

The ICCA Consortium in 2019...

Pursuing our mission at local, national and international levels, compiling and communicating about 'territories of life', leadership transition and regionalization, advances in governance, fundraising and structuring our work...

Report to the General Assembly, Udaipur (India), 2 December 2019



The ICCA
Consortium

ICCA Consortium 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 160 worldwide...)
- **Honorary members** – committed and inspiring individuals with relevant capacities & concerns (about 400, in 80 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



← main supporters
in the first decade





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

- **semi-volunteer personnel** – about 24 people based in 20 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: “emblematic territories of life”-- self-awareness and strength, increased capacity, security, resilience, sustainable self-determination...

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...

Work at national level

Aims: a “critical mass” for solidarity & effective advocacy; 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)



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)



...highlights of 2019 at local & country level ...

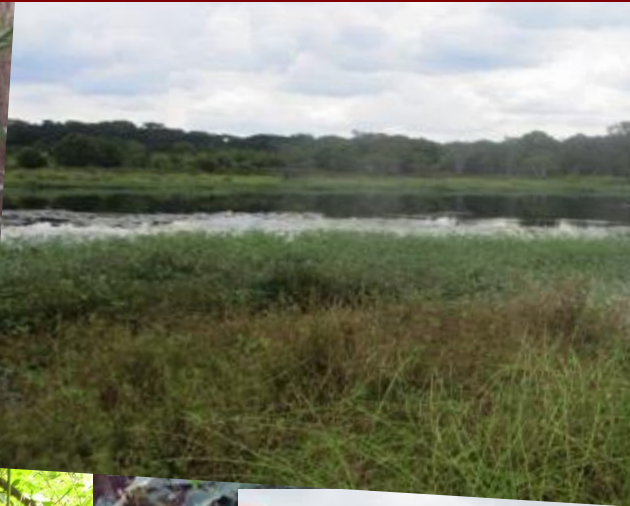


supporting activities & meetings of Members

...in Myanmar (Salween Peace Park!), Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Italy, Malaysia, Uganda, Taiwan, Guinea, Colombia, Canada, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador (including exchange visit with Peru) ... but also in Iran, the Philippines, Madagascar, Spain, Senegal, Finland, Indonesia, India...



Field visits, grassroots discussions, use of the resilience and security tool, support to developing GEF SGP initiatives, capacity building events, defence & resistance initiatives...









