Vision and characteristics for an IUCN Green List of Protected Areas
Stream 1 Reaching Conservation Goals

Presenters

Trevor Sandwith:
What is the Green List

Matthew Wenban-Smith:
Green List Standard

James Hardcastle:
The Green Listing Process.
The GLPA Governance

Sönke Fischer:
Assurance process

'Stories from the trenches'

Lorraine Cairnes- Green List as a partnership

Khalid Pasha - CA|TS

Thierry Lefebvre - experience from three Mediterranean countries (France, Italy and Spain)

Chunquan Zhu - scaling up - implementing the Green List in China

What is the IUCN GLPA

Trevor Sandwith

The **IUCN Green List of Protected Areas** recognizes and celebrates protected areas which are excellently and equitably managed and which are achieving positive biodiversity outcomes.

GLPA global policy context

CBD Aichi Target 11

"By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are _conserved through effectively and equitably managed,_ ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes."

IUCN Resolution, Jeju 2012

…to develop objective, transparent and repeatable criteria for Green Lists that systematically assess successful conservation of species and ecosystems, including in protected areas…

… to monitor both risk and success…

… to assess the management status and effectiveness of protected areas throughout their global distribution

IUCN/WCPA
Mexico Vision Statement for Green Listing
March 14

'The IUCN Green List identifies conservation success, and recognizes, measures, and promotes progress towards its achievement.

Green Listing is based on a common conceptual framework, applied initially across protected areas, species, and ecosystems that:

- Recognizes positive impacts of actions towards the achievement of conservation targets,
- Celebrates the reduction of risks to biodiversity and natural values, and
- Supports and encourages actions that secure and defend nature.

The GLPA Standard

Matthew Wenban-Smith

The GLPA Standard provides a benchmark for assessing whether an eligible Protected Area demonstrates the level of performance required to achieve listing on the GLPA.

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IUCN GLPA Pilot Phase Standard

- *A just world that values and conserves nature*

- Builds on PA Management Effectiveness approaches

- Developed by GLPA Steering Committee

- Pilot Phase Testing by Reference Groups in 8 countries/ regions

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Standard Structure & Content

Eligible Protected Areas	1. Sound Planning		4. Successful Outcomes
	2. Equitable Governance	→	Social Equity
	3. Effective Management		Conservation of Natural Values
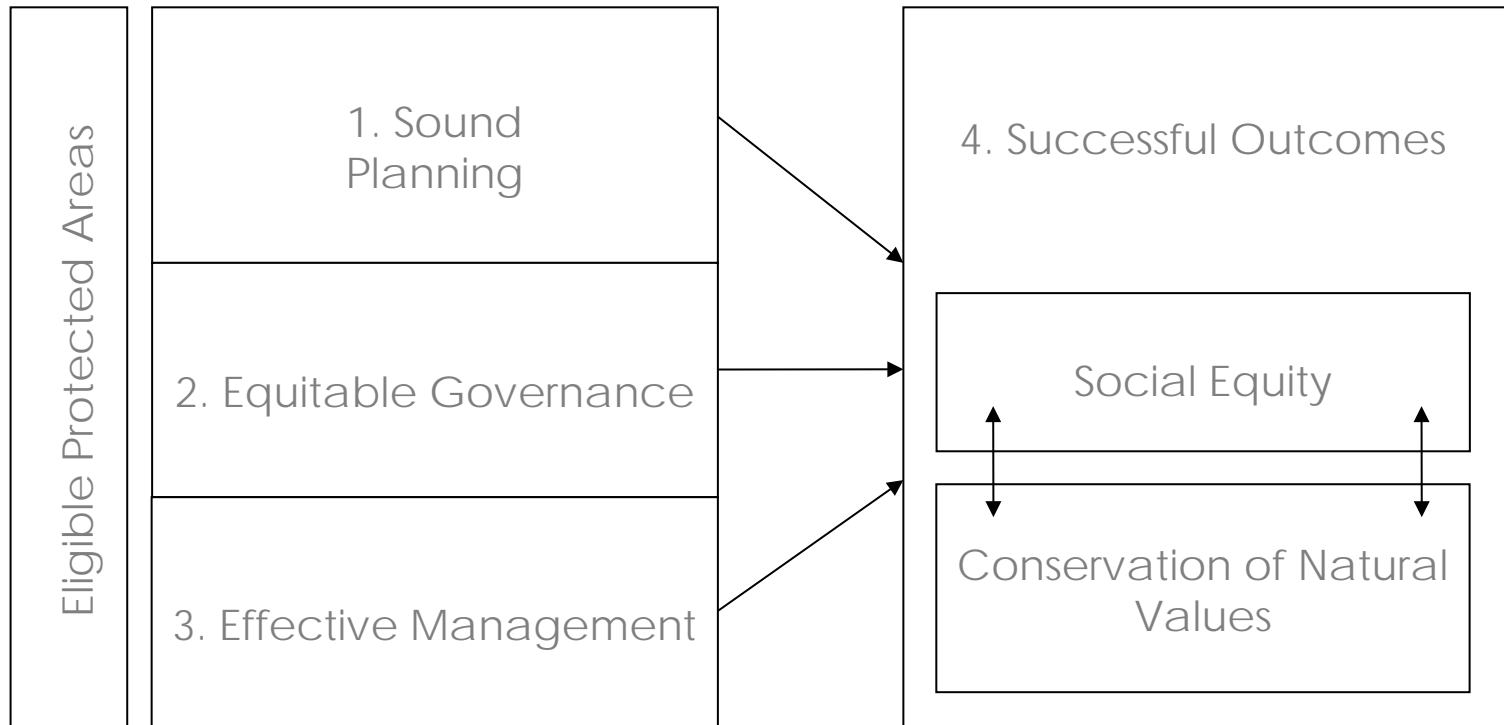
20 Criteria

