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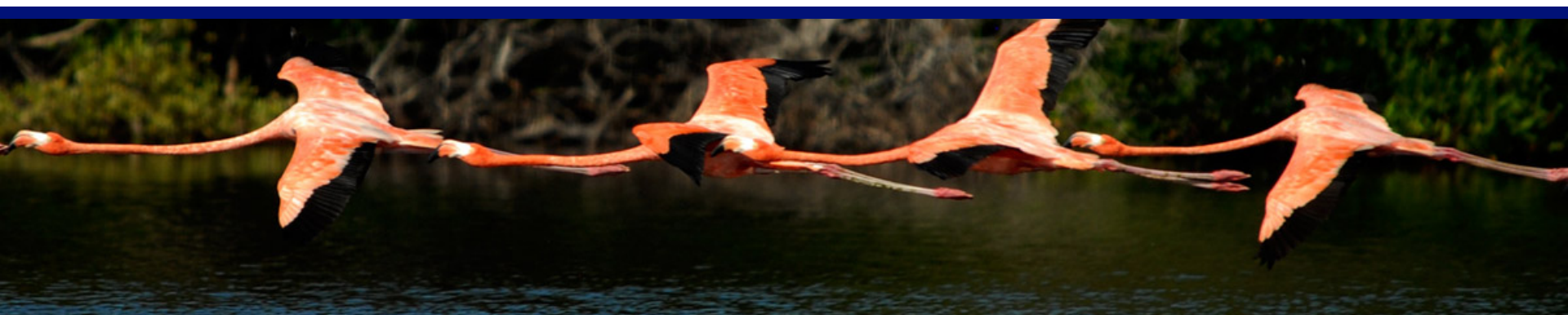
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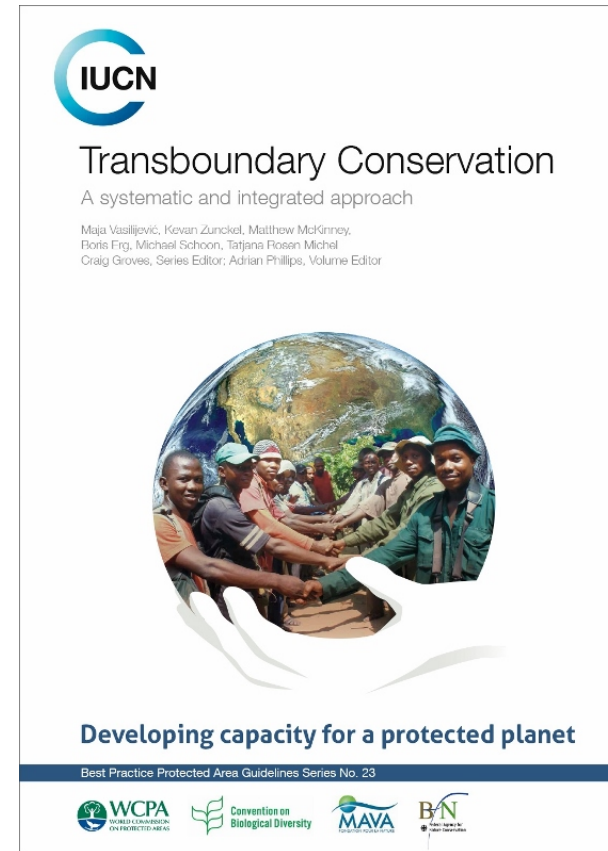
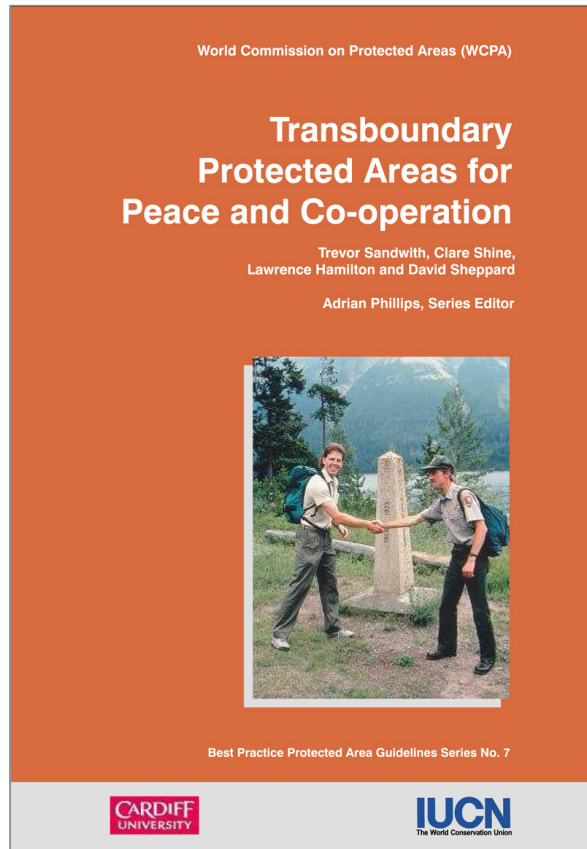
What are WCPA Best Practice Guidelines?

