



IUCN RESERVE DEFINITIONS

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DEFINITIONS OF IUCN CATEGORIES	
IUCN 1a	<p>Strict Nature Reserve: Protected Area managed mainly for science.</p> <p>Area of land and/or sea possessing some outstanding or representative ecosystems, geological or physiological features and/or species, available primarily for scientific research and/or environmental monitoring.</p>
IUCN 2	<p>National Park: Protected Area managed mainly for ecosystem conservation and recreation.</p> <p>Natural area of land and/or sea, designated to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. protect the ecological integrity of one or more ecosystems for this and future generations: 2. exclude exploitation or occupation inimical to the purposes of designation of the area: and 3. provide a foundation for spiritual, scientific, educational, recreational and visitor opportunities, all of which must be environmentally and culturally compatible.
IUCN 3	<p>Natural Monument: Protected Area managed for conservation of specific natural features.</p> <p>Area containing one or more specific natural or natural/cultural feature which is of outstanding value because of its inherent rarity, representative or aesthetic qualities or cultural significance.</p>
IUCN 4	<p>Habitat/Species Management Area: Protected Area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention.</p> <p>Area of land and/or sea subject to active intervention for management purposes so as to ensure the maintenance of habitats and/or to meet the requirements of specific species.</p>
IUCN 5	<p>Protected Landscape/Seascape: Protected Areas managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation.</p> <p>Area of land, with coast and seas as appropriate, where the interaction of people and nature over time has produced an area of distinct character with significant aesthetic, cultural and/or ecological value, and often with high biological diversity. Safeguarding the integrity of this traditional interaction is vital to the protection, maintenance and evolution of such an area.</p>
IUCN 6	<p>Managed Resource Protected Areas: Protected Area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems.</p> <p>Area containing predominantly unmodified natural systems, managed to ensure long term protection and maintenance of biological diversity, while providing at the same time a sustainable flow of natural products and services to meet community needs.</p>