# National Protected Area Forum 2021

## 2nd – 3rd June 2021

## Hilton Hotel, Port Moresby.

## Introduction

The project, Sustainable Finance of Papua New Guinea’s Protected Area Network, will extend Government of PNG’s ability to fulfil its protected area mandate and implement the Protected Area Policy: (i) secure stable and long-term financial resources for the management of protected areas across the country; (ii) ensure that these financial resources are allocated to contribute to improving effectiveness of the management of the protected areas across the country; and (iii) ensure that they are managed cost-effectively and efficiently with respect to their conservation and other complementary development objectives. In recognition of this need, the project will assist with the development of a diversified mix of conventional and innovative funding sources and consolidate revenues to finance the ongoing costs of establishing and managing protected areas, and assist the Government to establish a Biodiversity Trust Fund – that will be built on a secure, accountable and transparent financial mechanism, for receiving, administering and disbursing funds. The project will, therefore, result in a system that will provide catalytic and long-term financial support that will lead to stable ecosystems (both within and outside of protected areas), coupled with the social transformations to make that happen (including transforming institutions to become supporters/facilitators of that process, and the establishment of long-term partnerships).

The Project objective will be achieved through the implementation of three project components namely;

Component 1: Enabling conditions for improving the sustainability of the protected area system.

Component 2: A Biodiversity Fund for Papua New Guinea established and operationalised.

Component 3: Mechanisms for improving management and financial sustainability of selected protected areas tested and piloted to improve knowledge and learning.

As part of Component 3 of the project, learnings from the diverse practices that are being implemented by various partner organisations across the country are expected to culminate on an annual basis at the Protected Areas (PA) Forum. The establishment of the National Protected Areas Forum is an outcome from the PNG Policy on Protected Areas, which called for a setup of a forum in its PA Policy Implementation Plan (PAPIP) on “Governance”. The Forum through its first conference is inspired by the Conservation Protection Authority (CEPA) and the key stakeholders who provide an opportunity for the Project to share lessons being learned via active participation of all stakeholder groups in the project design and implementation, where relevant.

The National Protected Areas Forum will be a continuing mechanism for communication and joint learning and action among protected area practitioners and their supporters in PNG. A key function of the Forum is to organize regular learning events, which will include representatives from CEPA, NGOs, provincial administrations, local community-based organisations and protected area management committees and landowners. The first Forum Event will be a national protected area conference.

For this year, the Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel on the 2-3 June 2021, leading a number of events in the week of the World Environment Day (WED). The forum’s theme will be “Konsevesen Wok Bung Wantaim” which coincides with this year’s WED Theme “Ecosystem Restoration”. The Conference theme emphasises the important of effective collaborative efforts by all stakeholders to action the Protected Areas Policy Implementation Plan. CEPA is also organizing the Environment Summit on the 4th June 2021 and the Project’s contribution is the venue and the aspects of the event logistics as they relate to audiovisual support and these are reflected in these ToRs.

## Outcomes of the Forum

The forum will enable protected area practitioners, researchers, academics, private sector, potential donors and local communities who manage or support protected areas in PNG, to share their experiences, insights and any lessons learnt in relation to factors impacting protected areas. It will identify and formulate national priorities for effective protected area management in the country. The results of the forum will contribute to the implementation of the Protected Area Policy. The call to action will aim to galvanize strategic support and highlight the need for effective coordination in order to elevate the strategic importance of protected areas in the country.

## Pillars of the Papua New Guinea Protected Area Policy



## Forum Objectives

1. Affirm - Affirm Papua New Guinea’s commitment to effective governance, management and expansion under the Vision 2050 and international agreements.
2. Prioritise – Key actions required for an effective, representative and equitable protected area network under the following pillars of the Protected Area Policy:
   1. Governance and management
   2. Sustainable livelihoods for communities
   3. Effective and adaptive biodiversity management
   4. Managing the Protected Area network
   5. Sustainable and equitable financing
3. Action – Establish an interagency National Protected Areas Roundtable to strengthen coordination and the importance of protected areas.
4. Launch – The Protected Area Policy and Implementation Plan.
5. Partnerships – Consolidate national and international partnerships to build a platform for action.