+ Indicators

Jurisdiction Level Adaptation

•Pillars
•Criteria
• Indicators + means of verification

Global

Adaptable
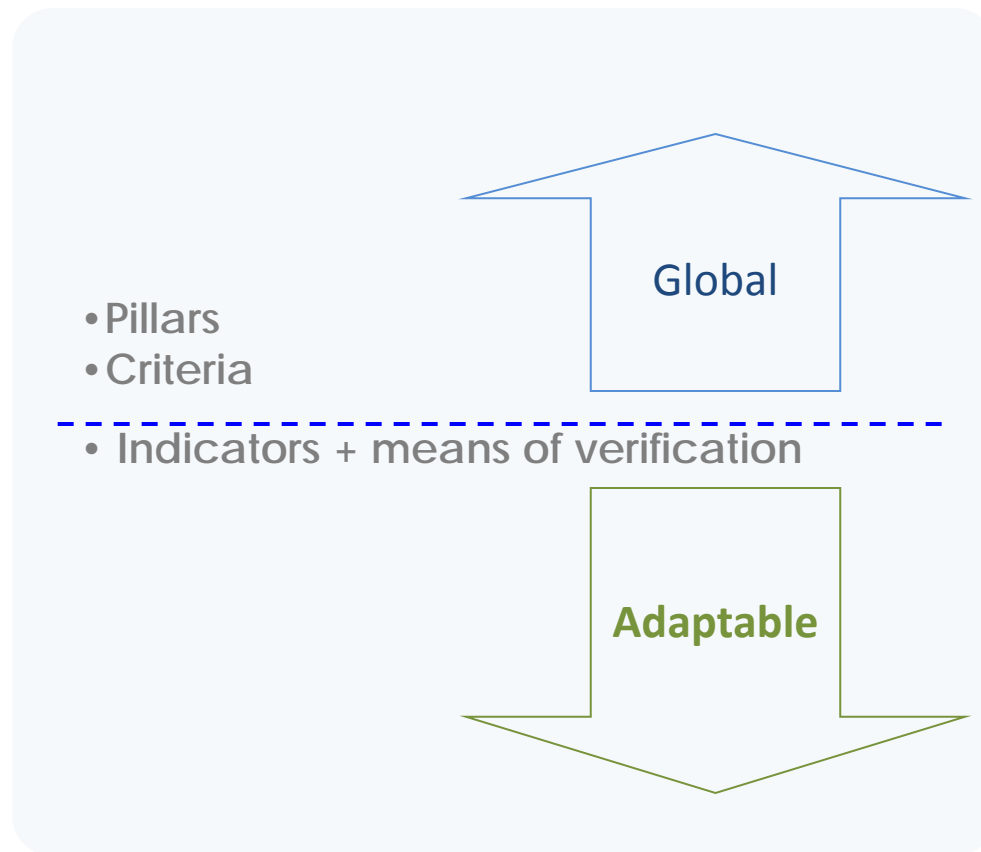
Indicators
• Jurisdictions have option to develop adapted set of indicators if desired and resources available, within limits specified at global level
• A generic, 'default' set prepared for use in absence of jurisdiction level adapted set

