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# Database of Transboundary Conservation Areas

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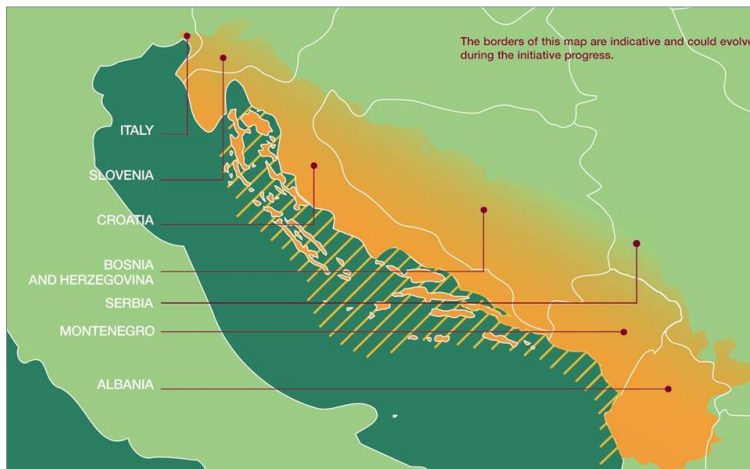
# What is transboundary conservation?

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

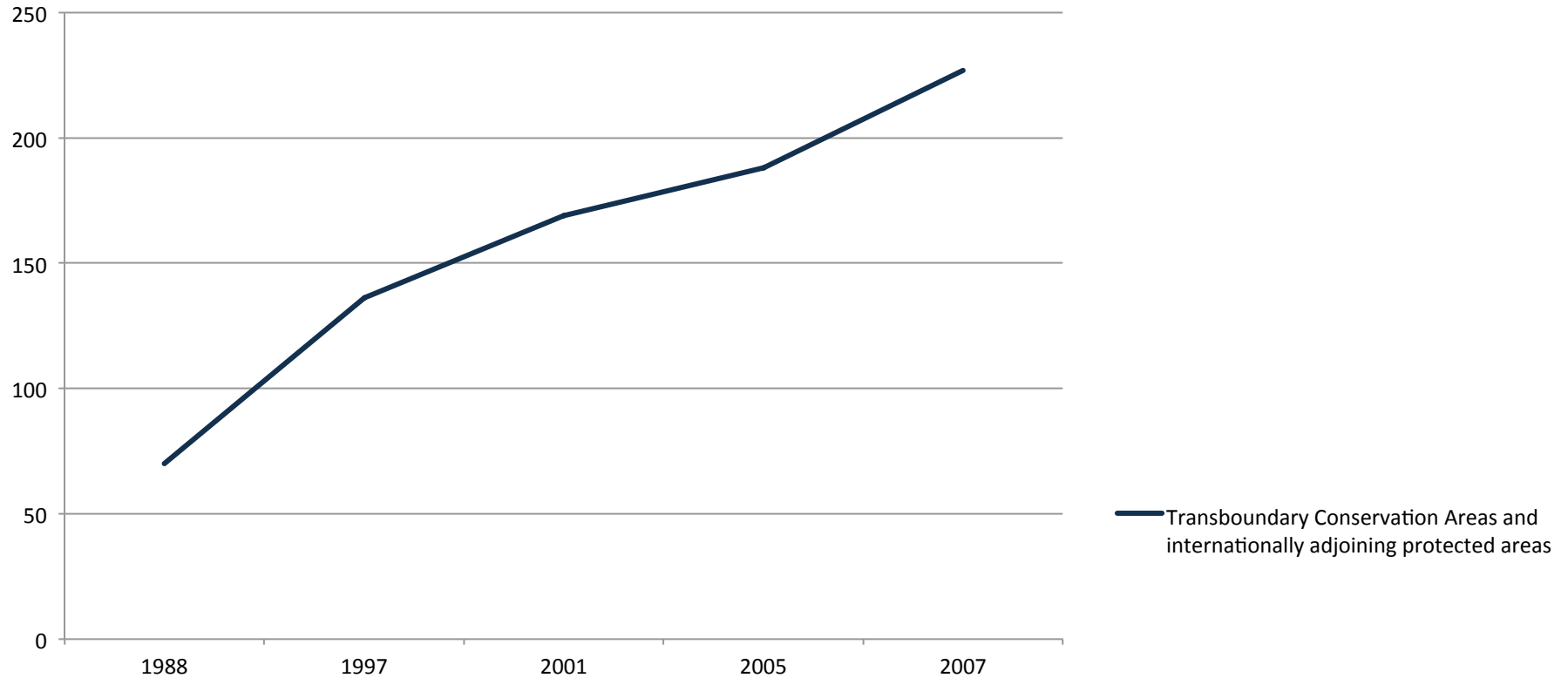


# The value of transboundary conservation

- Greater **ecological** integrity and contribution to the long-term survival of species
- Contribute to securing the survival of migratory species
- Potential to generate substantial **socio-cultural and economic** benefits
- Enhanced cooperation in **day-to-day management** can result in multiple benefits
- Conservation **planning** at wider scale
- Potential to strengthen **political relations**



