IUCN WCPA (Mountains Biome)

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1. Background: IUCN

- IUCN: The International Union for the Conservation of Nature

- A Non Government Organisation governed by a Council of elected representatives

- 1000 government and NGO members in 160 countries with 11,000 volunteer scientists

- 1000 professional Secretariat staff working in 60 countries

1. Background: IUCN WCPA

- World Commission on Protected Areas

- One of six commissions of IUCN

- Approximately 1300 protected area specialists

- Chair is Nik Lopoukhine

- Guided by Regional (Geographic) Vice Chairs and Vice Chairs for Mountains and Marine
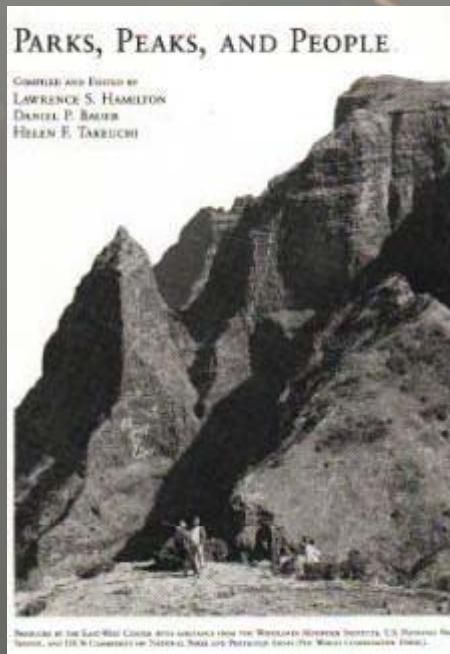
1. Background: WCPA Mountains Biome

- Pioneered by Emeritus Professor Dr Larry Hamilton in 1993

- It currently involves about 350 active mountain protected area professionals

- It is actively involved in improving mountain protected area conservation management
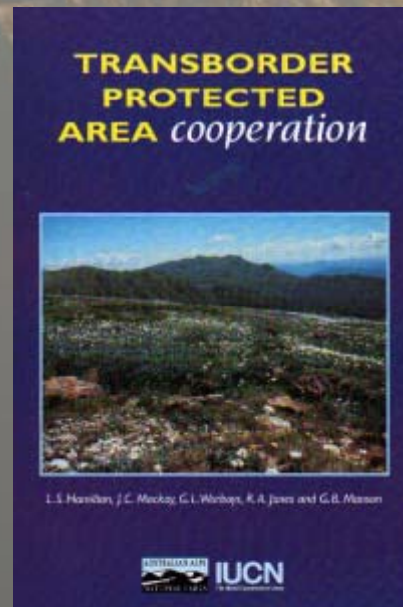

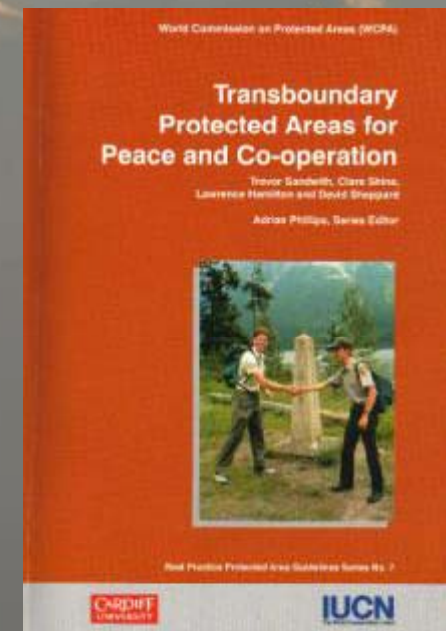Linda and Larry Hamilton, Kosciuszko National Park Australia, 1995
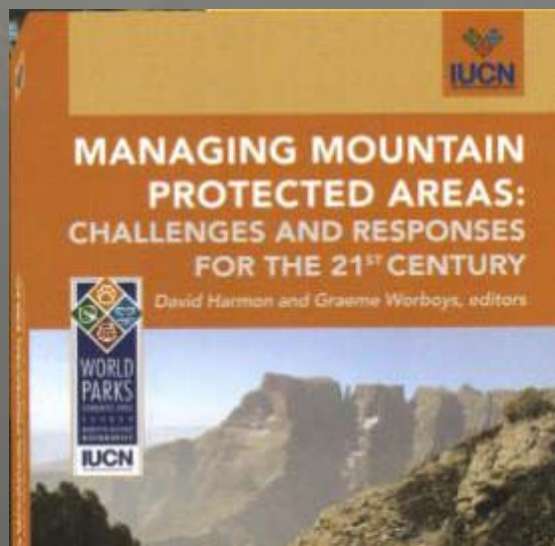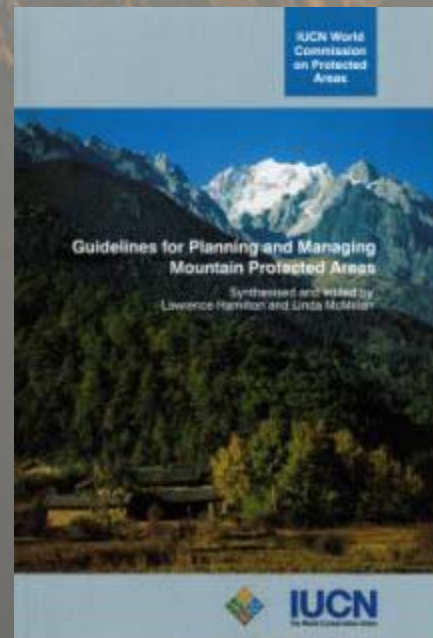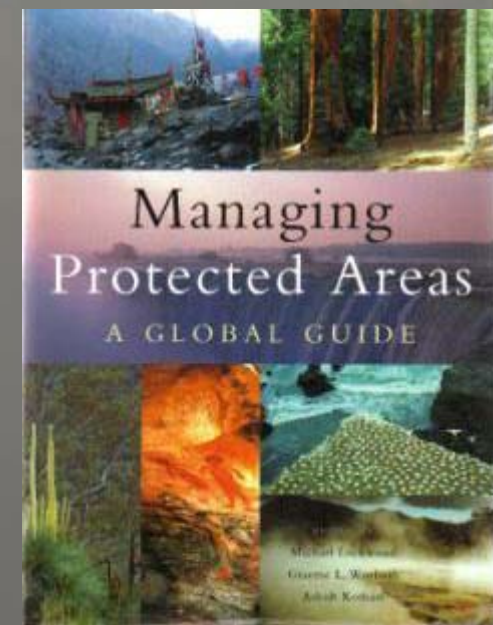
2. The Mountains Biome and HKH

