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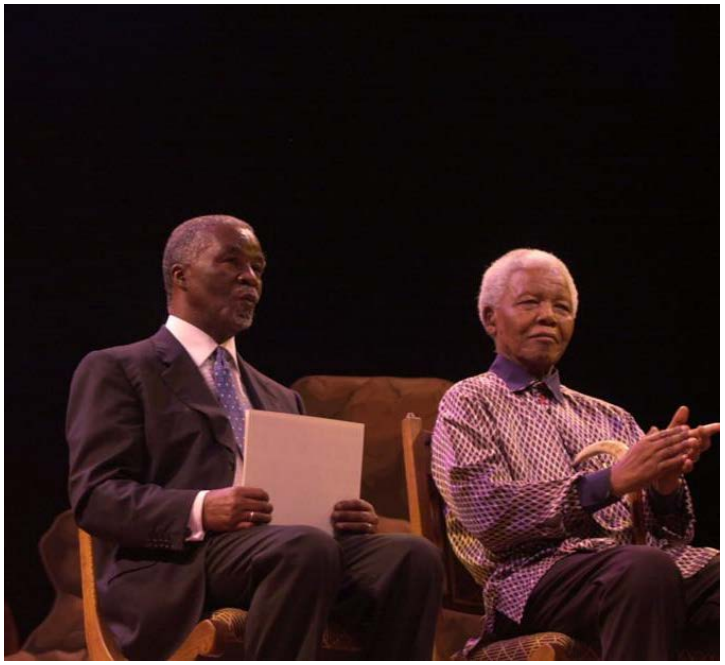

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Adoption of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas
Kuala Lumpur 2004

The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

- **Take effective and urgent action to halt the loss of biodiversity to ensure that by 2020**

  ecosystems are resilient and continue to provide essential services,

  thereby securing the planet's variety of life, and contributing to human well-being, and poverty eradication

The world's protected areas:

- Cover **>15% of the earth** and represent one of the most universal collective natural resource decisions made in history;
- Involve **unique and diverse governance** and demonstrate the means for humanity to achieve sustainability;

The world's protected areas:

- Protect the foundation of life and **enable nature-based solutions to profound challenges** facing the planet and inspire hope for the future.

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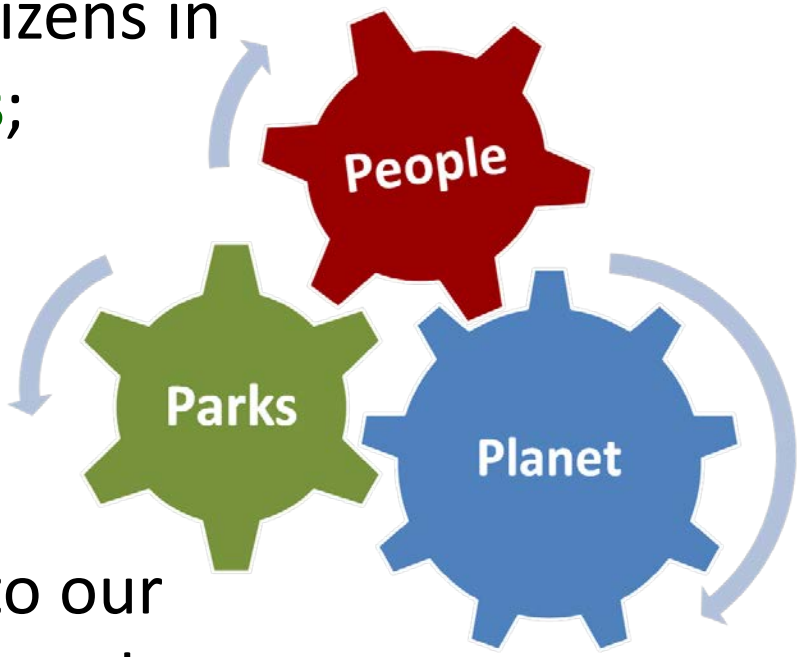
The Promise of Sydney

La Promesa de Sídney

La Promesse de Sydney

THE PROMISE OF SYDNEY: Catalyzing transformational change

- Find better and fairer ways to conserve natural and cultural diversity, involving governments, businesses and citizens in establishing and managing **parks**;
- Inspire **people** around the world and across generations to reconnect with nature;
- Demonstrate nature's solutions to our **planet's** challenges such as climate change, health, food and water security.