# Growth of Transboundary Conservation Areas



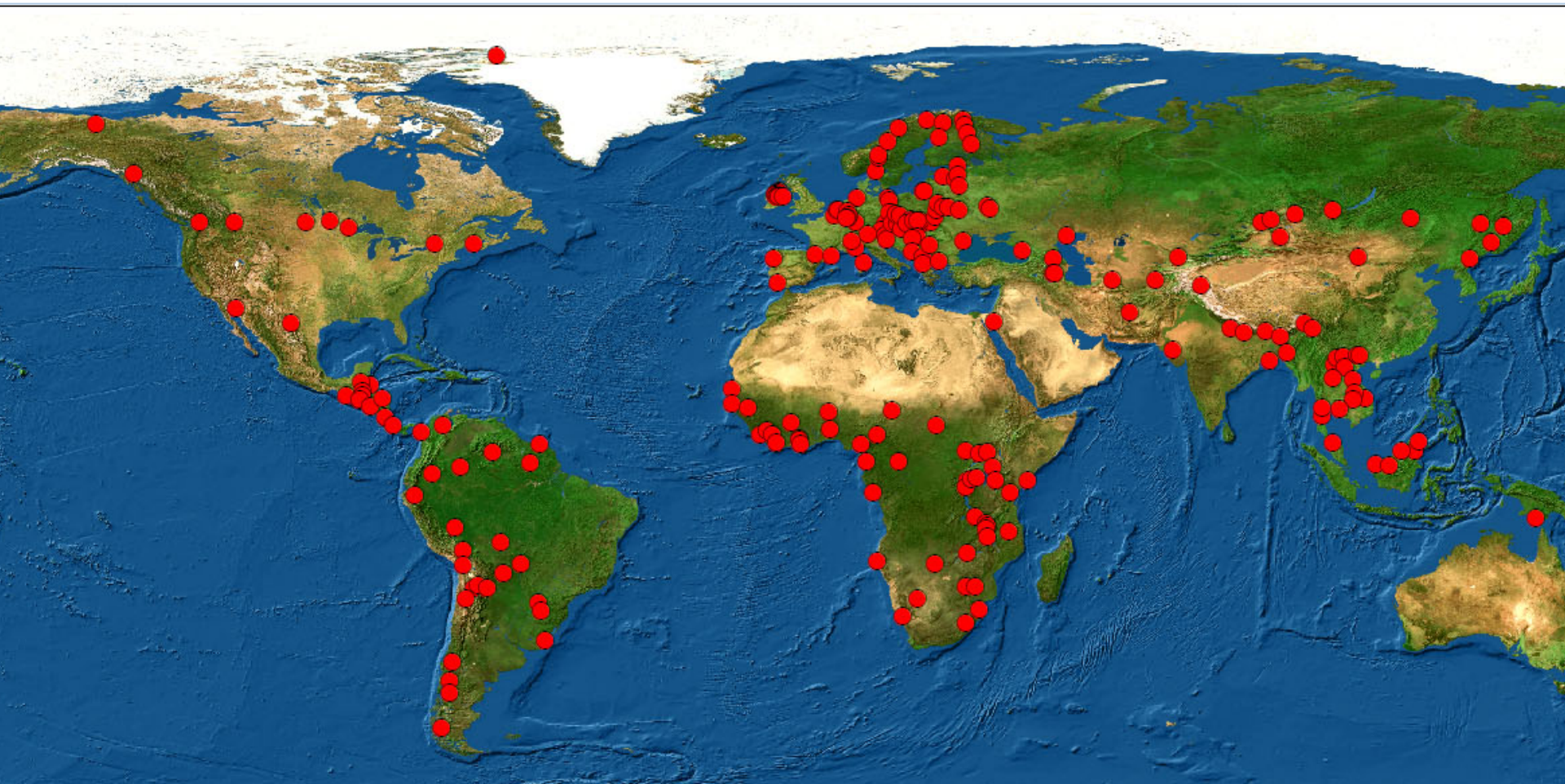
# Global assessments

Author	Scope	Results
Thorsell and Harrison (1990)	Border parks	<b>70</b>
Zbicz and Green (1997)	Transfrontier protected area complexes	<b>136</b> (comprising 488 protected areas)
Zbicz (2001)	Internationally adjoining protected areas	<b>169</b> (comprising 666 protected areas)
Besançon and Savy (2005)	Internationally adjoining protected areas and other transboundary conservation initiatives	<b>188</b> (comprising 818 protected areas)
Lysenko et al. (2007)	Transboundary protected areas	<b>227</b> (comprising 3,043 protected areas)