1993

1995

2001

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2004

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2006

WCPA facilitating connectivity conservation initiatives around the world

- 2003 Mountains Biome Drakensbergs workshop

- 2004 Mountains Biome Banff (Y2Y) connectivity workshop

- 2005 Mountains Biome Cantabric Pyrenees Workshop

- 2006 Mountains Biome Papallacta Ecuador Workshop

Workshop participants, Papallacta, Ecuador, Nov 2006

2. The Mountains Biome global work and the HKH Region

- Connectivity conservation work, especially in Mountains

- A key direction of the WCPA Strategic Plan

- A key Target of the CDB PoWPA

WCPA facilitating connectivity conservation initiatives in HKH
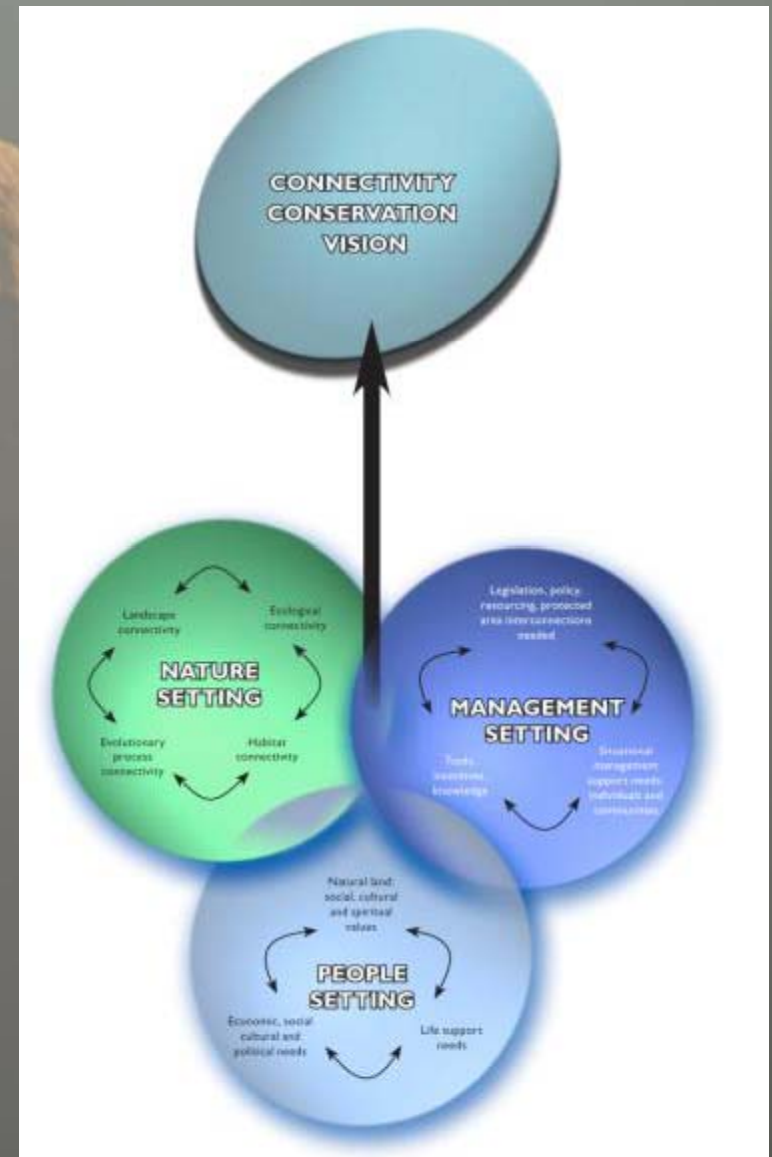
- 2008 Connectivity Conservation Workshop at the IUCN WCC, Barcelona