Four components

- Vision
- Innovative approaches
- Solutions
- Promises

1. Comment on the draft vision

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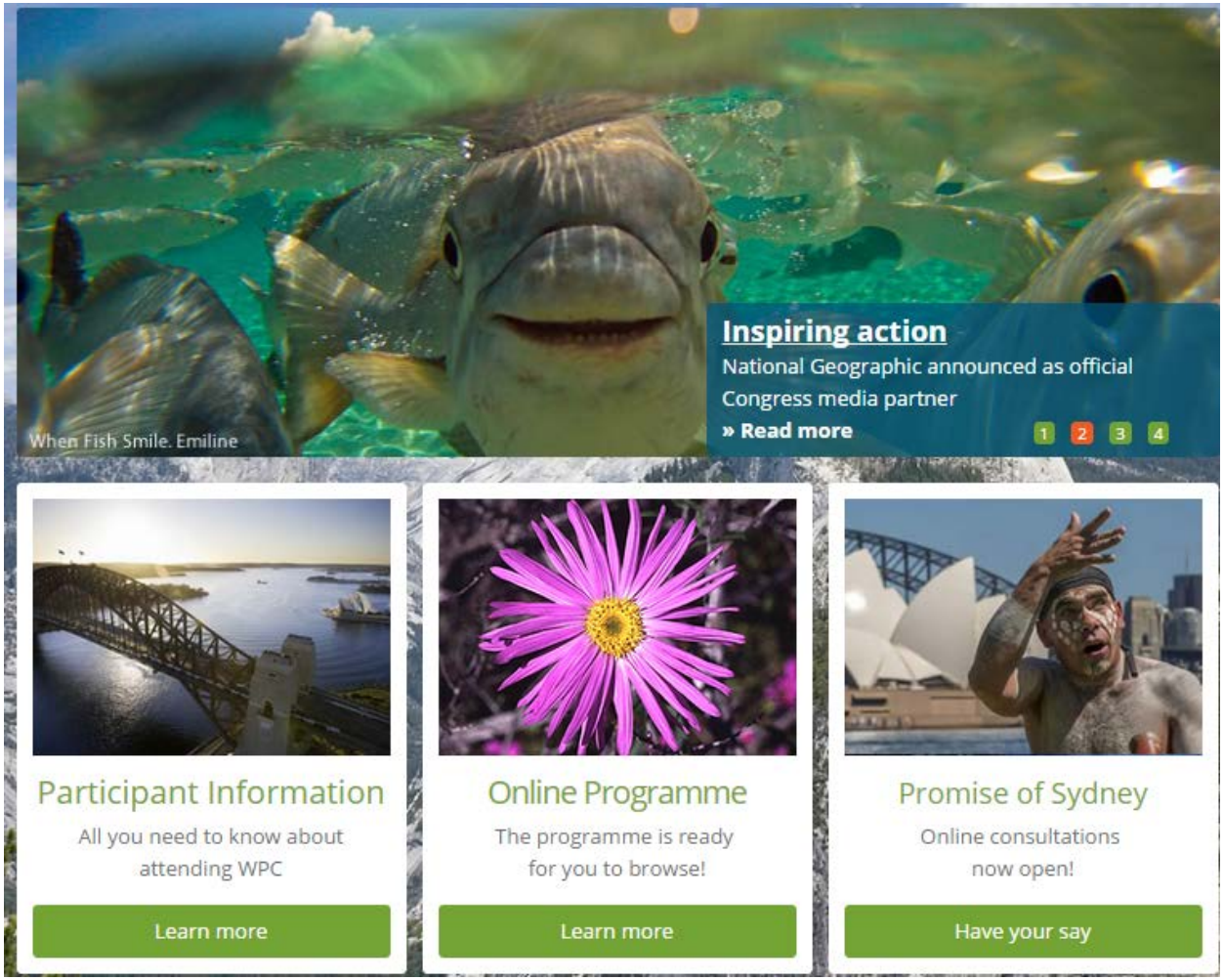

Notre Vision -- La Promesse de Sydney

Nous sommes à la croisée des chemins et nous devons, avec audace, aller dans une nouvelle direction. À Sydney, le message dit clairement que la nature est la fondation ultime de notre économie et de nos aspirations – elle sous-tend l'existence même de notre culturelle, sa santé et sa prospérité. Un environnement en bonne santé est essentiel pour tous, partout, et il n'y a pas d'autre choix.