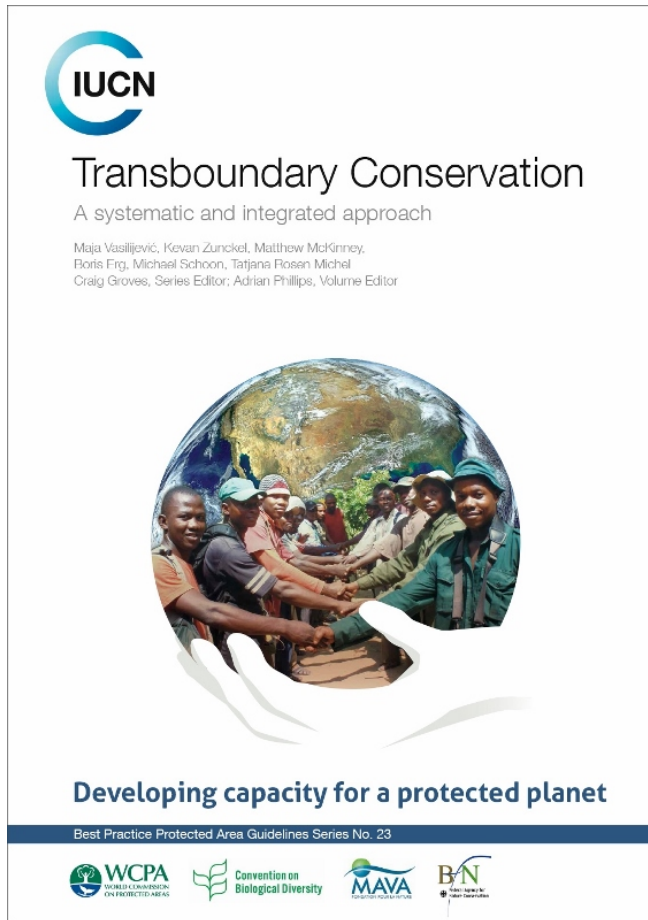


# European assessment

- One assessment at European level (Brunner, 1999)
- 89 'Transboundary cooperation areas'



# WCPA Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on transboundary conservation



Need for development of a  
comprehensive database

Standardised methodology

Survey of managers

Increased number of qualifying  
areas

Integration into WDPA's  
Protected Planet portal

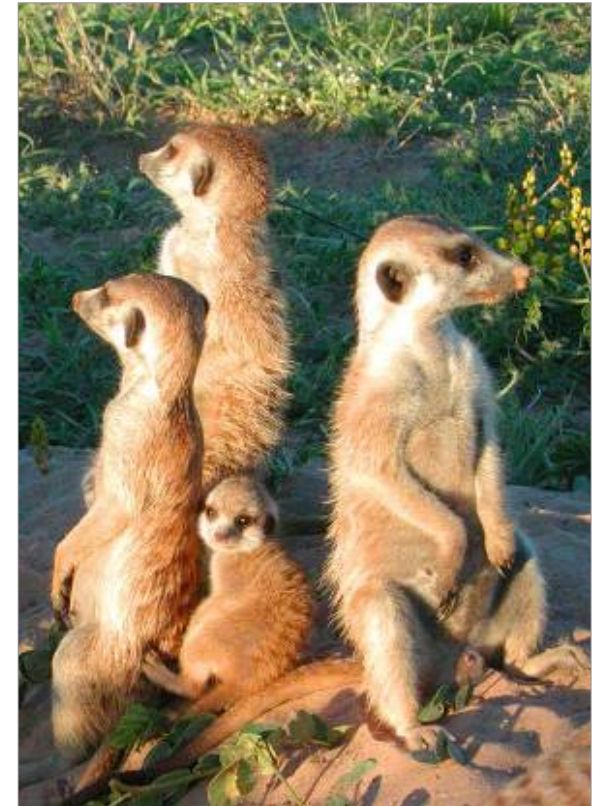
# WCPA typology of Transboundary Conservation Areas