www.iucn.org/pa_guidelines

- **No ordinary** publication
- The **world's authoritative resource** for protected area managers
- One of the **key WCPA products**
- **Global standards** setting guide
- Supports **better implementation of conservation action** in the field
- Builds institutional and individual **capacity to manage** protected areas effectively

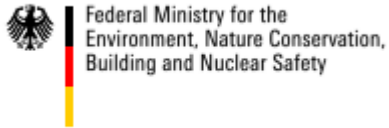


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Development of key concepts

An *International workshop on defining transboundary conservation principles*
16-18 October 2013, Austria



The international workshop in Thayatal



- Gathered 24 experts from 16 countries, including protected area staff, government officials, NGO representatives, academia and donors
- Partnership with the **International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development** established



Wide participatory approach

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Defining transboundary conservation

Transboundary conservation is a process of cooperation to achieve conservation goals across one or more international boundaries



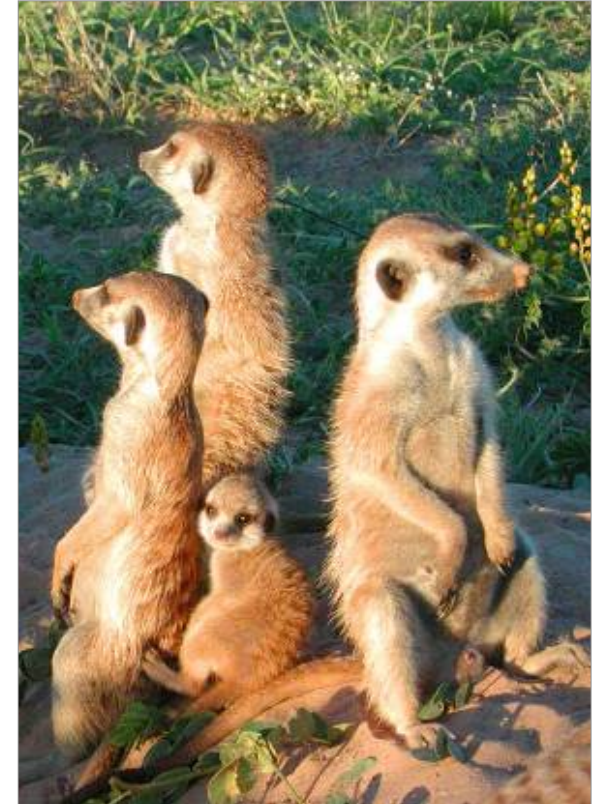
WCPA typology of Transboundary Conservation Areas