Nous savons que les générations futures vivront dans un monde très différent du nôtre, leur qualité de vie dépendra sans aucun doute des actions que nous prendrons aujourd'hui pour protéger nos plantes et animaux exceptionnels, ainsi que les écosystèmes qui les soutiennent. Sans

La Promesa de Sídney: Visión

Nos encontramos en un momento decisivo y debemos adoptar valientemente una nueva dirección. El mensaje en Sídney es claro: la naturaleza es el fundamento principal de nuestra vida, nuestra economía y nuestras aspiraciones; es la base de nuestra existencia humana, nuestra identidad cultural, nuestra salud y prosperidad. Un ambiente sano y con capacidad de recuperación concierne a todas las personas del mundo, no hay otra alternativa.

Si bien sabemos que las generaciones futuras vivirán en un mundo muy diferente al nuestro, su calidad de vida dependerá sin duda alguna de las acciones que realicemos hoy para cuidar nuestras excepcionales plantas y animales, así como de los ecosistemas que los sustentan. Sin embargo, somos testigos de cómo va desapareciendo ante nuestros ojos la rica diversidad de vida que albergan la tierra, el agua y los océanos, y con ella, se desvanece nuestra esperanza de un futuro sostenible. Afortunadamente, la inversión de comunidades, gobiernos, organizaciones e individuos para lograr la protección, sabia gobernabilidad y manejo efectivo de ecosistemas saludables, incluyendo más de 200.000 áreas protegidas alrededor del mundo, nos aporta una renovada

We envisage the protected areas of the world as the foundation of a protected planet, playing their essential role in a **renewed relationship** in society to protect biodiversity and secure sustainability, and enabling the wider needs and aspirations of human society to be met. We anticipate that protected areas **will be mainstreamed** at the heart of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and new Sustainable Development Goals across all of their dimensions and align with the global aspirations of world leaders. We will regard **our investment in nature as an investment in the security of all**.

We promise to support this vision, individually and collectively; to take this Promise of Sydney to every corner of our planet, **to reach, engage and leverage** all sectors of society, to govern and manage protected areas with respect, equality and justice, to **inspire a new generation** of custodians and to apply our knowledge and understanding to **provide solutions for global sustainability.**

1. **Changing the scale of protection** to include all essential sites for the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem functions within and beyond protected areas, in terrestrial, freshwater and marine realms, **and striving to eliminate activities that degrade them or undermine the relationship of people and nature.**

2. **Inspiring a new generation of communities to re-connect with nature, especially through parks and protected areas** to engender a life-long association for physical, psychological, ecological and spiritual well-being.

3. **Investing in systems of protected areas as nature's solutions** to the challenges facing society. We know that the world's protected areas **offer the best places** to better understand and address these new threats to biodiversity and to generate options for increasing human well-being. We will work to enable protected areas and their custodians to design effective and efficient science-based responses to these challenges and to **provide a compelling case for increased recognition, investment and direct funding**.

2. Help design innovative approaches for each of the eight streams

Stream 1 - Reaching Conservation Goals

Stream 2 - Responding to Climate Change

Stream 3 - Improving Health and Well-Being

Stream 4 - Supporting Human Life

Stream 5 - Reconciling Development Challenges

Stream 6 - Enhancing Diversity & Quality of Governance

Stream 7 - Respecting Indigenous & Traditional Knowledge and Culture

Stream 8 - Inspiring a New Generation

and cross-cutting themes

Capacity Development

Marine

World Heritage

New Social Compact

A promising future

Recommendations

Partners and stakeholders

Specific targets for implementation

3. Submit inspiring solutions

e-posters and presentations are a source of inspiring solutions

4. Make a promise

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Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions

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Our Commitment to the Promise of Sydney