Type 1:  
**Transboundary Protected Area**

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

Type 3:  
**Transboundary Migration Conservation Area**

Special designation:  
**Park for Peace**

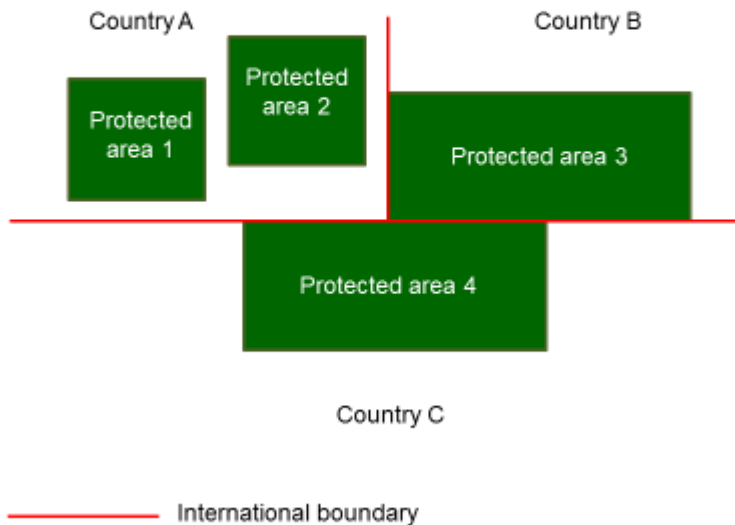




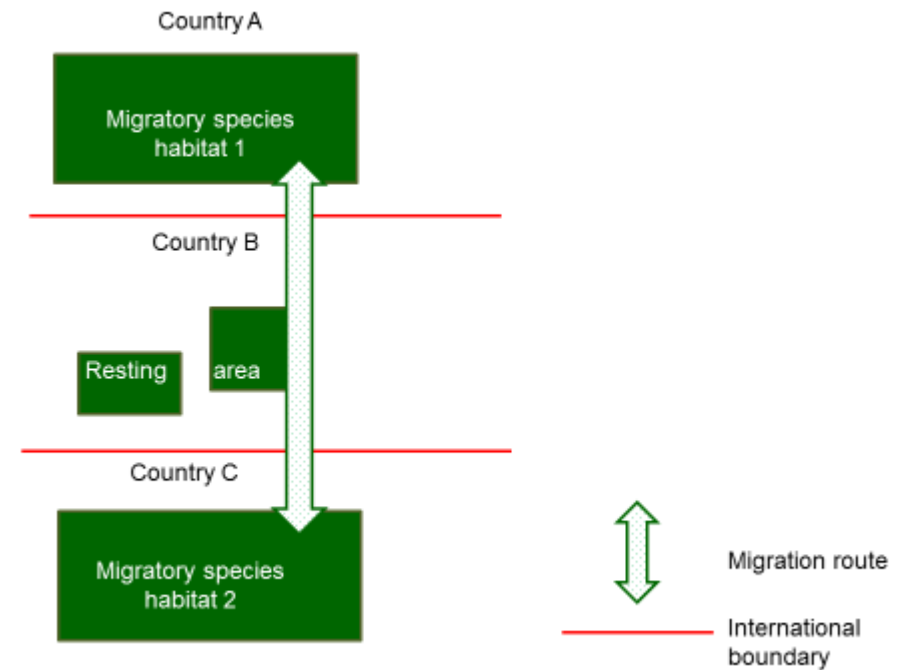
# Physical proximity of qualifying components



## Transboundary Protected Area



## Transboundary Migration Conservation Area



# A comprehensive database

- Geographical distribution
- Historical background
- Partners involved
- Models of cooperation and their effectiveness
- Existence of agreements
- Transboundary conservation governance (formal or informal arrangements)
- Overlays with other conservation strategies
- Overlays with regions of past and current conflict



# What such database would enable



- Enhanced knowledge about transboundary conservation
- Improved networking between interested parties
- Enhanced sharing of experience
- Help connect TBCAs with other forms of large scale conservation
- Facilitate scientific research and comparative analyses
- Assist in tracking global trends in transboundary cooperation for conservation



# Policy support and expert workshops outcomes



- **WPC 2014, Recommendation 18, Conclusions of the Governance Stream:**

‘all governments, conservation agencies and organisations, the IUCN, the ICCA Consortium and relevant IUCN Commissions’ specialist groups’ [support] **‘data gathering, analyses and reports** on governance of protected and conserved areas to feed into UNEP WCMC databases... This will allow the development of **comprehensive and valid databases and analyses on governance and connectivity** of protected areas..., including **Transboundary Conservation Areas...**’

- **WPC 2014, Conclusion 1, WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group’s Side-event *Transboundary Conservation: A systematic and integrated approach*:**

‘Governments, conservation organisations, IUCN, WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group and CBD Secretariat should support relevant data gathering and analyses to develop a comprehensive **global database of Transboundary Conservation Areas**, as part of UNEP-WCMC’s database.’

- **Recommendation of the International symposium on Biodiversity and Peace, CBD COP 12:**

‘Support the development of a **comprehensive global inventory of Transboundary Conservation Areas**, in cooperation with IUCN WCPA, UNEP WCMC, UNESCO and CBD Secretariat.’



# Thank you

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