries for international ICCA Registry at UNEP WCMC
- campaign of **ICCA dialogue, awareness and understanding** in the national context

- UNE WCMC has developed a special ICCA Registry in conjunction with the WDPA and protected planet database where ICCAs can directly submit information for listing
- ICCAs can be registered as “protected areas”, but also only as “conserved areas”
- Communities provide FPIC to the process and are in control about who can see the information...
- ICCA Consortium supports the registration of ICCAs and the development of country-based Peer-review mechanisms to validate the ICCA entries



- Currently, the Consortium is engaged in an ambition process of **renewal of Members, leadership transition and regionalisation** (regional assemblies taking place in as many regions as possible)
- Our programme is being structured into three lines:
  - Documenting territories of life
    - Sustaining territories of life
    - Defending territories of life



■ We welcome new Members!



Many thanks!