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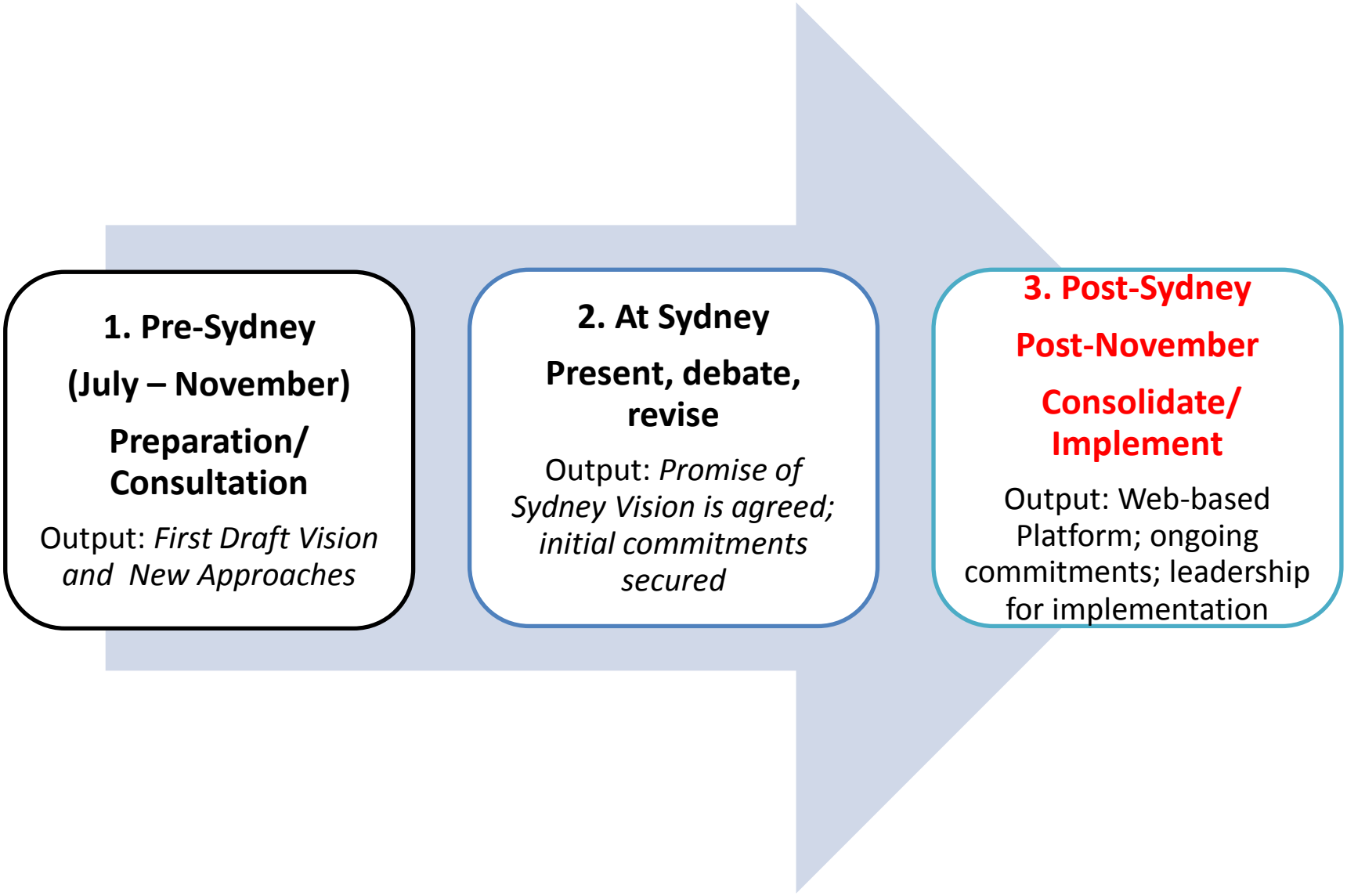
Launch date and duration	
Coverage (global, regional, national, subnational)	
Name of	


1. Pre-Sydney
(July – November)
Preparation/ Consultation
Output: First Draft Vision and New Approaches
2. At Sydney
Present, debate, revise
Output: Promise of Sydney Vision is agreed; initial commitments secured
3. Post-Sydney
Post-November
Consolidate/ Implement
Output: Web-based Platform; ongoing commitments; leadership for implementation

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