



Call for proposals for book chapters:

**Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature:
Implications for the Governance and Management of Protected and Conserved Areas**

The book will consist of approximately 15 illustrated peer-reviewed chapters of approximately 5000 words. It will be published by Routledge, Taylor and Francis group in 2017 or early 2018.

The book is being developed by the IUCN Specialist Group on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas (CSVPA) and will be edited by Bas Verschuuren (CSVPA Co-Chair and Associate Researcher at the department of Sociology of Development and Change at Wageningen University, Netherlands) and Steve Brown (Lecturer in Archaeology & Heritage Studies at the University of Sydney and President of ICOMOS/IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes) potentially with additional members of CSVPA.

Deadline:

Please send an abstract (max 500 words) and/or an outline of your proposed chapter to basverschuuren@gmail.com before **November 15th 2016**. Please include your name, affiliation and contact details. Late submissions, beyond November 15th, can likely still be considered although we aim to get a decent number of chapters confirmed as soon as possible. The expected date for selecting the final chapters will be December 15 and the date for submission of the full chapters is the 30th of April 2017.

Summary

Cultural and spiritual bonds with nature are among the strongest drives and motivators for nature conservation yet they are not often taken into account in the governance and management of protected areas.

To be sustainable, effective, and equitable, approaches to the management and governance of protected and conserved areas need to be grounded not only in solid scientific research and practice, but also in deeply held cultural, spiritual and aesthetic values and ideas capable of inspiring conservation of biological and cultural diversity.

Otherwise, they risk failing to win the broad support of key stakeholders, ranging from Indigenous Peoples and local communities to followers of mainstream religions, and members of the general public.

With the expanding range of different kinds of protected areas around the world, it is critical to expand the scope of their governance and management and to take into account the rights and aspirations of stakeholders from a variety of cultural, religious and spiritual backgrounds. Therefore the book also aims at a deeper exploration of the values and philosophies that inform the practices and policies that define protected and conserved areas, as we know them today and as part of a rapidly changing future.

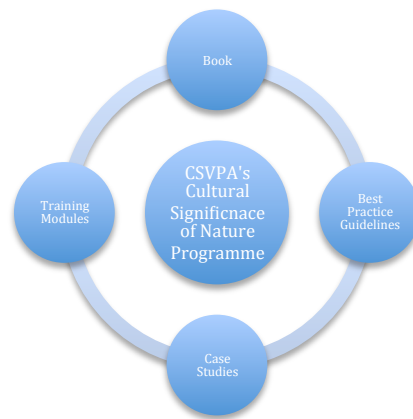
Scope:

The chapters will cover explorations of the conceptual, philosophical and theoretical underpinnings as well as practical case studies on the role of cultural and spiritual significance of nature in the governance and management of protected and conserved areas. The book aims to cover all of the IUCN governance types and management categories and is open to reflections on all possible ways of categorising or seeing 'nature' and 'conservation' in relation to culture and spirituality.

About the book:

The book will be part of a broader [programme on the cultural and spiritual significance of nature](#) currently being developed by the IUCN Specialist Group on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas, see figure 1 below.

Figure1: The book and other elements of CSVPA's Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature Project.



The book will be integrated and promoted along with the programmes' online case studies, training modules and lessons learned from the IUCN Best Practice Guidelines.

Related titles:

- ✓ Harmon, D., & Putney, A. (2003). *The full value of parks: From economics to the intangible*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers
- ✓ Mallarach, J.M., 2008. *Protected Landscapes and Cultural and Spiritual Values*. Volume 2 in the series *Values of Protected Lands-capes and Seascapes*, IUCN, GTZ and Obra Social de Caixa Catalunya, Kasperek Verlag, Heidelberg.
- ✓ Mallarach, J.-M., & Papayannis, T. (2007). *Spiritual values of Protected Areas: Proceedings of the First Workshop of The Delos Initiative*. Gland.
- ✓ Papayannis, T., & Mallarach, J. (2009). *The Sacred Dimension of Protected Areas*. In *Proceedings of the Second Workshop of the Delos Initiative*, Ouranopoulis, Greece. (p. 262). Gland & Athens: IUCN & Med-Ina.
- ✓ Palmer, M. (2003). *Faith in Conservation: New Approaches to Religions and the Environment*. Washington D.C.: The World Bank.
- ✓ Pilgrim, S. and Pretty, J.N., 2010. *Nature and culture: rebuilding lost connections*. Earthscan.
- ✓ Verschuuren, B., Wild, R., McNeely, J., & Oviedo, G. (2010). *Sacred natural sites: Conserving nature and culture*. London: Earth Scan.
- ✓ Verschuuren, B., & Furuta, N. (2016). *Asian sacred natural sites: Philosophy and practice in protected areas and conservation*. London: Routledge.
- ✓ Worboys, G.L., Lockwood, M., Kothari, A., Feary, S. and Pulsford, I. eds., 2015. *Protected area governance and management*. ANU Press.

IUCN Best Practice Guidelines:

- ✓ Borrini-Feyerabend, G., Dudley, N., Jaeger, T., Lassen, B., Pathak Broome, N., Phillips, a., & Sandwith, T. (2013). *Governance of Protected Areas: From understanding to action*. Best Practice Protected Area Guideline Series No. 20.
- ✓ Dudley, N. (2008). *Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories*. World. Gland: IUCN.
- ✓ Editors (under development) *Best Practice Guidelines on Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Nature in the Governance and Management of Protected and*

Conserved Areas. IUCN Best Practice Guidelines Series, IUCN, WCPA-CSVPA, Gland.

- ✓ Wild, R., & Mcleod, C. (2008). Sacred Natural Sites Guidelines for Protected Area Managers. Gland: IUCN.