Type 1:
Transboundary Protected Area

Type 2:
**Transboundary Conservation Landscape
and/or Seascape**

Type 3:
Transboundary Migration Conservation Area

Special designation:
Park for Peace

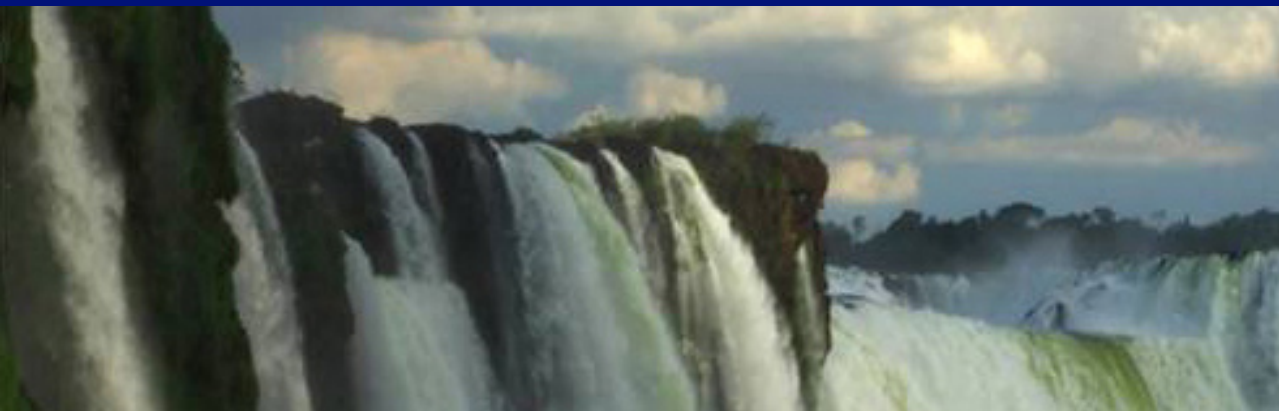


Models of cooperation in TBC

Model of cooperation	Example
Communication or Information sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasional or regular communication on actions, problems, opportunities or other relevant issues Sharing of information
Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking opinion, feedback or advice from each other Cooperative process with the aim to harmonize management
Coordinated action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jointly coordinated management actions implemented within the sovereign areas of each party, that contribute to the conservation goals of the entire transboundary ecosystem, e.g. monitoring of species and ecological processes occurs as regular activity on the territory of each party, but the results contribute to conservation of species or ecosystems in the whole shared ecosystem This is a form of cooperative management
Joint implementation of decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jointly coordinated and implemented management actions across the sovereignty boundaries, e.g. joint law enforcement patrols, joint fundraising and project implementation, the production of marketing material that profiles the TBCA as a single entity, etc. This is a form of cooperative management

Making the case for transboundary conservation

- Ecological
- Socio-economic
- Cultural
- Enhanced efficiency of day-to-day management of common issues
- Harmonisation of legal and policy frameworks
- Enhanced political relations and stability



Transboundary conservation governance



- Variations of transboundary conservation governance involving multiple actors and ranging from informal to formal arrangements
- There is no single model but several key characteristics that define good TB governance





Common stages of a transboundary conservation process

WCPA's Framework	CONTEXT AND PLANNING		INPUTS AND PROCESSES	OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES
Stages	DIAGNOSE	DESIGN	TAKE ACTION	EVALUATE
Goals	Determine the need for transboundary conservation	Match the process to the situation	Secure resources and implement actions	Learn and adapt
Step 1	Identify if there is a compelling reason to act	Determine who should lead the effort	Assess the capacity to implement plans	Assess progress and outcomes
Step 2	Determine if there is a constituency for change	Mobilize and engage the right people	Develop an action plan	Determine if there is a need to continue
Step 3	Estimate the scope of the issue	Define the geographic extent	Secure financial sustainability	Adapt the management and action plans
Step 4	Estimate the capacity to work across boundaries	Negotiate a joint vision and develop management objectives	Implement the plans	Communicate progress

Best practice examples

33 best practice examples drawn from different geographical regions and ecosystems around the world, and involving different protected area management categories, models of cooperation and transboundary arrangements



IUCN World Parks Congress 2014

- Pre-launch event in Sydney on 18 Nov 2014

- Speakers:

Dr. Uwe Riecken (BfN)

Dr. Charlotte Karibuhoye (MAVA Foundation)

Dr. Jeff Mow (Glacier National Park)

Maja Vasiljević (WCPA, Guidelines co-editor)

Dr. Matthew McKinney (WCPA, Guidelines co-editor)

Kevan Zuncel (WCPA, Guidelines co-editor)

Moderator: **Boris Erg (IUCN, Guidelines co-editor)**

- The concepts in the Guidelines endorsed by the audience



Transboundary Conservation

A systematic and integrated approach
Presenting IUCN WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on Transboundary Conservation

18 November 2014
12:00-13:30
Governance Stream Home Room—Hall4 A2

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FOCUS OF THE PUBLICATION
Thirteen years after publishing a pioneer WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines *Transboundary Protected Areas for Peace and Co-operation*, IUCN is presenting the new publication, undertaking a more comprehensive focus on transboundary conservation, IUCN WCPA Guidelines, *Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach*, synthesizes the most up-to-date scientific knowledge and global experience from practice, offering guidance to transboundary conservation practitioners and proponents to effectively initiate, establish, govern, manage and monitor transboundary programmes. Apart from elaborating on the innovative transboundary conservation principles, including transboundary governance models, these Guidelines provide a revised typology and definitions of types of Transboundary Conservation Areas. 37 examples are profiled throughout the Guidelines, demonstrating a variety of ecosystems, geographical regions, and models of cooperation worldwide.

