

REGIONAL PROFILE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS, TO BE USED IN BPAN PROJECT	
The draft reporting framework facilitates capturing the progress in completing assessments on 13 key goals of the programme of work on protected areas and specific actions taken to implement the results of those assessments, in order to indicate the status of implementation. Progress in completing these assessments is measured from 0-4 (0 – no progress; 1 – planning phase; 2 – initial progress; 3 – substantial progress; 4 – nearly or fully completed).	
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1) Has a multi-stakeholder advisory committee been formed to implement the PoWPA?	NO
2) Is there an action plan for implementing the PoWPA?	NO
3) If yes, please provide a URL (or attach a pdf) of the strategic action plan:	-
4) If yes, which is the lead agency responsible for implementing the action plan?	-
5) If not, are the PoWPA actions included in other biodiversity-related action plans? (please provide a URL or attachment if so)	NO

1.1 To establish and strengthen national and regional systems of protected areas integrated into a global network as a contribution to globally agreed goals	
1) What progress has been made in assessing the representativeness, comprehensiveness and ecological gaps of your protected area network?	STATUS: 3
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a pdf) of the gap assessment report:	GAP report of NAO, 2011
3) Do you have specific targets and indicators for the protected area system?	YES
4) If yes, please provide a URL (or attach a pdf) of the targets and indicators:	The concept note of the protected area network and its development plan in the Arkhangelsk Region and the Nenets Autonomous District has been prepared.
5) What actions have been taken to improve the ecological representativeness of the protected area network? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Protected land area	Federal and regional protected areas cover 1 029 649 ha (of which 181 900 ha are marine areas) or 5,8% of the total area of the Nenets Autonomous District.  Areas of traditional nature use with protected area status cover 6 794 300 ha, or 38,4% of the total area of the Nenets Autonomous District.
Protected sea area	181 900 hectares
Proposed or planned PAs	5,8% of the total area of the Nenets Autonomous District

Promoted an array of different types of protected areas (e.g., different IUCN Categories, CCAs (Community Conserved Areas) etc)	STATUS: I
Other actions to improve the representativeness and comprehensiveness of the network	Ten protected areas are planned to be established in the Nenets Autonomous District by 2030

1.2 To integrate protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors so as to maintain ecological structure and function	
1) What progress has been made in assessing protected area landscape and seascape connectivity?, see: <a href="http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-44-en.pdf">http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-44-en.pdf</a>	(STATUS: 0-4)
What progress has been made in assessing protected area landscape and seascape sectoral integration?	STATUS: 3
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a pdf) of the assessment of protected area connectivity and sectoral integration:	Protected areas integration plan of NAO
3) What actions have been taken to improve protected area connectivity and sectoral integration? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Changed the legal status and/or governance in key connectivity areas	NO
Created new protected areas in key connectivity areas	Natural monument «Kamennyi Gorod» in the basin of the river Belaya (Northern Timan region), established by the Government of the Arkhangelsk Region on 8th February 2011 (Directive № 26-III)
Improved natural resource management to improve connectivity	-
Designated connectivity corridors and/or buffers	-
Created market incentives to promote connectivity	-
Changed awareness of key stakeholders in key connectivity areas	-
Improved laws and policies within or around key connectivity areas	-
Restored degraded areas in key connectivity areas	-
Changed land use planning, zoning and/or buffers in key connectivity areas	-
Removed barriers to connectivity and ecological functioning	-
Integrated protected areas into poverty reduction strategies	-
Other actions to improve connectivity and integration	-

1.3 To establish and strengthen regional networks, transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) and collaboration between neighbouring protected areas across national boundaries	
1) What progress has been made in identifying conservation priorities and opportunities for establishing transboundary protected areas and regional networks?	STATUS: I
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a pdf) of the assessment of opportunities for transboundary protected areas and regional networks.	
3) What actions have been taken to strengthen the regional protected area network and foster transboundary PAs? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Created transboundary protected area/s	-

Contributed to the creation of regional-scale conservation corridors	-
Participated in the establishment of regional networks	-
Created enabling policies to allow for transboundary protected areas, such as Green belt, park to park etc.	-
Established a multi-country/regional coordination mechanism	-
Other actions to foster regional networks and transboundary areas	-

I.4 To substantially improve site-based protected area planning and management	
1) What progress has been made in developing protected area management plans?	STATUS: 2
1) What percentage of your protected areas has an adequate management plan?	40%
2) What percentage of the total surface area of protected areas does the management plan(s) cover?	68,7 %
3) Please provide a URL (or pdf attachment) of a recent example of a participatory, science-based management plan	-
4) What actions have been taken to improve protected area management planning? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
ACTION	CURRENT STATUS
Developed guidelines and tools for developing management plans	-
Provided training and/or technical support in management planning	-
Developed management plans for protected areas	-
Do you have good scientific basis of existing management plans	-
Conducted protected area resource inventories	-
Other actions to improve management planning	-