Means of verification
• Jurisdiction level means of verification developed at same time as sets of jurisdiction level indicators

IUCN GLPA Standard: **Next Steps**

- Two-year 'Development Phase'
- ISEAL Code of Good Practice for Setting Social & Environmental Standards
    - Formal stakeholder analysis
    - International consultation
    - Etc
- Further field testing with Reference Groups, and with 'Conservation Assured' program

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GLPA Governance & Process for Green Listing

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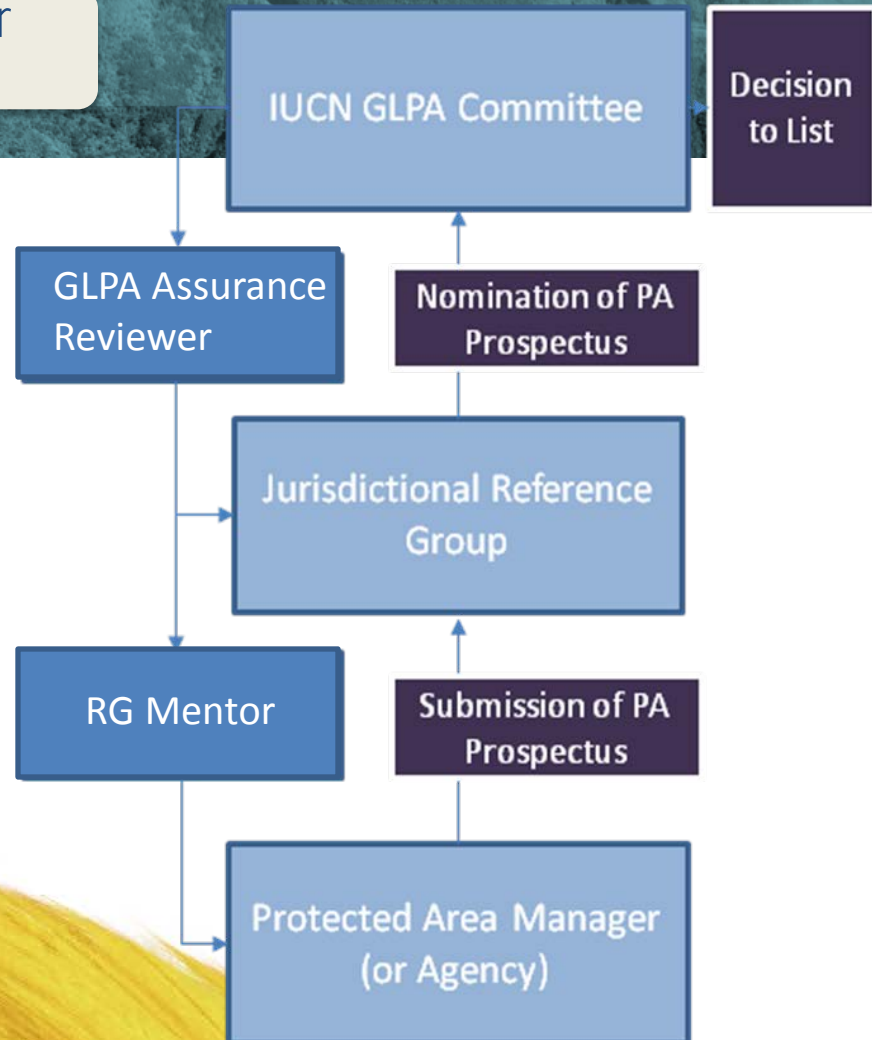
Outline of Process for GLPA