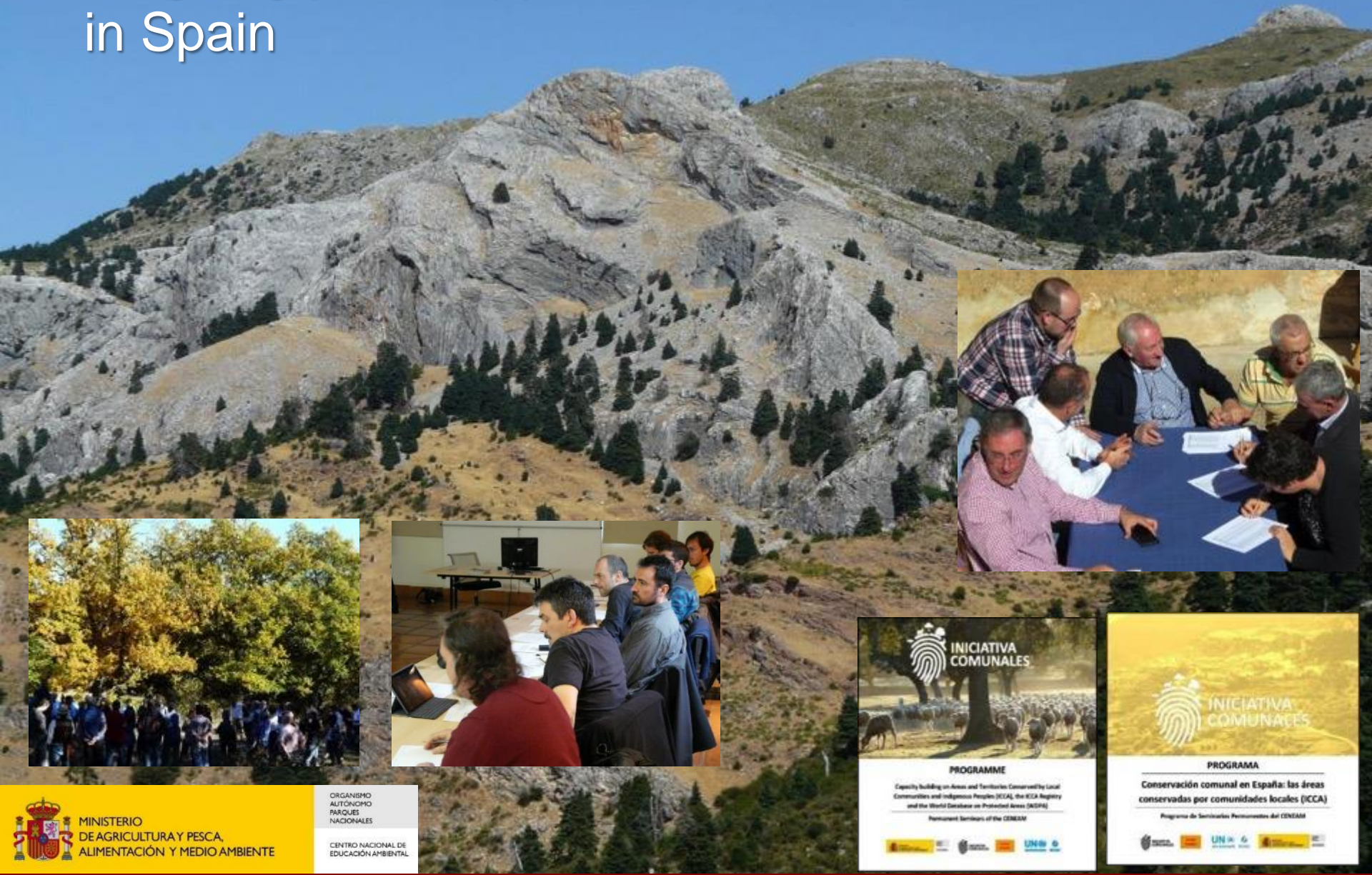


54'259 ICCAs identified in Burkina Faso, and 1406 documented (visits, mapping, data collection) + training, exchange visits, in depth technical support to 10 ICCAs, national review, communication, expanding membership... legal review, national networks and a working group...





Valsaín: Permanent Seminar & on-going peer-support and review process in Spain



...and some firsts in Central Africa!

- The first General Assembly of ICCAs + ANAPAC in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo Kinshasa)



- First ever meeting on ICCAs— territories of life in the Republic of the Congo (Congo Brazzaville)



2019 | 第一届中国自然保护国际论坛 First World Forum on Nature Conservation · China

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- Stream on community conservation at the First World Forum on Nature Conservation in China + workshop in Beijing



ICCA “national networks”



exchange visits at regional level– e.g. between ICCA custodians in Ecuador and Peru, or Senegal and Guinea...





Latin America Parks Congress— strong presence and visibility of the Consortium (Lima, October)



five regional events ('regional assemblies') and one Extraordinary General Assembly (via ZOOM, June 2019) since November 2018:

- **Europe – Valsain (Spain)** with IComunales & ILC (March)
- **North America – Montreal (Canada)** with CICADA (May)
- **Central and West Asia – Yerevan (Armenia)** with FPWC, Plateau Perspectives and Cenesta (June)
- **Latin America (Perú)** in conjunction with LAPC (October), with SAVIA, Observatorio Ciudadano & GEF SGP
- **South Asia (India)**, with Kalpavriksh, NTFP-EP and GEF SGP (November)



...sharing and planning, but also imagining a decentralised Consortium...