I.5 To prevent and mitigate the negative impacts of key threats to protected areas	
1) What progress has been made in assessing the status of protected area threats, and opportunities for mitigation, prevention and restoration?	STATUS: 1
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a pdf) of the assessment of the status of threats and opportunities for mitigation, prevention and restoration.	
3) What actions have been taken to mitigate or prevent protected area threats, or restore degraded areas? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description	
ACTION	CURRENT STATUS
Changed the status and/or governance type of a protected area	-
Improved staffing numbers and/or skills to prevent and mitigate threats	-
Included measures to address threats in a management plan	-
Improved management practices to prevent or mitigate threats	-

Increased threat mitigation funding	-
Developed a plan to address the impacts of climate change	-
Changed market incentives to reduce or prevent threats	-
Improved monitoring and detection of threats	-
Evaluated the efficiency of threat-related actions	-
Improved public awareness and behavior regarding threats	-
Changed laws and policies related to threats	-
Restored degraded areas	-
Developed and/or implemented strategies to mitigate threats	-
Other actions to mitigate and prevent threats	-

<b>2.1 To promote equity and benefit-sharing</b>	
1) What progress has been made in assessing the equitable sharing of costs and benefits of establishing protected areas?	
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a pdf) of the assessment of equitable sharing of costs and benefits of establishing protected areas.	
3) What actions have been taken to improve equitable benefits sharing? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Developed compensation mechanisms	-
Other actions to strengthen equitable benefit--sharing	-
4) What progress has been made in assessing protected area governance?	STATUS I
5) What percentage of protected areas has been assigned an IUCN category?	
6) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a pdf) of the assessment of protected area governance:	
7) What actions have you taken to improve and diversify governance types? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Created new protected areas with innovative forms of governance, such as community conserved areas	-
According to IUCN guidelines reference...	-
Changed laws or policies to enable new governance types	-

<b>2.2 To enhance and secure involvement of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders</b>	
1) What is the status of participation of indigenous and local communities and other key stakeholders in key protected area decisions?	STATUS: 0
2) What actions have been taken to improve indigenous and local community participation? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Assessed opportunities and needs for local community participation in key protected area decisions	

Improved laws, policies and/or practices to promote participation	
Developed policies for prior informed consent for resettlement	
Improved mechanisms for participation of indigenous and local communities	According to constitutional Russian Federation' legislation concerning human rights
Increased participation of indigenous and local communities in key decisions	Participation of local people in public hearings during the process of the PAs establishment
Other actions to promote participation	-

### 3.1 To provide an enabling policy, institutional and socio-economic environment for protected areas

1) What progress has been made in assessing the policy environment for creating and managing protected areas?	STATUS: 0
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of the assessment of the policy environment:	-
3) What actions have been taken to improve the protected area policy environment? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Harmonized sectoral policies or laws to strengthen management effectiveness	
Integrated PA values and ecological services into the national economy	
Developed incentive mechanisms for private protected areas	
Developed positive market incentives to support protected areas	
Removed perverse incentives that hinder effective management	-
Cooperated with neighboring countries on transboundary areas	-
Other actions to improve the policy environment	-
4) What progress has been made in assessing the contribution of protected areas to the local and national economies?	-
5) What progress has been made in assessing the contribution of protected areas to the Millennium Development Goals?	-
6) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) with the assessment of the contribution of protected areas to the local and national economy and to the Millennium Development Goals:	-
7) What actions have been taken to value the contribution of protected areas? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Created finance mechanisms linked to protected area values (e.g., payment for ecosystem services)	-

### 3.2 To build capacity for the planning, establishment and management of protected areas

1) What progress has been made in assessing protected area capacity needs?	-
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of the assessment of capacity needs:	-
3) What actions have been taken to strengthen protected area capacity? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Created a professional development programme for protected area staff	NO
Trained protected area staff in key skills	-
Increased the number of protected area staff	-
Other actions to improve capacity	-

<b>3.3 To develop, apply and transfer appropriate technologies for protected areas</b>	
1) What progress has been made in assessing the needs for relevant and appropriate technology for protected area management?	-
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attached a PDF) of the assessment of the technology needs:	-
3) What actions have been taken to improve the access to and use of relevant and appropriate technology? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Developed and/or used appropriate technology for habitat restoration and rehabilitation	-
Developed and/or used appropriate technology for resource mapping, biological inventories and rapid assessments	-
Developed and/or used appropriate technology for monitoring	-
Encouraged technology transfer and cooperation between protected areas and agencies	-
Other actions to improve access to and use of appropriate technologies	-

<b>3.4 To ensure financial sustainability of protected areas and national and regional systems of protected areas</b>	
1) What progress has been made in assessing protected area finance needs?	-
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of the assessment of finance needs:	-
3) What progress has been made in developing and implementing a sustainable finance plan that incorporates a diversified portfolio of financial mechanisms?	-
4) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of the sustainable finance plan:	-
5) What actions have been taken to improve the sustainable finance of your protected areas? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Developed new protected area funding mechanisms	-
Developed protected area business plan or plans	-
Improved resource allocation procedures	-
Provided financial training and support	-
Improved accounting and monitoring	-
Improved financial planning capacity	-
Removed legal barriers to sustainable finance	-
Other actions to improve sustainable finance	-