- 2008 Connectivity Conservation Workshop in partnership with ICIMOD and WWF at Dhulikhel, Nepal, 11-15 November 2008

Findings: Context for managing connectivity conservation

- Identification that:

- A shared connectivity conservation vision is critical

- People, nature and management settings are critical

- Connectivity management is situational

- Connectivity management is complex
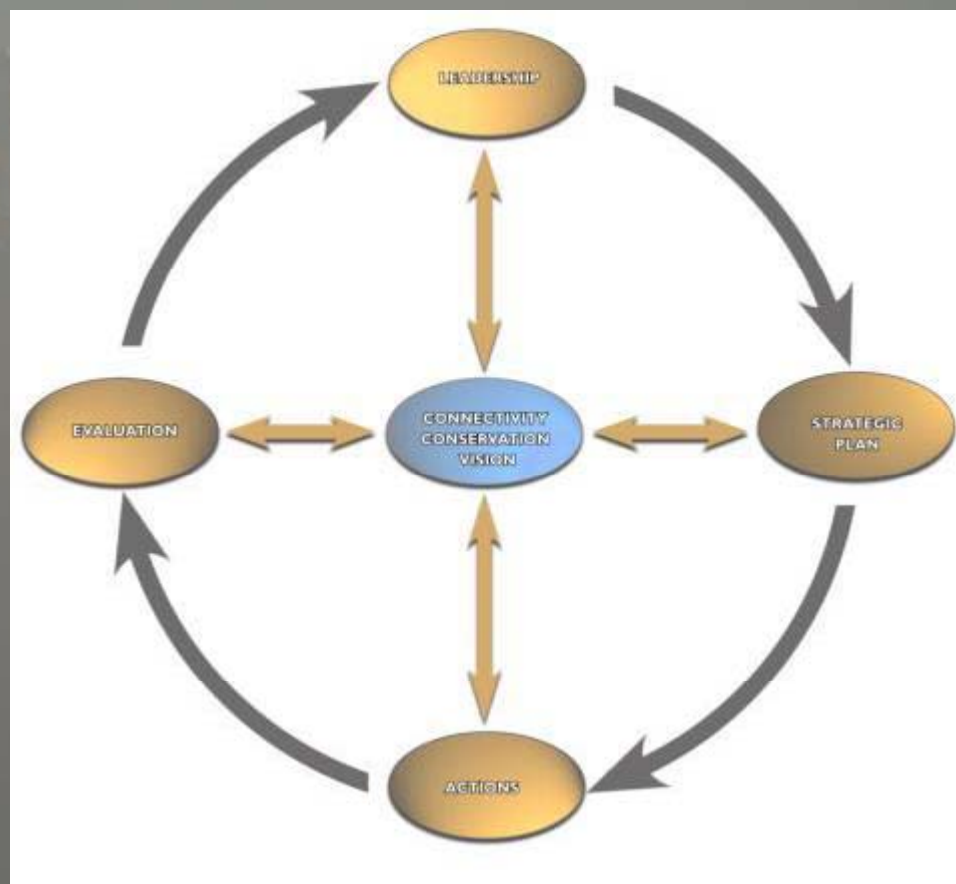
- It is dynamic

Role for partners and ICIMOD

The Mountains Biome will be publishing this refined context "conceptual model" work from Dhulikhel later this year, and we would encourage its use in the HKH

Findings: Managing connectivity conservation

Improvements were made to a draft conceptual Framework for Connectivity Conservation Management

(A contribution to a new book to be published by IUCN and Earthscan in 2009 titled:

"*Connectivity conservation management: A global guide*")

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Findings: Three HKH corridors

"Workshop Action Statements" were developed which enthusiastically endorsed improved connectivity conservation management for:

- Altai – Sayan
- Brahmaputra – Sulween
- Karokoran – Pamir

Role for partners and ICIMOD

For ICIMOD and partners to continue to help facilitate these connectivity initiatives, particularly at the Transboundary interface

Findings: Networking

At the request of the
attendees at Dhulikhel
an informal, voluntary,
network of connectivity
conservation people will
be established by IUCN
WCPA

Role for partners and ICIMOD

For ICIMOD and IUCN WCPA to collaboratively work together as part of a low key, voluntary, international network of connectivity conservation initiatives

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