



Assisting countries to analyse the value, potential and contribution of OECMs

**Technical Assistance Offer for HAC Members
implementing Target 3 (30x30)**

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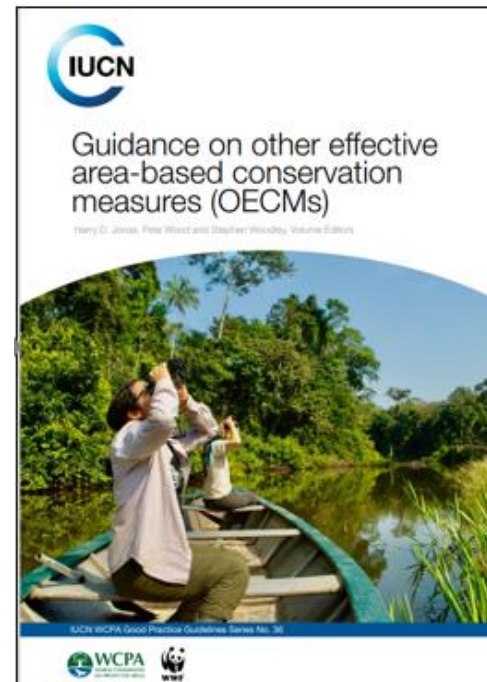
IUCN MANDATE

IUCN was invited by CBD Parties (Decision 14/8) to assist in identifying OECMs and applying scientific and technical advice

GUIDANCE AND TOOLS:

- Guidance on OECMs
- Site-level tool for identifying OECMs

2024



2023



CONCRETE HELP: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PILLARS

GUIDANCE & CAPACITY BUILDING

Tailored technical workshops, peer-to-peer exchanges, access to OECMs resources, support effectiveness and management

POLICY & LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

Support design and development of national frameworks and policy for recognising and reporting OECMs

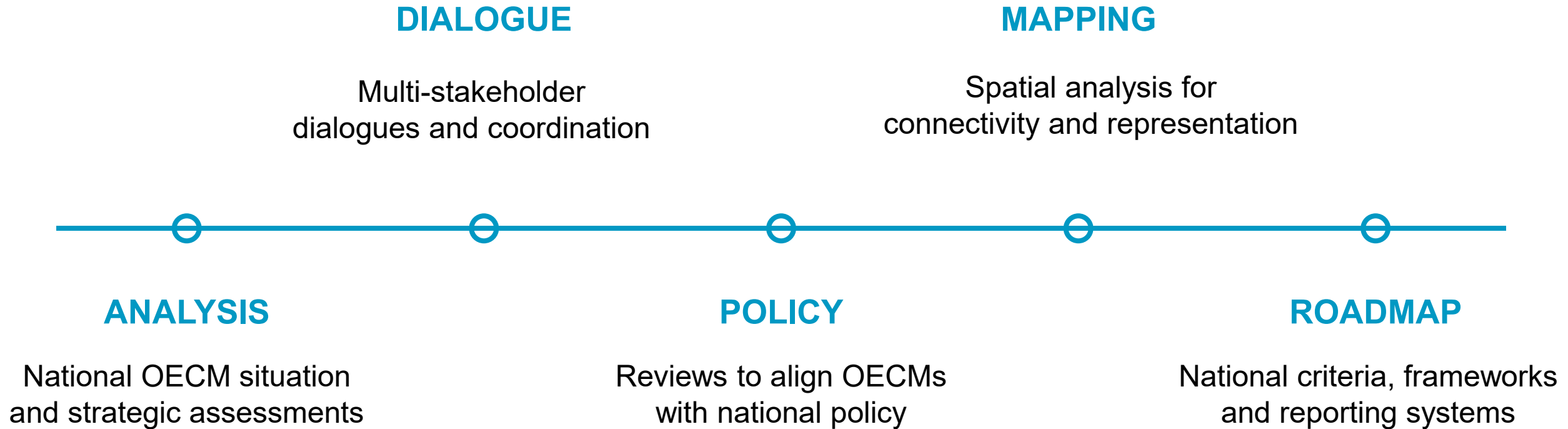
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Facilitate national dialogues and convene stakeholder dialogues, recognising and respecting PILC rights and contributions