Up Front Set up of Governance

Establish Green List partnership between jurisdiction (national or other) and IUCN — **1**

Establish Reference Group (RG) operating under IUCN Terms of Reference (membership vetted by IUCN) — **2**

RG adapts Standard to local context, to be approved by IUCN — **3**

Recurrent process

PAs Register with GLPA & work with RG Coach to make improvements needed to meet GLPA Standard & to prepare prospectus — **4**

Reviewer and RG evaluate Prospectus and RG makes decision to Nominate Prospectus to IUCN for approval — **5**

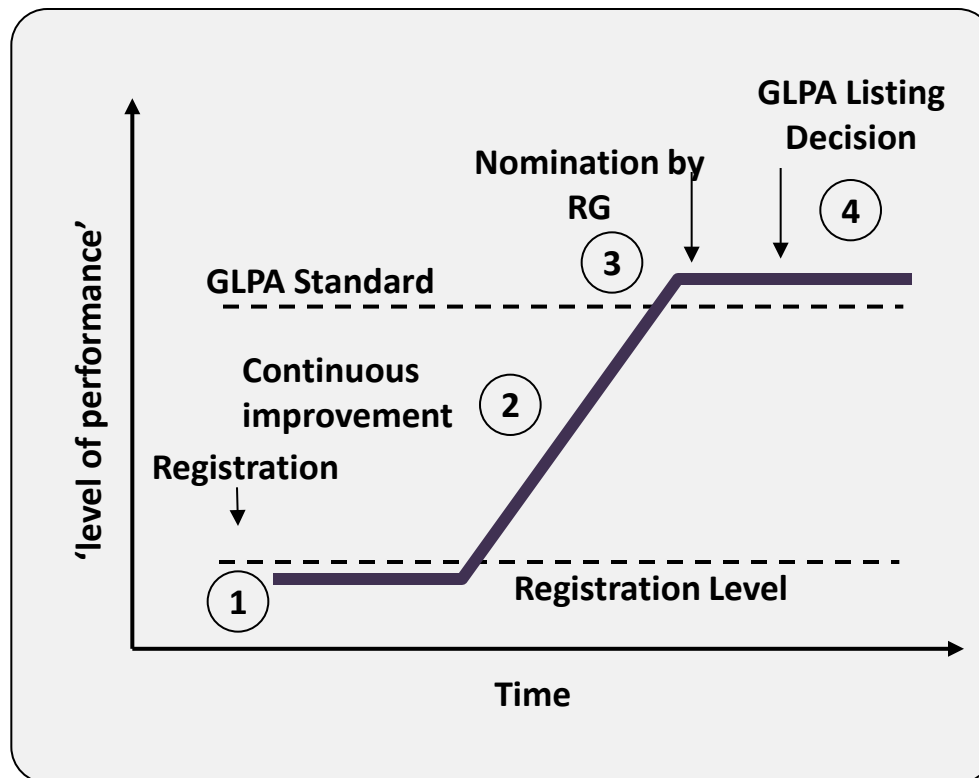GLPA Committee receives Nominated Prospectuses from RGs and meets to make Green Listing awards — **6**

Listed Protected Areas are reviewed periodically to establish whether they still comply with requirements of GLPA — **7**