Recent local-national +++ initiative

Status and Future of ICCAs– territories of life

- Part I --18 case-examples of 'emblematic territories of life' & their values for conservation, livelihoods, self determination, climate change, cultural diversity..
- Part II – extrapolation of the values of the examples to the scale of the planet
- Part III –recommendations for policies to realize those values
- Part IV –*Manifesto for securing sustainable self-determination in territories of life* + endorsements



➤ Part I – 18 case-examples of ‘emblematic territories of life’

1. Tanzania
2. Ethiopia
3. Madagascar
4. DRC
5. Guinea
6. Senegal
7. Guatemala
8. Ecuador
9. Peru
10. Solomon Islands
11. Burma/ Myanmar
12. Indonesia
13. Philippines
14. Nepal
15. Iran
16. China
17. Romania (?)
18. Canada (?)



- FPIC
- Grassroots discussions as in self-strengthening process...
- Link with national networks & advocacy...



International policy work



COP 14 Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt - Dec. 2018 progressive text on governance and equity, definition of OECMs (conserved areas) and guidance on identifying potential conserved areas



International Declaration on the Rights of Peasants (Dec 2018), supported by our Members for many years!
55th GEF Council Meeting and CSO Consultation & meeting next week...

Numerous UNPFII 2019 (April) and IPBES Global Assessment



North American Dialogue on Biological and Cultural Diversity
co-organised by Consortium, CBD Secretariat, CICADA & others (May)

Attendance and contributions to CBD regional gatherings focusing on CBD post 2020 framework

Side event and contributions at CBD 8J and SBSTTA (November)



ICCA Alerts



- Chile— against salmon farming
- Brazil— solidarity with the Amazon people defending their territories



ICCA Alerts

- Montenegro— Save SINJAJEVINA!
- Myanmar— after the Ridge to Reef project, another major World Bank project on ‘community forestry’ to be opposed?



Institutional collaborations...



Co-organised meeting on
'inclusive conservation' with
WWF Int. in Bali (Indonesia) –
January 2019



...“Empowerment Mapping”
meeting with WCMC and WWF Int. in
Cambridge (UK)– March 2019
& further meetings in Washington DC
also with WRI towards documenting the
State of ICCAs– Territories of life



Many other meetings held, including
with National Geographic Society...
World Water Week... Global Landscape
Forum... CBD Secretariat at ILO for
interagency IPLC collaboration...

... 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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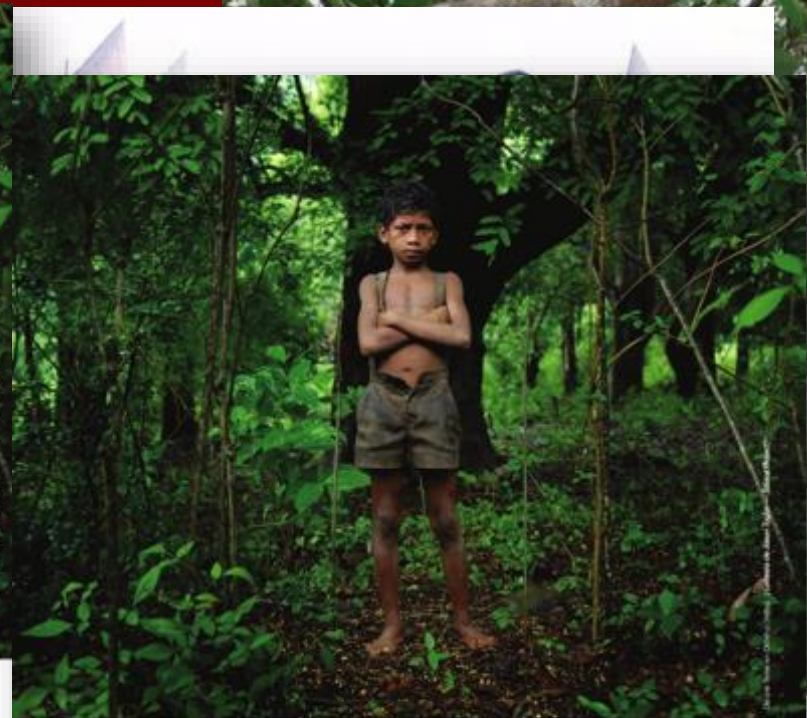
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Conservación inclusiva ¿de quién?