## Process

## Facilitation

The forum will be professionally facilitated, with several facilitators or moderators depending on the various sessions.

## Outcome statement and Action Plan

An outcome statement and action plan will be formulated ahead of the forum as to provide a basis for discussion during the forum. The statement and action will be finalized during the forum and agreed upon by all participants.

## Participation

Participation at the venue will be limited to 50 stakeholders. Virtual participation, via zoom, will be provided to interested additional stakeholders.

Organizations showcasing their environmental initiatives at the information booths will be invited to set-up their sections the afternoon before the event. There is a limit of 8 booths only.

## Agenda

The proposed agenda for the forum is outlined in the table below and it will be structured around the five key pillars outlined in the Protected Areas Policy.

In addition to formal events, invited organizations and partners will be provided with space to establish information booths in the conference venue to showcase their environmental initiatives throughout the day. This will enable participants to seek further information and have individual conversations on topics of interest.

**Day 1 – Wednesday 2nd June 2021**

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| Time | Topic and themes | Responsibility | Comments |
| 8.00 | Registration of Participants  Viewing of posters and displays | CEPA staff, UNDP and consultants | Masks and sanitizer to be provided. Covid-safe practices at all times |
|  | *Session chair* | *Kay Kalim, Director SEP Wing* |  |
| 9.00 | Opening Prayer | Nominated person |  |
| 9.05 | Official welcome and opening | Director – SEP, CEPA | 5 mins - Welcome stakeholders, outline purpose and expected outcomes of workshop. |
| 9.10 | Opening Remarks | CEPA Managing Director | 10 mins – Importance of protected areas to PNG’s biodiversity, culture and livelihoods. |
| 9.25 | The global importance of PNG’s protected areas | Dirk Wagener, UNDP Resident Representative | 10 mins – highlighted in the international importance of PNG’s biodiversity. |
| 9.40 | Keynote Statement | Minister for Environment, Conservation and Climate Change | 20 mins – Provide the basis for the outcome statement |
| 10.05 | Photo Session | UNDP Comms | All participants to relocate to outdoor auditorium for photo. |
| 10.20 | Workshop program and protocols | Saina Jeffrey Philyara | Include housekeeping and covid-safe procedures. |
| 10.30 | Break |  |  |
| ***Setting the scene:*** Progress in Protected Area Management | | | *Session chair – Yvonne Tio* |
| 11.00 | National Protected Area progress | Director – SEP, CEPA | History and progress or PA management – targets (vision 2050, CBD targets)  Progress on PA Management from CEPA’s viewpoint: what is happening in PA Management |
| 11.20 | Assessment of Protected Area management in Papua New Guinea: key challenges | Biatus Bito/ Fiona Leverington | Presentation of the PA component of the UNDP Environmental Analysis |
| 11.40 | Launch of the: 1. Protected Area Policy; 2. PA Policy Implementation Plan; 3. PNG Marine Program | Minister and MD | Photo to be taken of the Minister and MD with the document |
| 12.00 | Lunch |  | Opportunity to also view information booths |
| ***Dialogue Sessions:*** Priorities under the pillars | | | |
| 1.00-1.05 | Introduction to the Pillars and discussion format (Andrew Rylance UNDP) | Facilitator for each session  Supported by assistants:   * 1 organising the roaming microphone * 1 communicating questions/comments from virtual participants * 1 documenter of each session (the documenter will need to identify the key points and start drafting how they relate to the outcome statement) | 5 Pillars  1 hour session  Format for each session  1 Facilitator  1 Presenter to set the context for the discussion (10 mins)  4 Panelists asked to answer and discuss two pre-agreed questions before the session (moderated by Facilitator)  Facilitated group discussion with audience and virtual participants |
| 1.10-2.30 | *Pillar 1: Protected Area Management and Governance:*   * *Protected area types* * *Working with provincial governments and management committees* * *Institutional arrangements-*   Discuss how to progress the results of the institutional and regulatory review. | *Facilitator:* Biatus Bito  *Presenter:* Bernard Suruman (History of PA Management and Governance in PNG)  *Panelists:*   1. Bernard Suruman (CEPA Marine) 2. James Sabi (CEPA terrestrial) 3. Cosmas Apelis (TNC) 4. Maxine Anjiga (LMMA Secretariat) 5. Kenn Mondial (Partners with Melanesia) | Explanation of the new types  Representation, roles and responsibilities of PA management committees – how can the committees best be supported in protected area management? |
| 2.30-3 | *Break* |  |  |
| 3-4 | *Pillar 2: Sustainable Livelihoods for Communities*   * *Supporting local communities in conservation of nature and culture* * *Supporting sustainable livelihoods* | *Facilitator:* Patricia Kila  *Presenter:* Jim Thomas (Sustainable Livelihood Projects in PA’s)  *Panelists:*   1. Modi Pontio (YUS) 2. Jayanne Mailai (USAID Lukautim Graun Project) 3. Gabriel Bakani (Kulungi LMMA) 4. Miriam Supuma | Principles for livelihood projects have been produced in the past – how relevant are these and how are we progressing? |
| 4-4.15 | *Break* |  |  |
| 4 – 4.45 | *Women in Conservation & Management:*   * *Mainstreaming Gender Equity in Conservation* * *Supporting women in protected area management* | *Facilitator:*  Zola Sangga  Presenter: Maxine Anjiga (Women’s Engagement Model)  *Panelists:*   1. Maxine Anjiga 2. Naomi Longa (Sea Women of Melanesia) 3. Chelsea Magini (USAID Lukautim Graun Project) 4. Ruth Konia (TNC,   Mangrove Meri) | How re we meeting the challenges faced by women involved in conservation or PA decision-making.  Importance of improving representation in both actions and decision-making. |
| 4.45-5.00 | Summary of key points and closure of day | *Facilitator – Kay Kalim, CEPA SEP Director* |  |

