

HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS FOR CONSERVATION

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CONSERVATION CONFLICTS

- 37 active conflicts around the world because of ill-considered conservation projects
- Access to justice is limited
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- No set of clearly articulated human rights standards for conservation
- No guide to who should uphold these standards and how they should do it
- No universally accepted, dedicated, accessible and cost-effective redress mechanism



THREE CORE QUESTIONS

- Which conservation actors have human rights obligations?
- What are those standards?
- Which redress mechanisms are available to Indigenous peoples and local communities whose rights have been infringed?



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Technical Advisory Group

- Now is the time to develop a robust framework
- Participatory process - by and for the conservation community

Suggestions

1. Agree relevant human rights standards
2. Produce guidelines to help rights- and stakeholders ensure/apply the standards
3. Develop 3rd party measurement, reporting and verification
4. Integrate and innovate on the Whakatane Mechanism

Question

- Do we need a dedicated secretariat: 'Roundtable on Ethical Conservation' or a 'Conservation Stewardship Council'