

Key Biodiversity Areas as Planning Tools

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Well known, highly recognisable

KBA Partnership and Standards



A Global Standard for
the Identification of Key
Biodiversity Areas

Version 1.0



- First time conservation community has agreed on a **common approach** to identifying sites
- Identification of the **most important sites globally** for conservation
- Sites that make **significant contributions** to the global persistence of biodiversity

KBAs also key water towers

KBA

KEY BIODIVERSITY AREA



KBA Criteria and Thresholds

A. Threatened biodiversity

B. Geographically restricted biodiversity

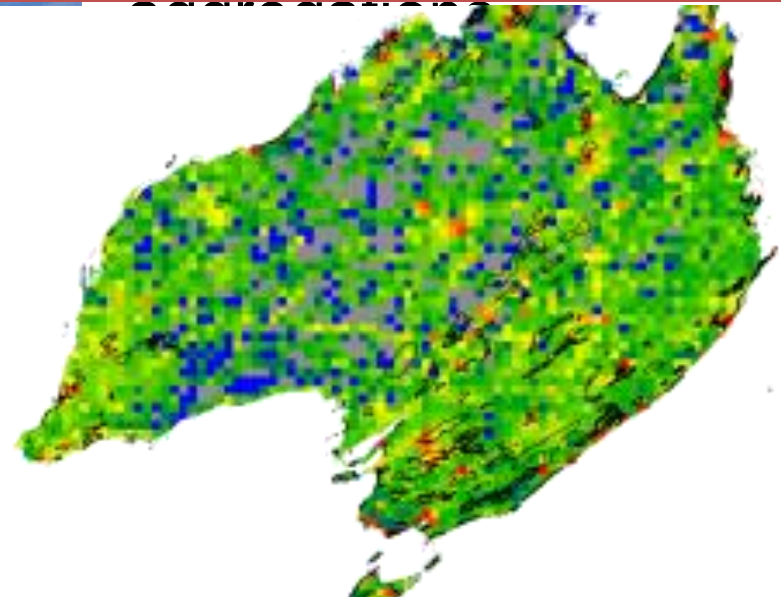
C. Ecological integrity

D. Biological processes

E. Irreplaceability through quantitative analysis

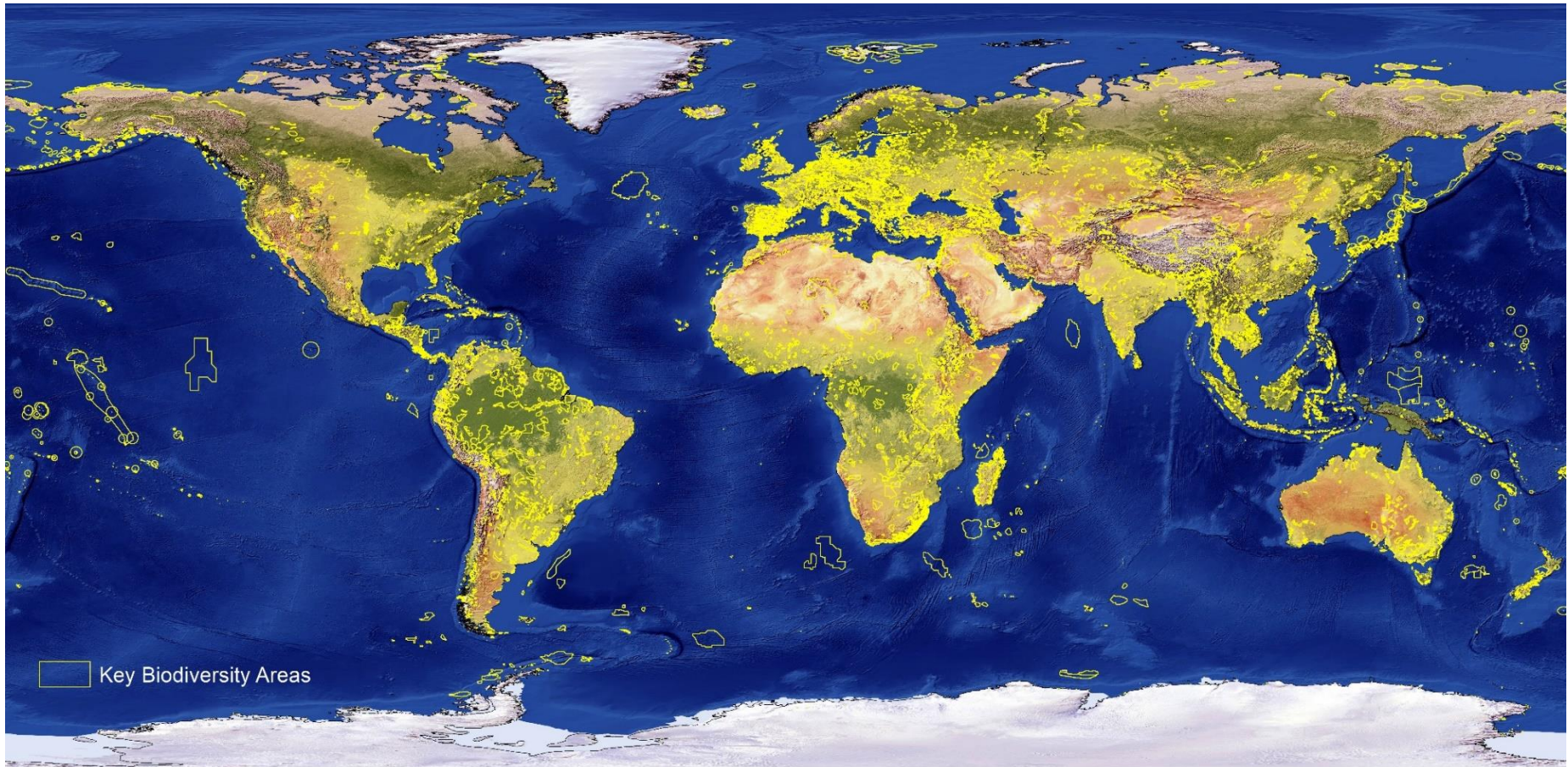


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World Database of KBAs

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Guidelines on business and KBAs

2 Key elements:

- All businesses and governments need to manage their impacts on biodiversity
- Provides 15 specific measures to strengthen their biodiversity outcomes in case of impacts.

The Guidelines support:

- Implementation of the mitigation hierarchy
- Support conservation efforts on the ground
- Corporate accountability



