

Green List partnership

The NSW Experience

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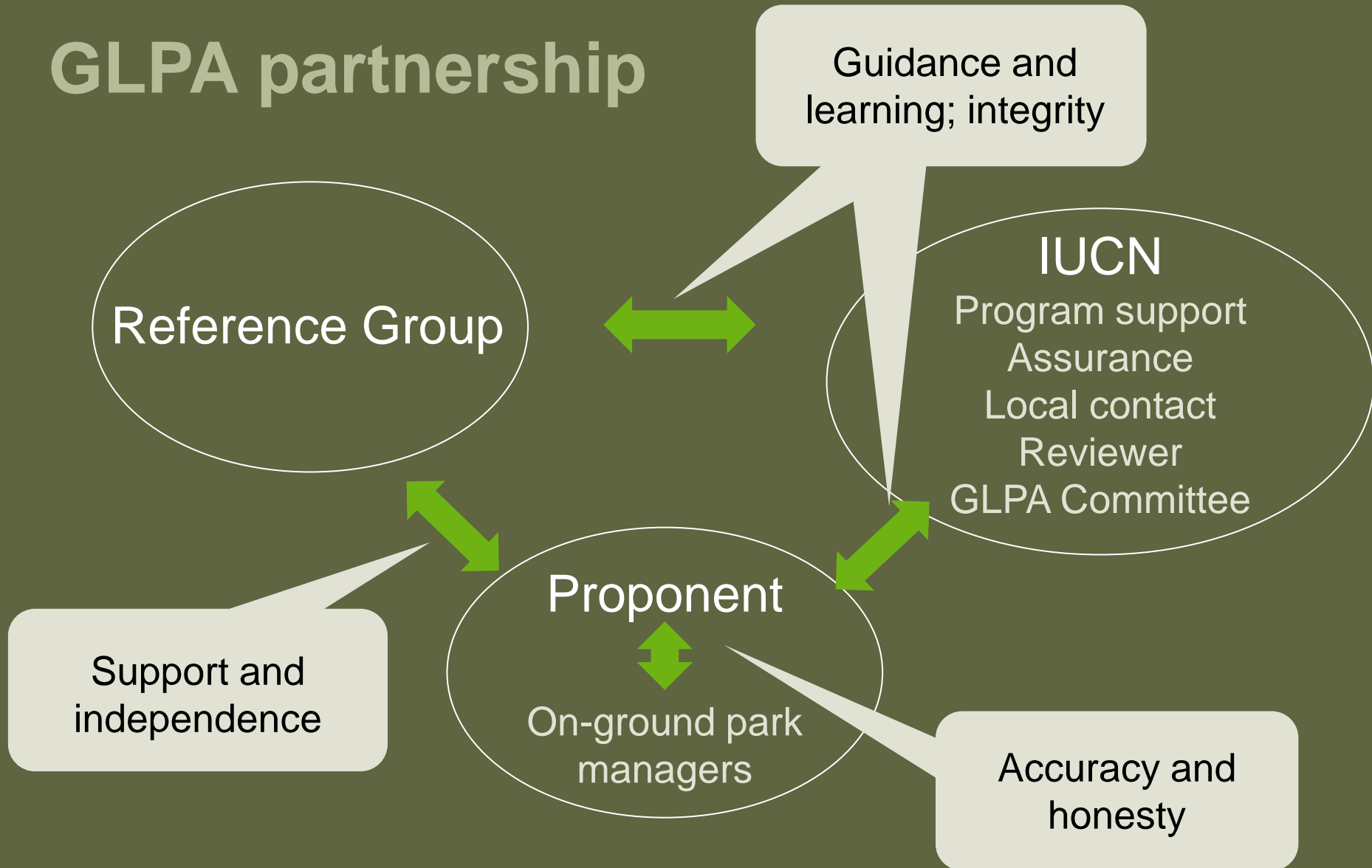
- Six members:
 - Ecological research, Park management, Cultural heritage, Ecotourism accreditation, Traditional ownership
- RG formed in August 2012 in partnership with NSW NPWS
- RG duties:
 - Wide diversity of tasks e.g. adaptation of standard, review of assurance, assessment of nominations
 - Significant voluntary time commitment
 - Commitment to understanding the GLPA process

Proponent – NSW NPWS, Australia

- NSW NPWS - 868 parks ~ 7 million ha
- NPWS pilot team duties:
 - Adaptation of standard, nomination preparation, secretariat
 - Significant investment of time
 - Commitment to the GLPA process
- Green list nominations
 - Montague Island Nature Reserve
 - Arakwal National Park & Cape Byron State Conservation Area



GLPA partnership



Positive pilot outcomes

- Successful collaboration resulted in
 - 2 green list nominations sent to the GLPA Committee
 - open regional and international dialogue about best practice for PA management
- Partners working towards a similar goal
 - Balancing guidance, support and information sharing while maintaining independence

Lessons learnt - Green List partnerships

- PA Managers can initiate the process, but development of effective partnership with RG is crucial
- Prepare and allocate time to interpret the GLPA standard
- RG communicate feedback to Proponent early and often
- Process needs administrative support and a dedicated secretariat
- The process needs to be:
 - efficient and interesting
 - clear, well-communicated and
 - rewarding for the PA managers

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