Informe de política del **Consorcio TICCA**

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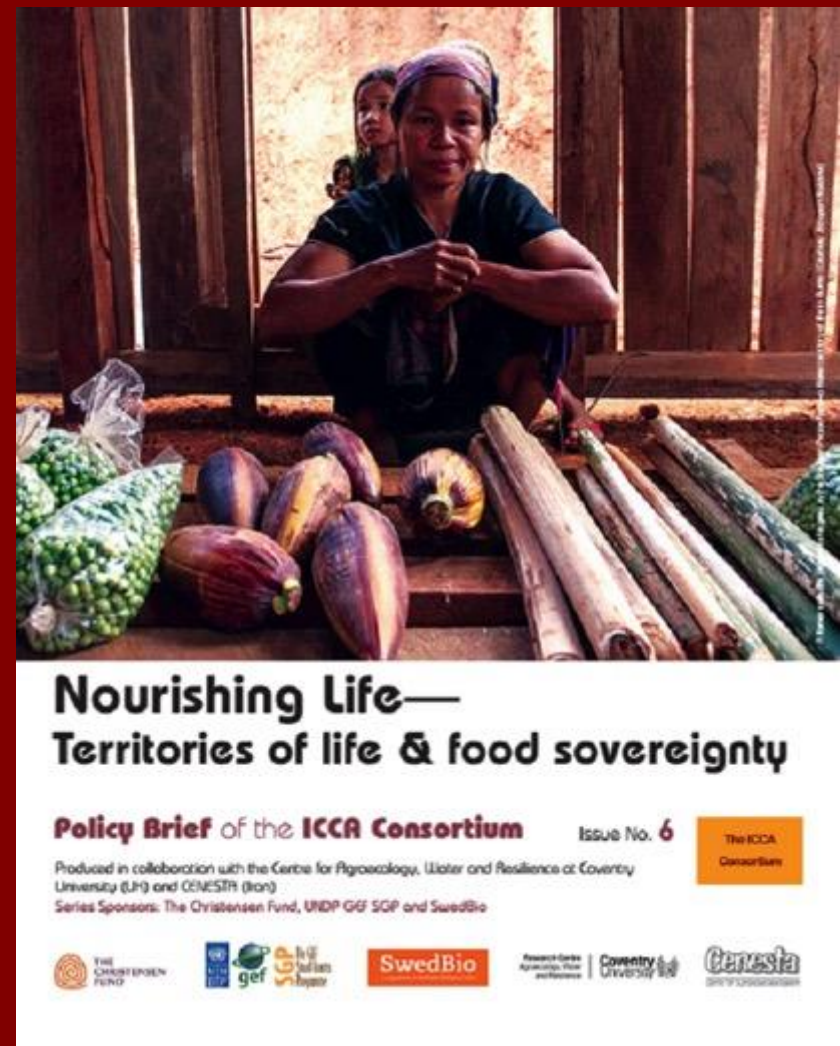
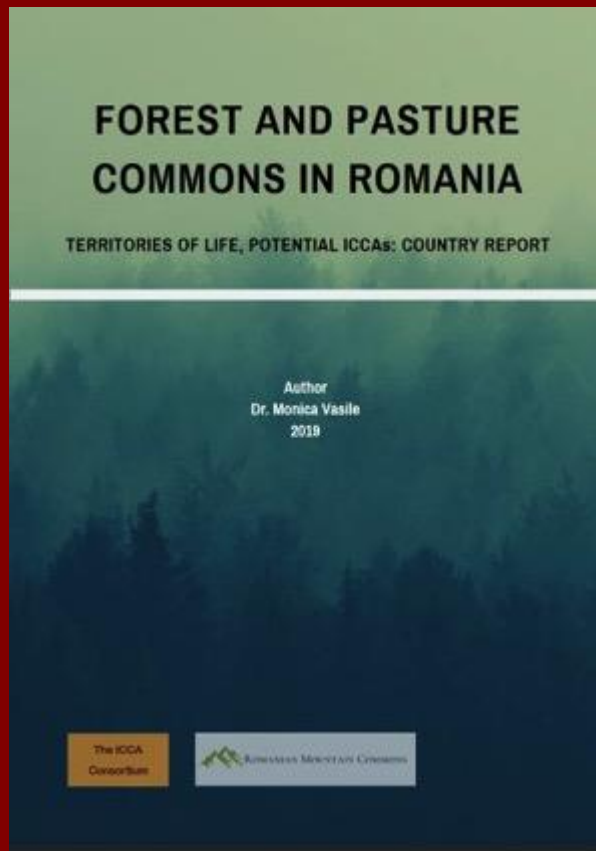
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case analyses and applied
research published in 2019



