Open Parks Network An Open Knowledge Platform for Parks and Protected Areas

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Mission



The Open Parks Network (OPN) serves the global parks community by providing information, tools, and solutions to support the stewardship of the natural and cultural assets of protected areas.





Funding and Partnerships













Why is it Needed?

- Parks are highly dispersed geographically, often in very remote locations.
- They operate through highly diverse jurisdictions, at all levels of government.
- Parks have functioned historically as isolated management units.
- But, the need to collaborate, across parks and park systems, has never been more acute!





Why is it Needed? (continued..)

- Science relevant to parks and conservation advances faster than park managers can process and integrate it into management practice.
- O Science based information is not disseminated efficiently.
- There is a need to work at large-scales (continental and global) in response to challenges like extinction crisis, habitat loss, and climate change, which requires linking many disparate park units at diverse jurisdictional levels.





What is the Open Parks Network?

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Information Discovery and Dissemination

Conservation Planning Tools

Communication and Collaboration

Training and Capacity Building







Open Knowledge and Learning Forum

Mapping, Analytics, Visualization, And Innovation Tools





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Information Discovery and Dissemination



About OPN

OPN is an initiative created to serve the global parks community. We provide access to hardto-find information, conservation planning tools, training and capacity building, and other services to support the stewardship of the natural and cultural assets of protected areas.

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OPN Mission

The Open Parks Network serves the global parks community by providing information, tools, and solutions to support the stewardship of the natural and cultural assets of protected areas. OPN is an initiative of the Institute for Parks at Clemson University and the Clemson University Libraries.



OPN Online Mapping Tools

- Objective: Build a set of web-based GIS tools to support the conservation community with mapping and analytical services.
- Give OPN members access to a GIS web-based portal for data sharing, visualization and collaboration.
- Uses the latest ESRI ArcGIS Server technology (10.1)
- It consolidates information needed by park managers and researchers in one place.
- Working to identify relevant global GIS data sources and make them available to OPN GIS community.
- OPN partners will work with our GIS staff to create mission critical webmapping solutions to support dissemination, analyses and data integration.





Online Mapping and Analyses

HOME GALLERY MAP GROUPS

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Featured: Global Tiger Initiative



Human Footprint Index



Human Influence Index



Last of the Wild



OPN - World Database On Protected Areas



Human-Wildlife Conflict Mapping



Human-Wildlife Conflict Mapping



Landscape Planning & Connectivity Analyses



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Smart Green Infrastructure in Tiger Range Countries A Multi-Level Approach

September 2010







Historical Gene flow



Contemporary Gene flow



Sharma et al (2013) Proc B: Royal Soc.











Social Media Listening Center

A center for conducting topic and policy analysis drawing from social media and traditional data sources.





Social Media Listening Center

- Assemble datasets from 200 million+ social feeds that generate billions of datapoints a day.
- ⊙ Analysis of keywords, themes, and influencers.
- Reach back into Facebook, Twitter accounts, Blogs, etc. and ask why?
- Export data for detailed analysis in qualitative tools









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