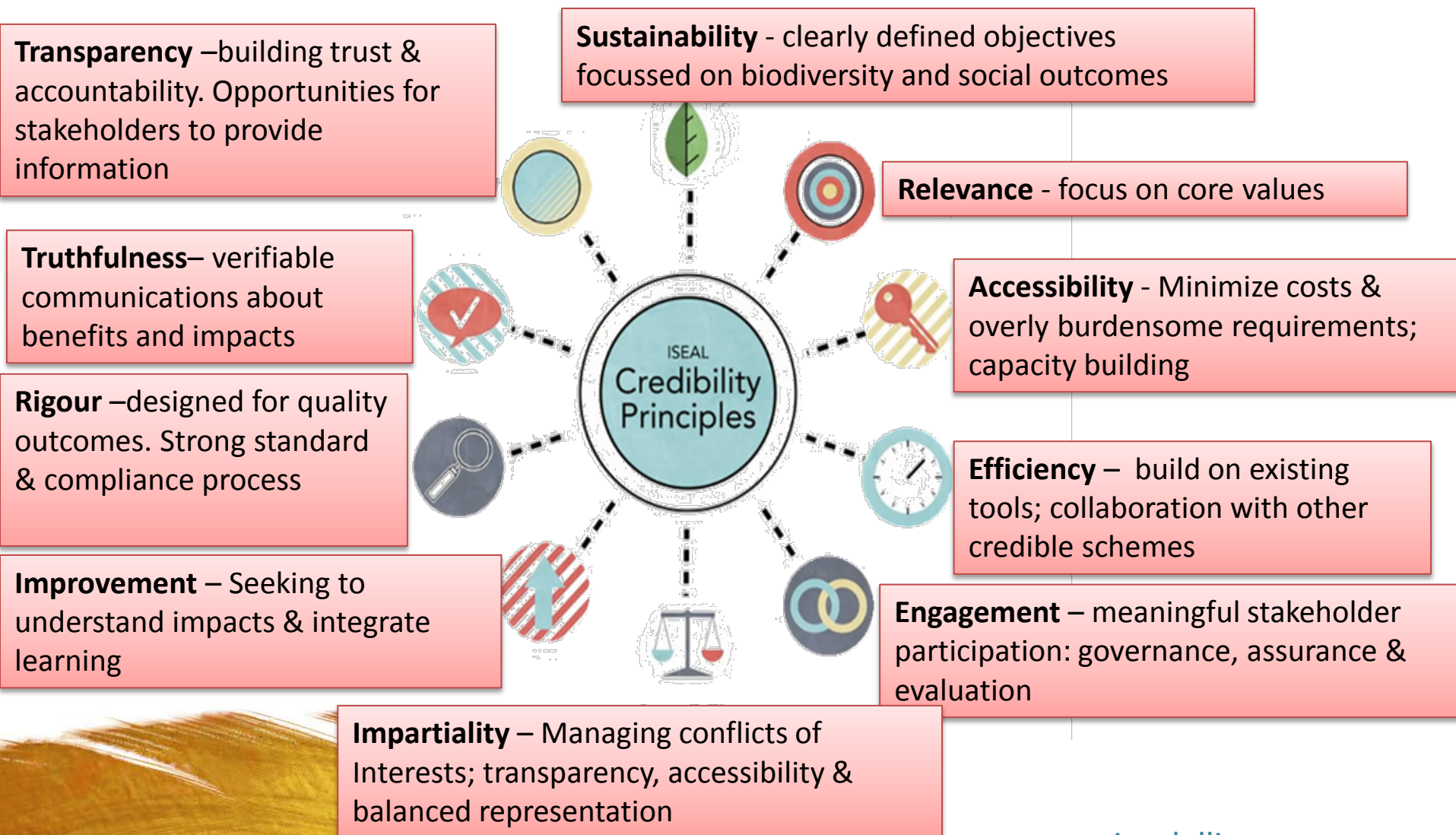# The Green List Process

IUCN GLPA Assurance

Sönke Fischer

To provide confidence among stakeholders that PAs seeking Green Listing meet and continue to meet the GLPA standard.

Innovative, fit for purpose GLPA assurance system:
→ builds on the GLPA values
→ uses IUCN and WCPA structures and expertise.