Avoid, Minimize, Restore, Offset

Steps in Planning

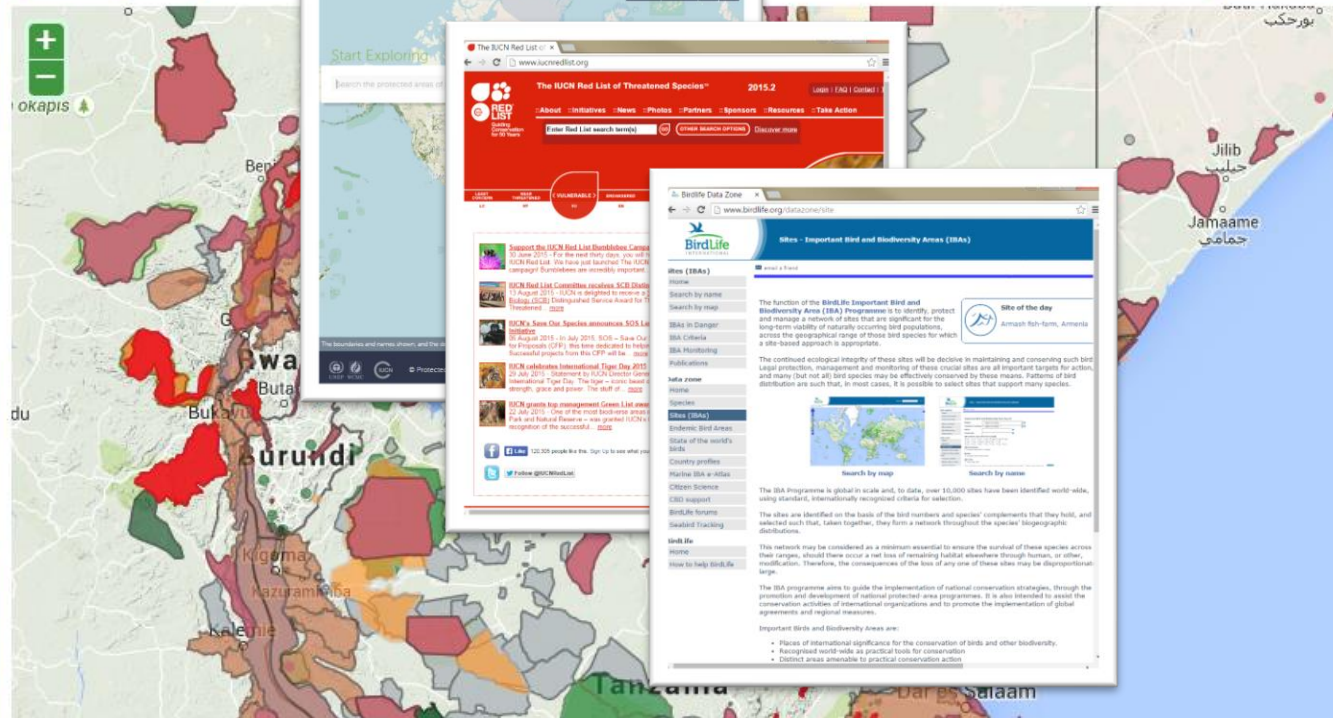
- **Map operations** and identify if they are in or proximity of KBAs
- Identify where **future expansions** or new operations are possible
- **Assess current impacts** (direct, indirect and cumulative) focusing on the KBA trigger biodiversity elements
- **Collect baseline biodiversity data** (pre-operations if possible)
- Identify **which steps of the mitigation hierarchy** would apply to each of the identified sites and then discuss implications of the guidelines
- Explore how to:
 - Support your **conservation actions on the ground**
 - Enhance **corporate accountability practices**

Map Viewer

New site

Load

Map layers



Take home message

- KBAs are a new approach for identifying priority areas/sites for conservation.
- Critical areas for consideration in planning of projects, including water related projects
- KBAs are an opportunity for business and funders to incorporate safeguard, best practice and reporting.

How to get started

Get in contact with the KBA Secretariat - Andrew Plumptre – at

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Learn how to use IBAT - <https://www.ibat-alliance.org/ibat-conservation/>

Interact at: [KBA Consultative Forum](#)



Thank you

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