

**Minutes of the Proteus Meeting
11 December 2007
UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge**

In Attendance:

Proteus Partners:

Anglo American	Michael Buchanan
BHPBilliton	Dan McLaughlin
BP	Toby Croucher
Earthwatch (HSBC)	James Burton
ESRI UK	James Crafts
IHSE	Stuart Wood
Microsoft	Randy Ramusack
Premier Oil	Jacqueline Berman
Repsol YPF	Pablo Guinea; Eva Sanchez; Magdalena Pereyia
RioTinto	Gabrielle Iwanow
Shell	Steven de Bie
StatOil	Steiner Eldøy
Total	Jean-francois Vidalie
Well Data	Stefan Parrott

Invited Observers:

Birdlife	Martin Sneary
CI	Bambi Semroc & Conrad Savy
IPIECA	Erica Dholoo
IUCN	Vineet Katariya

UNEP-WCMC Staff:

Jon Hutton, Director
Tim Johnson, Deputy Director
Monika MacDevette, Deputy Director
Derek Gliddon, Head of Informatics Programme
Charles Besancon, Head of Protected Areas Programme
Colleen Corrigan, Protected Areas
Claire Brown, Ecosystem Assessment
Craig Mills, Spatial Analysis
Dan Jackson, Web Tools
Lucy Fish, WDPA Data Manager

Apologies :

Chevron
Exxon Mobil
ICMM
Oracle

Meeting started at 10.30am

1. Jon Hutton, welcomed representatives to the meeting and opened the meeting with an overview of Proteus and a recap on the March 30th Meeting (see presentation on Proteus website) As a number of new Partners had joined Proteus since the last meeting, Partners then introduced themselves.
2. Charles Besancon then made a presentation on the **Overview of the World Database for Protected Areas (WDPA)** (see presentation on Proteus website).

The presentation covered the different ways in which the data held in the WDPA is used.

3. Derek Gliddon then led the WDPA redevelopment team in a **demonstration of a prototype of the newly rebuilt WDPA** (see presentation on Proteus website). The demonstrations also outlined the new flow that data will take to enter the WDPA.

Partners generally agreed that the new WDPA looks like a vast improvement from the old system, and they look forward to it being tested within companies and offered their congratulations to the WDPA redevelopment team.

Discussion following the demonstration focused upon the length of time it would take for data to be inputted into the new WDPA system compared with the old WDPA system.

Partners reflected that it would still be ideal to be able to link directly into the new WDPA system from their individual companies, as opposed to waiting for updates. Derek Gliddon, replied that this will be technically possible in due course and outlined plans to develop and extend the range of mapping tools available in the future.

Discussion then moved to whether the public could download the data from the new WDPA and how the registration users would take place.

Partners then asked questions on the timetable for when the prototype would be fully operational and what was the future outlook for the WDPA. Partners all expressed an interest in being kept in the loop on up dates.

Microsoft queried about how priorities were set for looking at the backlog of data. The Partners and international processes set priorities but Jon Hutton did agree that these decisions could be made more transparent.

There were also questions on where the satellite images come from. ESRI confirmed that the images come from ESRI, which are available for use by anyone for free.

The question was asked if the technology behind the new WDPA be used in other ways despite being paid for by Proteus. Jon Hutton, confirmed that he would be happy for any useful features to be made available to NGO partners.

4. Jon Hutton then led a discussion on the launch of the new WDPA which it anticipated at the CBD COP in Bonn and the World Conservation Congress in Barcelona. Partners then expressed a desire to be involved and help promote the new WDPA.

It was agreed that UNEP-WCMC could make use of the Partner Press Officers and to set up a sub committee for the launch which would meet virtually. However UNEP-WCMC needs to develop a proposal for engagement, communication and launch of the WDPA. Jon Hutton and Tim Johnson will take a lead on this activity.

5. Tim Johnson presented the **budget and expenditure** for the rebuild of the WDPA.

There was discussion on how in-kind contributions are captured. Currently there is only an estimation but could be in the range of US\$200,000 for ESRI licences, US\$200,000 from Microsoft and SUN and US\$100,000 per technical partner. Partners would like to see the budget presented again with a break down of the in-kind contributions, as this should be used to attract more attention to the partnership

6. Conrad Savy and Bambi Semroc, then presented a recap on IBAT and outline progress since the March Proteus meeting.

Partners then discussed whether conflicting NGO and government data could be both shown to allow for independent decision-making. It was confirmed that this would be possible.

Partners then discussed the level of acceptance of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) by governments and whether it was critical to know this information. KBAs build on the IBAs and in the Philippines have written KBAs into policy and are often seen as filling the gaps between protected area systems. KBAs are set using the IUCN manual and therefore consistently designated. The legal status of KBAs and IBAs could be a weakness in the datasets.

It was also confirmed that IBAT has funding until October 2008 but currently all partners of the broader vision are looking at fundraising.

Partners were concerned that money from Proteus being given to BID may not be a good idea, but stressed that more effort needs to be made to bring the two processes together. Partners expressed the need for the BID partners to develop one strategy with a structured approach to bring initiatives together and to develop a comprehensive 5 year plan and have only the one vision presented at the World Conservation Congress. Partners want to see the WDPA and IBAT launched together.

Partners also expressed their dislike for dual fundraising efforts for Proteus and IBAT and once again expressed the need for IUCN to be part of the process. It is essential the BID partners can demonstrate that the broader vision has the 'legs' to last.

Partners also would like a governance structure put into place for BID, that outlines where the Proteus partners would sit and what role they would play. A narrative or storyline for BID also needs to be developed. There is a need for a foundation message that underpins the concept ready for early March 2008. This would be helpful for the next IPECA meeting to influence other companies.

Meeting Closed at 3.00pm