WHO WAS INVOLVED
The main pool of expertise for the development of the Guidelines comes from IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group. It was a collaborative effort and extraordinary commitment of many members of this voluntary network to prepare the Guidelines. Key aspects of the publication come as a result of the *International workshop on drafting transboundary conservation principles*, held on 16-18 October 2013 in Thalatal National Park, Austria. The hosts of the workshop were Thalatal National Park, Austria, and Podji National Park, Czech Republic. Wider WCPA network also collaborated in preparation of the Guidelines, which were initially based on the contents and ideas set out in the WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines from 2001.

DONORS
The project was funded by MAVA Foundation, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) through the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), and IUCN WCPA.

THE PRE-LAUNCH EVENT
The key objectives of the event at which the draft IUCN WCPA Guidelines, *Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach*, will be presented are:

- To present the key findings and concepts to a wider audience of transboundary conservation specialist and interested individuals
- To seek qualified feedback on the main concepts from an experienced audience
- To raise awareness about the Guidelines.

PROGRAMME

Chair
Mr. Boris Erg, IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe and IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group

12:00-12:30	Welcome address and introductory speeches Ms. Maja Vasiljević, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group Prof. Beate Jessel, BfN German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation Dr. Charlotte Karibuhoye, MAVA Foundation Dr. Jeff Mow, Glacier National Park
12:30-12:45	WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on transboundary conservation: Key concepts Dr. Matthew McKinney, Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Montana Mr. Kevan Zuncel, Zuncel Ecological and Environmental Services
12:45-13:25	Discussion on the key concepts proposed in the Guidelines
13:25-13:30	Conclusions

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Side event, IUCN World Parks Congress

18 Nov 2014



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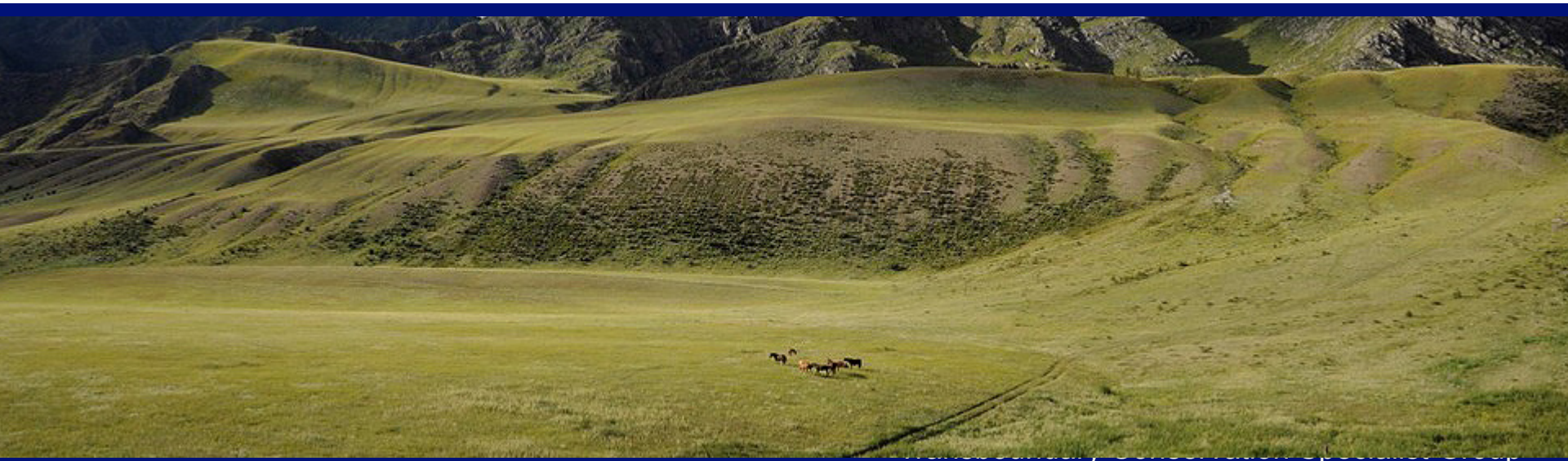
Next steps