IUCN GLPA Assurance

Transparency –building trust & accountability. Opportunities for stakeholders to provide information

Sustainability - clearly defined objectives focussed on biodiversity and social outcomes

Relevance - focus on core values

Truthfulness– verifiable communications about benefits and impacts

Accessibility - Minimize costs & overly burdensome requirements; capacity building

Rigour –designed for quality outcomes. Strong standard & compliance process

Efficiency – build on existing tools; collaboration with other credible schemes

Improvement – Seeking to understand impacts & integrate learning

Engagement – meaningful stakeholder participation: governance, assurance & evaluation

Impartiality – Managing conflicts of Interests; transparency, accessibility & balanced representation

ISEAL Credibility Principles

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IUCN GLPA Assurance

Protected Areas & PA Agencies
→ provide evidence of performance against standard and improvement plans
Stakeholders → engagement creates accountability and trust
Mentors → support, challenge and assess PAs on the ground
Expert Reference Groups
→ adapt the standard to jurisdictional context
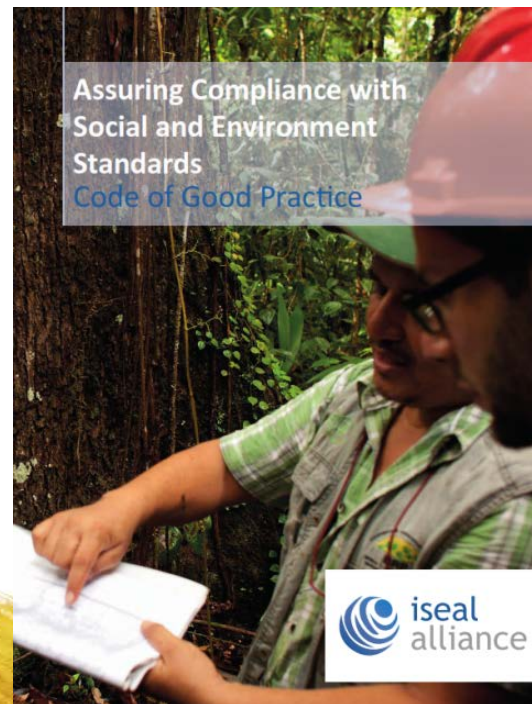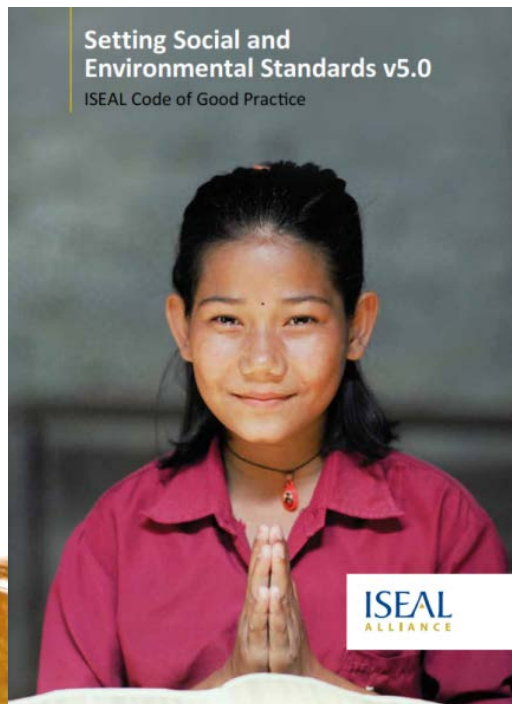→ scrutinise assessment information
Independent Reviewer → oversees process, input in decision making
GLPA Committee → decisions taken in transparent manner

IUCN GLPA Assurance

To be aligned with global best practice for environmental and social sustainability standards – seeking ISEAL compliance.

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Panel discussion

Panelists:

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- Khalid Pasha
- Marc Hockings
- Julia Miranda
- Trevor Sandwith
- Andrew Growcock
- Chong-Chun Kim

NEXT STEPS
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