...also on-going analyses about Turkey, Portugal and
West and Central Asia in general

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...Lexicon asked by the
Council one year ago...

exploring the meaning of
'territories of life' &

building upon 'bio-
cultural rights', collective
responsibilities and
'sustainable self-
determination'



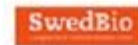
Meanings and more...

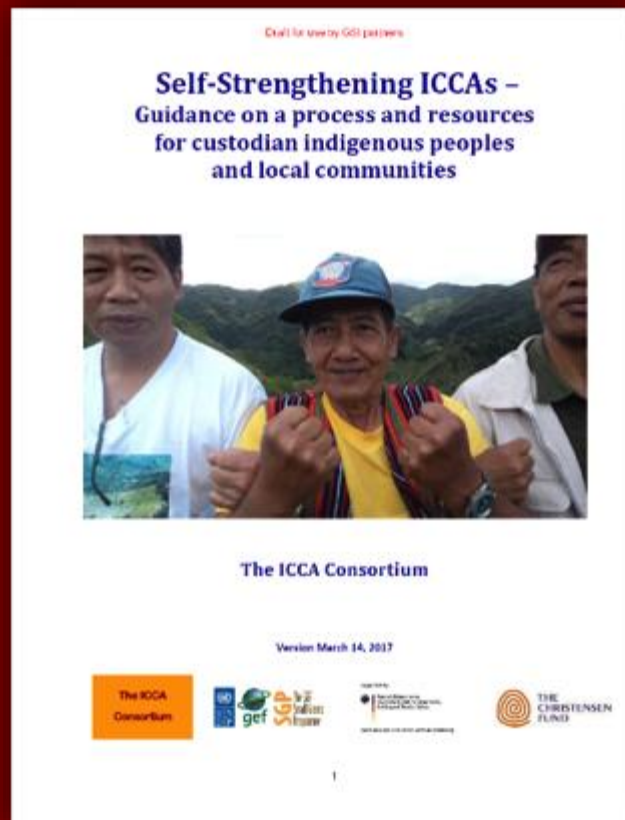
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Working on a revised published version and one to be used on hand-held devices (phones) – expected March 2020...

Working on ...

Recognising ICCAs Overlapped by Protected Areas, IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Areas Guidelines Series -- Stevens S. et al. (forthcoming)

This directly responds to CBD request to the Consortium in 2016, and follows the seminal work done on governance of protected and conserved areas...





Nurturing Governance Vitality in Conservation—a beginning

Third DRAFT October 1, 2019

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*"The earth, the forests...are alive.
The river, the lakes, the mountains, the wetlands, the trees...
Everything is a living being. It is alive."*

