

*Invitation to workshop on:*

## WHAKATANE MECHANISM:

A multi-stakeholder approach to solving human rights conflicts in protected areas



### TIME & VENUE

10th September 2012,  
19.00-21.00

Room 202, Jeju ICC  
Jeju Provincial Island  
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### ORGANIZERS

- Forest Peoples Programme
- IUCN CEESP
- IUCN Secretariat

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### ABSTRACT

The Whakatane Mechanism assesses the respect of human rights in protected areas, provides recommendations to address human rights violations and facilitates a dialogue between the management authorities and indigenous peoples in order to reach joint solutions. It also celebrates and promotes best practices in conservation and successful partnerships between indigenous peoples and protected areas authorities.

The Mechanism emerged from meetings at the CEESP Sharing Power Conference in Whakatane, New Zealand, in January 2011 and has been developed by IUCN, its Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy, Indigenous Peoples' Organisations and the Forest Peoples Programme. It is the implementation of IUCN resolutions relating to indigenous peoples' rights and well-being and therefore contributes to realising the obligation of the Union as a whole to deal with these crucial issues. It also builds on the intentions and progress made through many other agreements, such as UNDRIP, the Durban Accord and Action Plan, the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, and an array of initiatives focused on enhancing governance, equity and respect for human rights led by IPOs, and conservation organisations.

In 2011 and 2012 two pilot assessments have been conducted in Mt Elgon, Kenya, and Ob Luang National Park, Thailand. In both these areas there have been conflicts between indigenous peoples

and conservation authorities for several decades. A taskforce composed of men and women from indigenous peoples' organizations, IUCN staff, government officials, conservation NGOs, local NGOs, and the Forest Peoples Programme have spent about two weeks in and around the protected areas. In both instances, the results were extremely encouraging and have shown that the Whakatane Mechanism can be very effective at bringing about change.

**This workshop will showcase the process, results and future plans for the Whakatane Mechanism. The assessments in Thailand and Kenya will be presented by members of the taskforce: such as the Ogiek and Karen indigenous people, the conservation authorities from each country and IUCN staff. The floor will then be open for consensus-building on the future of the Whakatane Mechanism.**



<b>19.00</b>	<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Dr. Janis Bristol Alcorn (RRI Fellow and Co-Chair of IUCN CEESP TGER)</p>
<b>19.10</b>	<p>Rationale and history of the Whakatane Mechanism by Stewart Maginnis, (Global Director, IUCN Nature Based Solutions Group) and Justin Kenrick, (Africa Policy Advisor, Forest Peoples Programme)</p>
<b>19.20</b>	<p>Presentation of the pilot Whakatane Assessment in Ob Luang National Park, Thailand, by Udom Charoenniyomphrai (on behalf of the Karen indigenous people, IMPECT) and Dr Theerapat Prayurasiddhi (Deputy Director General of Thailand's Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation)</p>
<b>19.35</b>	<p>Discussion from the floor</p>
<b>19.40</b>	<p>Presentation of the pilot Whakatane Assessment in Mount Elgon, Kenya, by Fred Ngeyo Kibelio (on behalf of the Ogiek indigenous people, CIPDP), Michael Kipkeu (Senior Assistant Director Community and Wildlife Service, Kenya Wildlife Service) and Ali Kaka (Regional Director, IUCN East and Southern Africa)</p>
<b>19.55</b>	<p>Discussion from the floor</p>
<b>20.00</b>	<p>Panel discussion on the links between the Whakatane Mechanism and other processes within IUCN, chaired by Janis Bristol Alcorn, with:</p> <p><b>Aroha Mead</b> - Chair, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP)</p> <p><b>Kirsten Walker Painemilla</b> - CEESP Co-Chair for the CEESP/CEL Specialist Group on Indigenous Peoples, Customary &amp; Environmental Laws &amp; Human Rights (SPICEH)</p> <p><b>Nigel Crawhall</b> - Co-Chair Theme on Indigenous Peoples, Local Communities, Equity and Protected Areas (TILCEPA)</p> <p><b>Stewart Maginnis</b> - Global Director, IUCN Nature Based Solutions Group</p> <p><b>Tim Badman</b> - Director of IUCN's World Heritage Programme</p> <p><b>Emmanuel Freudenthal</b> - Project Officer, Forest Peoples Programme</p>
<b>20.15</b>	<p>Participants in working groups to brainstorm ideas on: How could the Whakatane Mechanism be most useful to your work?</p>
<b>20.35</b>	<p>Feedback from the groups</p>
<b>20.50</b>	<p>Wrapping up by the panel – potential next steps for the Whakatane Mechanism</p>
<b>21.00</b>	<p>Ends</p>

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