



2012 Conference

UK Protected Areas - Natural Solutions



Where: Brockholes Nature Reserve and Conference Centre, M6 J31, near Preston, Lancashire (BREEAM-rated 'Outstanding' venue)

When: Thursday 26th April 2012

What: A platform for 21st Century protected area managers and policy makers to share best practice and consider existing and new policy and systems, opportunities and challenges. Development, climate change, economic constraints, and the needs of nature and people are all issues affecting the work of the protected areas community. This is a superb opportunity for protected area practitioners and policy makers from across the UK to come together, share and debate new and innovative ideas.

Confirmed speakers including:

Trevor Sandwith, Director IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme

Kathy MacKinnon, Vice Chair IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

Ian Jardine, Chief Executive, Scottish Natural Heritage

Howard Davies, Chief Executive, Association of AONBs

Helen McDade, Head of Policy, John Muir Trust

Peter Bridgewater, Chairman/Marcus Yeo, Chief Executive, JNCC

Conference fee: £50. To register (including early bird discount) go to: <http://iucnukprotectedareas.eventbrite.co.uk>



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Conference Programme

Speaker	Time	Theme
	0830	Arrival
Conference Chair – Stuart Brooks , Chief Executive, John Muir Trust and Acting Chair, IUCN National Committee UK	0915	Welcome to the conference
 <i>Session 1</i>		
Session Chair: Prof Martin Price, Chair, UNESCO Man and Biosphere programme UK		<i>Protected Areas Overview – International & UK Contexts</i>
1. Trevor Sandwith , IUCN Global Director Protected Areas Programme and Kathy McKinnon , Vice Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas	0925	Global context – the importance and value of Protected Areas
2. Peter Bridgewater , Chairman, Joint Nature Conservancy Council (JNCC)/ Marcus Yeo , Chief Executive, JNCC	09.50	UK Protected Areas policy context
Session Chair	10.15	Speakers Panel and Questions
Coffee break	10.40	

Session 2

**Session Chair – Anne Selby, Chief Executive,
Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside
Wildlife Trust**

Challenges & Pressures on our Protected Areas

**3. Andy Wilson, Chief Executive, North York Moors
National Park 11.00 Pressure and approaches in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

**4. Helen McDade,
Head of Policy, John Muir Trust 11.20 Protecting Wild Land in the UK – Challenges and Solutions**

**5. Dan Laffoley,
Marine Vice Chair, World Commission on Protected
Areas (tbc) 11.40 The future for Marine Protected Areas**

Session Chair 12.00 Speakers Panel and Questions

Lunch 12.20

Session 3

Session Chair – Prof. Roger Crofts

Best Practice, Innovation, Opportunities & Solutions

6. Prof. Adrian Phillips 13.30 Putting Nature on the Map – Assigning IUCN Protected Area Categories in the UK

Howard Davies,
Chief Executive, Association of AONBs
Stephanie Hilborne (tbc),
Chief Executive, The Wildlife Trusts
Simon Pryor (tbc),
Natural Environment Director, The National Trust
Prof Martin Price,
Chair, UNESCO Man and Biosphere programme UK

Questions

The categories – what do they mean for us and the work of protected area managers?

7. **Tom Tew,** Chief Executive, The Environment Bank **14.30** **New opportunities for protected area conservation - biodiversity offsetting**

8. **Ian Jardine** Chief Executive, Scottish Natural Heritage and **Roger Thomas,** Chief Executive, Countryside Council for Wales **15.00** **People in Protected Areas - Engaging, understanding and communications - Scottish and Welsh Experiences**

Session Chair **15.30** **Speakers Panel and Questions**

Conference Chair **16.00** **Conference summary and introduction to Day 2 site visits**

Coffee **16.30**

Stuart Brooks, Acting Chair IUCN NCUK **17.00** **IUCN National Committee AGM**