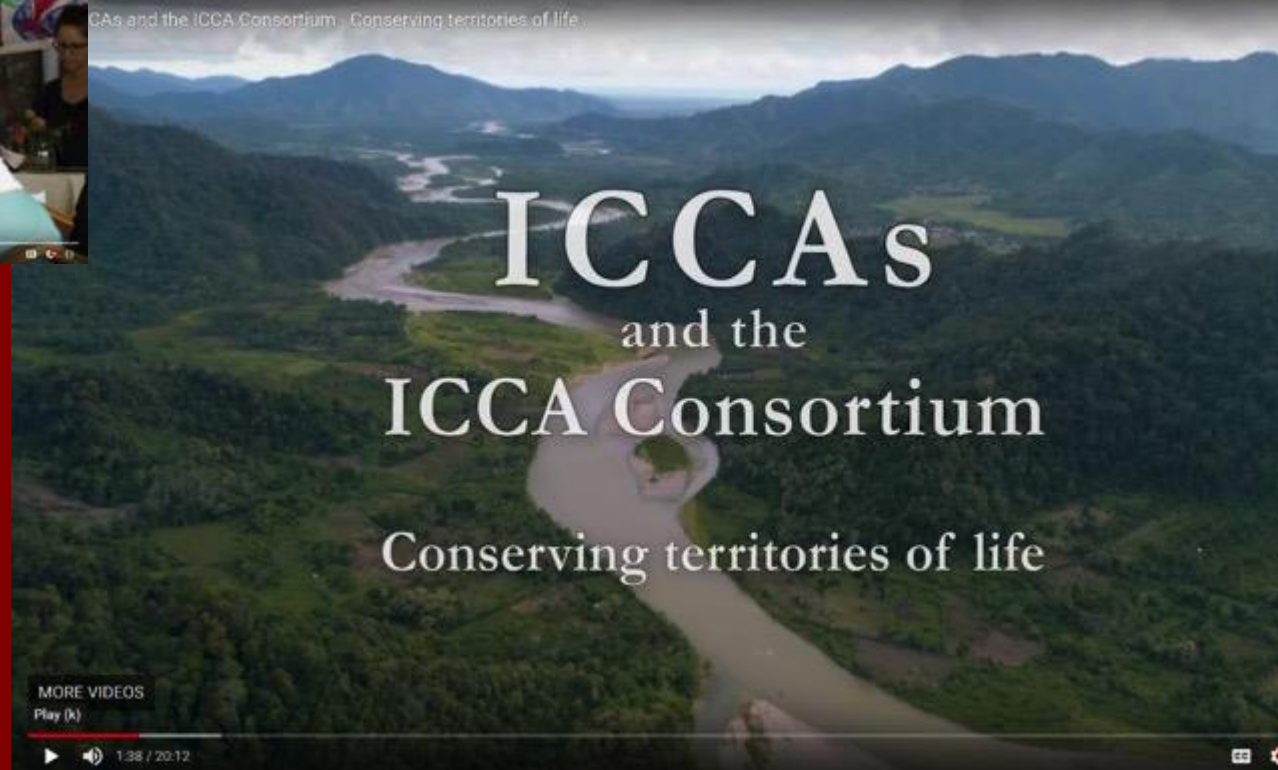
José Gualinga, Pueblo Kichwa of Sarayaku, Ecuador.

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Third draft of a document to describe ‘**vitality of governance**’, its impact on conservation and its measurable indicators – many comments to the second draft received and incorporated... final document to be ready after next round of comments – expected June 2020...



...first professionally
produced video and
teaser – in three
languages!



Web site

resource repository and powerful element
of transparency and participation in 3
languages



Check the new
2018 yearly
report!



Webinars

available in three languages

Newsflash

distributed monthly



Operations of the Consortium

- Governance strengthening:
- **Executive Committee** active each month, **Council** meets via ZOOM and just met in person in India... draft in the making of *Manifesto for Territories of Life!*
- Membership Committee active
- Policy and Programme Committee
- Regionalization Committee
- **Leadership transition-**
Numerous meetings of the Search Committee focusing on Global Coordinator and Technical Coordinator(s) -- now identified and being hired -- but also on willing nominees for the Secretary of Council and Treasurer
- Retreat of core Secretariat + Aili in Switzerland (April 2019)
- Retreat new ExCo + core Secretariat planned in India after the GA (Dec 2019)



Operations of the Consortium

Structuring the programme

- *Documenting territories of life*
- *Sustaining territories of life*
- *Defending territories of life*



Fundraising – about 1.5 M of new grants for now and next years

...but not all for the Consortium and not all signed off yet...

- TIKVA
- The Christensen Fund
- SwedBio
- Anonymous Foundation
- Oak Foundation

Finally:

We are very happy that the great work of some of our Members and Honorary members has been, this year, with prestigious Awards...



Whitney Award
for Vatosoa
Rakotondrazafy

Seacology
Award for Peter
Kallang

+++

Equator Awards
Cultural Survival
Grants...

- And next year there will be a very deserved, high honour for Paul Sein Twa!