- Translation to French and Spanish
- Wide dissemination
- Training modules & capacity building
- Address the gaps detected in the Guidelines and backed up by Sydney outcomes



Support to the WCPA Guidelines by the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

- UNEP/CMS/COP11/CRP18 (2014) called all Parties to the CMS and relevant organizations **to apply IUCN WCPA Best Practice Guidelines on transboundary conservation**

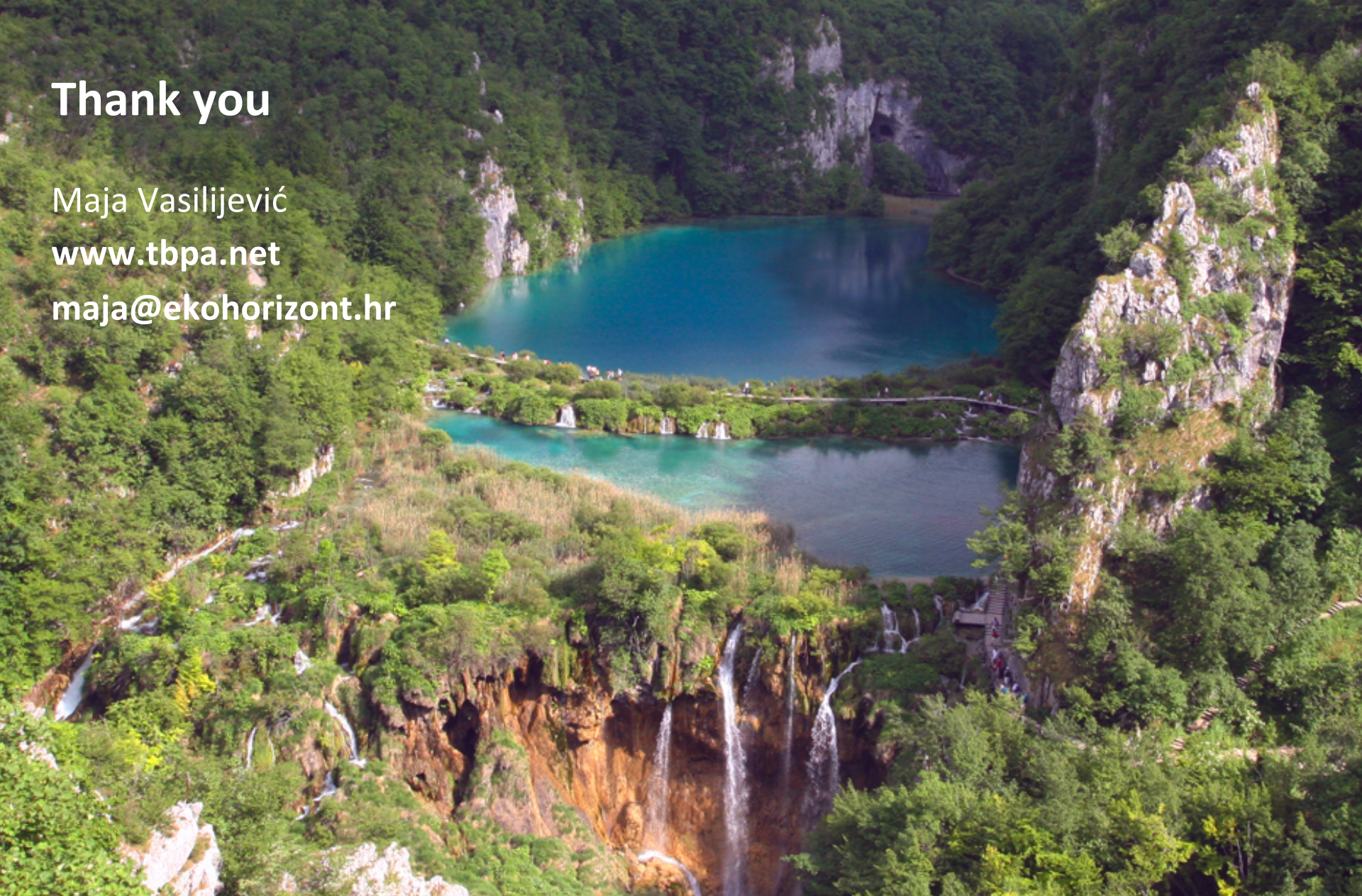


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