**Day 2 – Thursday 03rd June 2021**

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| Time | Item | Responsibility | Comments |
| 8.30 | Registration | CEPA staff, UNDP and consultants |  |
| 9.00 | Reflections on previous day | Facilitator - Volunteer |  |
| ***Dialogue Sessions:*** Priorities under the pillars | | | |
| 9.15-10.30 | *Pillar 3: Effective and adaptive biodiversity management*   * *Developing a capable workforce* * *Management planning, evaluation and biodiversity conservation* | *Facilitator:* Malcom Keako  *Presenter:* Dr. Francesca Dem (NGBRC) Effective & Adaptive PA Management  *Panelists:*   1. Dr. Francesca Dem 2. Modi Pontio (YUS) 3. Jim Thomas (TCA) 4. James Sabi (CEPA) | How do we progress having a capable workforce in the field?  Advances in Management planning and evaluation |
| 10.30-11 | Break |  |  |
| 11-12 | *Pillar 4: Managing the PA Network*  *Expanding the network, ensuring free prior and informed consent, and meeting the Aichi Targets* | *Facilitator:* Elton Kaitokai  *Presenter:* James Sabi (land-sea conservation planning)  *Panelists:*   1. James Sabi (CEPA) 2. Lester Seri (WCS) 3. Alu Kaiye (CEPA) 4. Oscar Pileng (WWF) | How to we increase the rate of expanding the protected area network: what are the opportunities and roadblocks to progress? |
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| 12-12.45 | *Pillar 5: Sustainable financing of protected area management*  system level financing opportunities and how to leverage additional support from outside the conservation sector  Discussion on the cost of financing protected areas  Progress on establishing a national fund to support biodiversity. | *Facilitator:* Ted Mamu  *Presenter:* Andrew Rylance (PA finance plan)  *Panelists:*   1. Andrew Rylance 2. Maurice Knight (USAID) 3. Michelle McGeorge (Port Moresby Nature Park) 4. Tamalis Akus (UNDP GEF Small Grants Programme) | How do we harness more funding and direct it to actually making a difference to conservation in the field? |
| 12.45-1.30 | LUNCH |  | Time for preparation of afternoon summaries |
| 1.30-3.30 | PA Information Booths and knowledge sessions | UNDP Comms & CEPA & Booth holders | Specialised team to work on consolidating and finalizing the outcome statement. |
| 3.30-4.00 | Presentation of the Outcome Statement to the Forum & Next Steps | Director – SEP, CEPA |  |
| 4.00 | Closing Remarks | Managing Director, CEPA |  |