SPATIAL PLANNING

Using spatial analysis to prioritise areas where OECMs add genuine ecological value to existing PCA frameworks and systems

THE STRATEGIC PATHWAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION



A structured methodology ensuring people-centered and ecological value-driven decisions

GLOBAL REACH THROUGH PROJECTS, TSC, REGIONAL OFFICES AND MEMBERS

IUCN hosts CBD Technical and Scientific Cooperation (TSC) regional support centres in Europe (Med, ECARO) and Asia (ARO, ROWA)

- ❖ **Africa (SPACE Initiative):** National dialogues and policy alignment across Eastern and Southern Africa
- ❖ **Asia:**
 - Capacity building in South Korea and China to identify potential OECMs and align national frameworks
 - Working with IPSI Secretariate and UNU-IAS to explore the potential of SEPLS to be recognised as OECM
 - Strengthening technical capacity, cross-sectoral collaboration and understanding of OECMs contribution to biodiversity conservation in 5 countries in Central Asia
 - Seascape-level marine OECM operationalization across 6 countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific (Coral Triangle)
- ❖ **Global (COLOURS):** Promoting the role, rights and inclusion of Indigenous peoples and local communities in the long-term and effective conservation of biodiversity, including through OECMs

HOW TO ENGAGE: YOUR PATHWAY TO SUPPORT

LIMITED PRO-BONO SUPPORT

Initial online dialogues, Q&A sessions and introductory webinars to help countries understand OECM relevance

FULL PROJECT ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance offered within the framework of approved and funded projects for long-term implementation

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Spaces for People and Conservation Effectiveness

“Putting people at the centre of effective and equitable conservation”
(Kigali Call to Action)

A photograph of a wetland landscape. In the foreground, a person in a blue shirt and dark pants is in a small, dark boat on a body of water, holding a long pole. In the background, a large herd of antelope, possibly reedbuck, is grazing on a grassy bank. The sky is blue with some birds flying.

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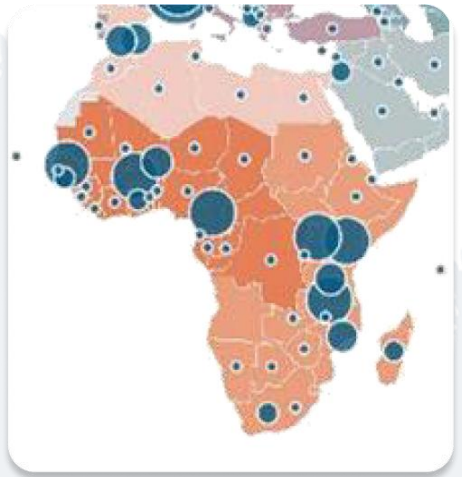
**FROM TECHNICAL
GUIDANCE TO
PRACTICAL PROCESS:**

Strengthening OECM
recognition through
national dialogues





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FRAMEWORK FOR SUPPORTING OECM DIALOGUES IN AFRICA



Objective

Increasing **effective OECM coverage** through supporting national dialogues, and site assessments, and national frameworks

Aim

Provide **technical** support and **convening** power to country members to host a national OECM dialogue and develop an OECM national framework and roadmap for recognising and reporting OECMs.

Overall Outcome

The country can identify, assess, strengthen and **report OECMs** as part of its NBSAP and GBF Target 3 reporting



AIM Integrating inclusive conservation areas into naturescapes

I. AMPLIFY SPaCE

Stepping Stone - Stakeholder dialogue

Secure political will and stakeholder support through convening stakeholder dialogues to raise awareness, exchange knowledge, align with national priorities, and harmonise global guidance with national OECM context