3.5 To strengthen communication, education and public awareness	
1) What progress have you made in conducting a public awareness and communication campaign/programme?	STATUS: 3
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of the public awareness and communication plan:	
3) What actions have you taken to improve public awareness and strengthen education programmes? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
ACTION	CURRENT STATUS
Identify core themes for education, awareness and communication programmes relevant to protected areas	-
Conducted an awareness campaign on the value of protected areas to local and national economies	-
Conducted an awareness campaign on the value of protected areas in climate change adaptation and mitigation	-
Established or strengthen communication mechanisms with key target groups, including indigenous and local communities	-
Developed protected area curricula with educational institutions, regarding to environmental education	-
Produced public outreach materials	Leaflet «Nature reserves (zakazniks) and natural monuments of the Nenets Autonomous District»
Conducted public outreach programmes, such as Junior ranger, Europarc	Presentation of regional protected areas in all schools of the city of Naryan-Mar; competitions and quizzes; volunteer activities; television and radio programmes in Naryan-Mar
Other actions to improve communication, education and awareness	-

4.1 To develop and adopt minimum standards and best practices for national and regional protected area systems	
1) What progress has been made in developing best practices and minimum standards?	-
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of examples of protected area best practices and minimum standards.	-
3) Is there a system in place for monitoring protected area outcomes achieved in line with the programme of work on protected areas	NO
4) What actions have been taken related to best practices and minimum standards? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
ACTION	CURRENT STATUS
Developed standards and best practices for protected area establishment and selection	-
Developed standards and best practices for protected area management planning	-
Developed standards and best practices for protected area management	-
Collaborated with other Parties and relevant organizations to test, review and promote best practices and minimum standards, such as Emerald Network, Natura 2000, BPAN	-
Other actions related to best practices and minimum standards	-

4.2 To evaluate and improve the effectiveness of protected areas management	
1) What progress has been made in assessing the management effectiveness of protected areas?	-
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of the assessment of protected area management effectiveness:	-
3) In what percentage of the total area of protected areas has management effectiveness been assessed?	-
4) In what percentage of the number of protected areas has management effectiveness been assessed?	-
5) What actions have been taken to improve management processes within protected areas? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Improved management systems and processes	-
Improved law enforcement	-
Improved stakeholder relations	-
Improved visitor management	-
Improved management of natural and cultural resources	-
Other actions to improve management effectiveness	-
Have you submitted management effectiveness results to UNEP-WCMC's WDPA	-

4.3 To assess and monitor protected area status and trends	
1) What progress has been made in establishing an effective monitoring system of protected area coverage, status and trends?	STATUS: I
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of a recent monitoring report.	-
3) What actions have been taken to improve protected area monitoring? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Assessed the status and trend of key biodiversity	-
Monitored the coverage of protected areas	-
Developed or improved a biological monitoring programme	-
Developed a database for managing protected area data	-
Revised management plan based on monitoring and/or research results	-
Changed management practices based on the results of monitoring and/or research	-
Developed geographic information systems (GIS) and/or remote sensing technologies	The population size of Atlantic walrus in the Vaigach nature reserve (400 individuals) was estimated in August 2011 using remote sensing.
Other monitoring activities	-

4.4 To ensure that scientific knowledge contributes to the establishment and effectiveness of protected areas and protected area systems	
1) What progress has been made in developing an appropriate science and research programme to support protected area establishment and management?	STATUS: 3
2) If available, please indicate the URL (or attach a PDF) of a recent research report:	WWF report 2010; see files starting from "WWF Nenets"
3) What actions have been taken to improve protected area research and monitoring? Please check all that apply, and provide a brief description:	
ACTION	CURRENT STATUS
Identified key research needs	-
Assessed the status and trends of key biodiversity	-
Developed or improved a biological monitoring programme	-
Conducted protected area research on key socio-economic issues	-
Promoted dissemination of protected area research	-
Revised management plan based on monitoring and/or research results	-
Other research and monitoring activities	<p>In 2008 the Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management conducted a scientific expedition to estimate the population size of Lesser white-fronted goose in the Shoinski nature reserve (<i>zakaznik</i>) and made recommendations for its protection.</p> <p>Between 2009 and 2011 the Nenets regional museum carried out two expeditions to study the flora and fauna and identify historical objects in the Lake Golodnaya Guba (Nizhnepechorsky nature reserve).</p> <p>Between 2009 and 2010 the department of biodiversity conservation and use of biological resources of the Institute of ecology and evolution of the Russian Academy of Sciences conducted inventories of nesting waterfowl and trophic relationships between geese species in the Shoinsky nature reserve (<i>zakaznik</i>). The effects of climate change on the state of natural ecosystems and indigenous communities of Vaigach Island were studied on an expedition from 27<sup>th</sup> July until 8<sup>th</sup> August 2010.</p>