

Asia Protected Areas Partnership Update, July 2016

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LATEST NEWS



### APAP now has 11 members!

With the recent inclusion of the Ministry of the Environment in Cambodia on June 2016 and the Nature and Wildlife Conservation Division in Myanmar on December 2015, APAP now has a total of 11 members from ten countries - and is continuing to grow.

View a full list of APAP members [here](#).

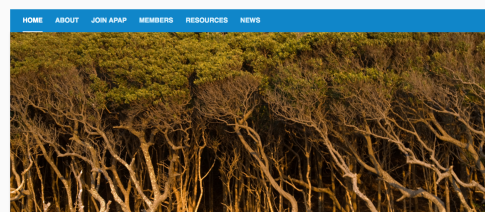


### First sub-national agency joins APAP

At a special ceremony held in Islamabad, IUCN presented the Wildlife Department of Khyber Pukhtunkhwa (KPK), with APAP's certificate of membership. The KPK Wildlife Department works at the provincial level in northern Pakistan and is the first sub-national agency to join APAP.

Imran Khan, Chief of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, the ruling party of KPK province, announced during his speech that the KPK government plans to create four new national parks in the region, dedicated towards preserving its natural beauty and increase conservation. Last year, Imran Khan's "Billion

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Protected areas: a cornerstone of biodiversity conservation  
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### APAP launches new website

APAP has launched a new website which makes information about the Partnership and its activities readily accessible to all. It will be updated on a regular basis with news on APAP achievements, events and progress.

The website also contains downloadable resources, including an **APAP brochure** and an **APAP presentation**. Another key resource, the **Asia Protected Planet Report 2014**, is also available for download. The report assesses the region's progress towards meeting Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 on protected areas.

Tree Tsunami" Campaign was formally recognized for its contribution to the global Bonn Challenge.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### The 2nd Asia Parks Congress

Planning for the 2nd Asia Parks Congress, to be held in 2018, is already underway. Formal invitations to submit proposals to host the Congress have been sent to countries across the region, and applications are being accepted until 30 June 2016. The final selection of a host country is expected to be made at the next APAP Steering Committee Meeting in July.



### The Steering Committee Meeting

The 2nd APAP Steering Committee meeting is set to take place on 14 and 15 July 2016, in Bangkok. The committee, which reviews progress on decisions and ensures effective oversight of APAP's programmes, will review the draft APAP constitution and also select the host country for the 2nd Asia Parks Congress. The meeting will also feature a special presentation from the President of the EUROPARC Federation, Mr Ignace Schops.

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