Green List partnership
The NSW Experience

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Independent Reference Group - NSW

- 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

Reference Group

Proponent
On-ground park managers

Guidance and learning; integrity

IUCN
Program support
Assurance
Local contact
Reviewer
GLPA Committee

Support and independence

Accuracy and honesty
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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