Stepping Stone - Policy assessment & alignment

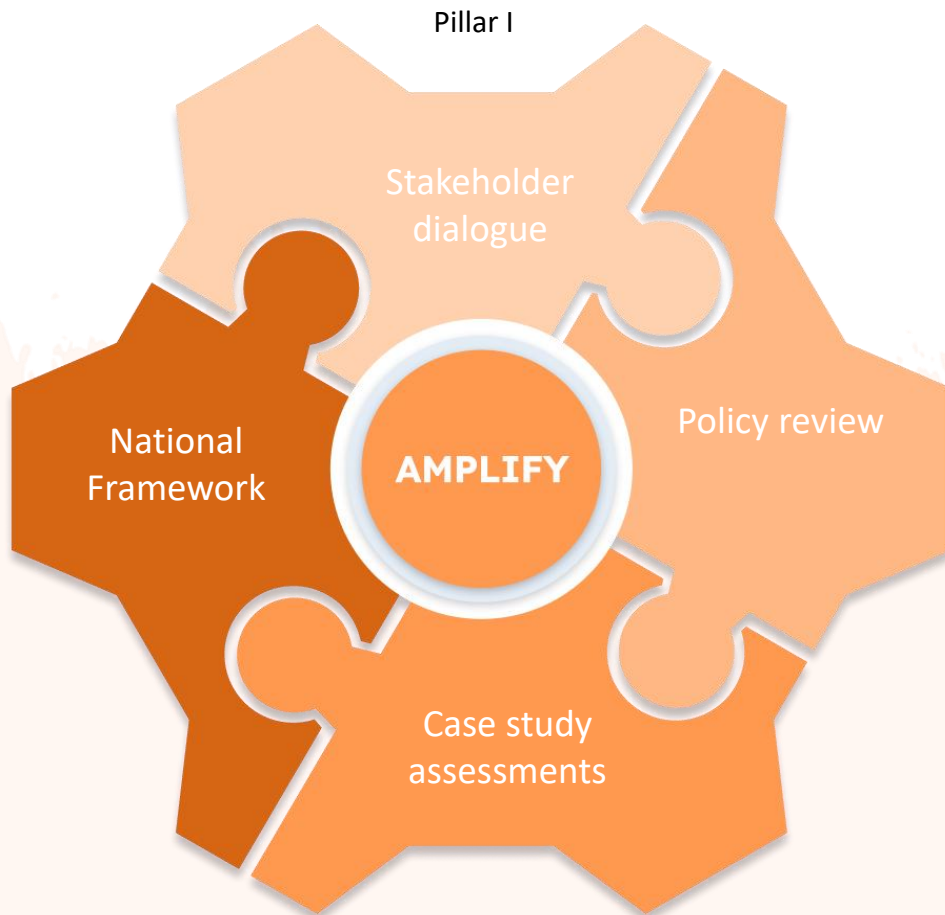
Review alignment between national legislative and policy frameworks related to protected areas and the OECM definition

Stepping Stone - Case study assessments

Undertake full assessments of case study examples of Potential OECMs meeting the OECM definition, report sites as OECMs to WD-OECM, and use results to inform the national dialogue and framework development

Stepping Stone - National OECM Framework

A national OECM framework is developed which guides how the country will assess, recognise, strengthen and report (AMPLIFY) OECMs that are equitable, representative, inclusive and contributes towards Target 3



OECD REGIONAL STRATEGY

MoUs/ Collaboration Agreements:

- Zimbabwe
- Mozambique
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- South Africa

- SADC Sec
- SADC TFCA network
- KAZA Sec
- SADC CBD TSC

Partners:

- Members
- Commission

Challenge: Funding





OECM NATIONAL FRAMEWORK



1: Establish a OECM working group



2: Refine national targets for OECMs



3: Systematic spatial plan and identify priority areas and potential sites/landscapes



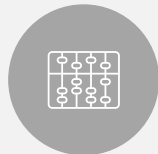
4: Strengthen enabling standards, policies and legislation



5: Develop an assessment, monitoring and validation process for OECMs



6: Process for reporting OECMs nationally and WD-OECM



7: Awareness and advocacy



8: Resources to support the implementation of the framework



9: Unlocking financial and other benefits for OECMs



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[Find OECM Resources here](#)

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