

We hope you enjoy our bi-annual CCNet News, where conservation practitioners from around the world share their stories. You will also find announcements of events and resources to support the practice of nature conservation.



Welcome to CCNet News



Greetings—This issue of the CCNet News brings an amazing diversity of stories from our colleagues worldwide. Get ready to read about large-landscape conservation planning with Traditional Owners in Australia, workshops in Africa and the

Balkans to conserve transboundary landscapes, new partnerships in the U.S., student-led Open Standards courses in Berlin, and conservation planning in the Dutch Caribbean and Pacific Islands. Annette Stewart reports on her Fulbright scholarship to study how the Open Standards might help conservation organizations make better investment decisions, juggle competing priorities, and allocate funding and resources. Be sure to check out the Bulletin Board for upcoming events, announcements, and resources.

In the spirit of “learn it and pass it on”, please share this newsletter with a colleague or organization leader who would value knowing more about CCNet and the accomplishments of our vibrant network.—Brad Northrup, CCNet Chair

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Coaches in Action



Building the Capacity of Coaches and

Collaboration Instead of Conflict

The Western Klamath Restoration Partnership Uses the Open Standards to Achieve Results

Story from [Mary Huffman](#), TNC, Fire Learning Network

The area around the Klamath River in California is known for its biodiversity, indigenous traditions of fire management, high rates of unemployment, and fights about old growth forests. Conservationists believe that the right approach could revitalize Karuk tribal culture, support a monetary forest economy, and deliver clear, cold water to salmon streams.

After talking with key stakeholders in 2013, Lynn Decker of the [Fire Learning Network](#) surmised that the Open Standards process might help uneasy partners find a new path forward. “In the early days, we would put adversaries together in small groups and just hope we could get away with it,” recalls Decker. During the Open Standards workshops, long-time adversaries began to see areas of agreement. Two years later, participants in the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership have rallied around a set of shared values...[Read more](#)



Organisational Planning with the Open Standards

Story from [Marnie Lassen](#), Trust for Nature, Australia

Practitioners in Africa

Stories from [Nancy](#)

[Chege](#) (UNDP), [Musa Cheruiyot](#) (WWF-Africa), [Elizabeth Ngoye](#) (WWF-Africa), [Felix Cybulla](#) (Consultant), and [Jens Odinga](#) (Saba Conservation Foundation)

The CCNet Rally in Spain in 2015 was momentous. The Rally provided a unique opportunity to consolidate efforts to reach out to African franchises and led to a flurry of activity within the East and Southern African Franchise during the first half of 2016.

In March, the Biodiversity Management Programme (funded by the European Union) held a five-day training in Kenya to help their partner organizations use the Open Standards to conserve landscapes that lie on the boundaries of countries in the Horn of Africa.

In Tanzania, the World Wildlife Foundation organized a workshop to teach the region’s conservation organizations how to apply the Open Standards.

In May, a New Coach Training workshop in Kenya helped 21 participants acquire the skills they need to coach teams through the Open Standards process.

[Read more](#) about these workshops and conservation projects.



Pacific Islands Use Open Standards for Biodiversity Project

Trust for Nature in Victoria, Australia, used the Open Standards to develop its new five-year strategic plan. This was the first time many on the management team had participated in an Open Standards planning process, but they embraced the process enthusiastically and trusted its logic. Trust for Nature now plans to use Miradi for its annual business planning so they can better track and report their progress reaching the goals of their new strategic plan...[Read more](#)



Healthy Country Planning Provides Land Management Tools for Traditional Owners

Story from [Frank Weisenberger](#), CCNet Coach in Australia

In northwestern Australia, Nyikina Mangala Traditional Owners are partnering with The Nature Conservancy on conservation projects that fulfill their cultural obligation to look after country. At a recent workshop, the Traditional Owner groups learned how to apply the Open Standards to their Healthy Country Planning project.

The Nature Conservancy is also working with Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation on a "[Development by Design](#)" project to help the community make land management decisions that balance social, cultural, and economic benefits...[Read more](#).

Story from [Philippa Walsh](#), Director at Community Solutions, Australia

In March, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program commissioned an Open Standards training for project teams from Republic of Nauru, Kingdom of Tonga, Cook Islands, and Tuvalu. Training participants practiced Open Standards approaches they can apply to their work on the Global Environment Facility, a program funded by the United Nations Environment Program's Integrated Islands Biodiversity project...[Read more](#)



Pilbara Stakeholders Unite in Conservation Planning

Story from [Jo Webb](#), Rangelands Natural Resource Management, Western Australia

The next phase of the Pilbara Corridors' Conservation Action Planning process is now underway. The process will identify priorities, establish working groups to implement management actions, and maintain a collaborative, long-term conservation strategy for the Pilbara Bioregion--a region characterized by arid coastal plains and inland mountain ranges with cliffs and deep gorges. Key management issues include invasive weeds, grazing pressure, feral animals, and fire control.

[Read more](#) about the region's Open Standards workshops, GIS mapping and data management for the conservation plan, and stakeholder feedback.



Aligning Conservation Goals and Actions in the Balkan Green Belt

Story from [Felix Cybulla](#), Freelance Consultant, Global Change Management & Miradi Team

The European Green Belt forms a unique network of protected areas that stretch from the northernmost tip of Europe to southern Greece. The greenbelt provides connectivity for a wide variety of species, especially birds that take migration routes through southern Europe to breeding sites in northern Europe. To ensure effective conservation across the region, the countries of the Balkan Green Belt section are coming together to discuss priority issues and align their conservation actions to achieve shared goals. In April 2016, fifty participants from 31 different organizations gathered to learn how to use the Open Standards to develop a collaborative and cohesive conservation plan...[Read more](#)



Closing the Loop: Adapting Conservation Plans



Using the Open Standards for Watershed Conservation

Story from [Sara Gottlieb](#), TNC-Georgia, and [George Schuler](#), TNC-New York

During a recent workshop in Alabama, The River Network—an organization that helps groups across the US champion clean, ample water—learned how to use the Open Standards in their freshwater conservation work. The organization is now working with the trainers, CCNet coaches Sara Gottlieb and George Schuler, on a proposal for funding to create Open Standards training modules to share with watershed groups in network. By bringing stakeholders to the table to develop a shared vision for watershed conservation, the Open Standards can help ensure sustainable water resources across the United States.



Dutch Caribbean Islands Use Open Standards for Conservation Plan

Story from [Stuart Cowell](#), Conservation Management

While using different conservation planning frameworks, how do you “close the loop?”

In Australia, we organized a workshop to see how we could use planning tools to check and adapt conservation plans. [Mapoon](#) and [Pormpuraaw](#), the [Olkola](#) People, and the [Lama Lama](#) People whose lands fringe Princess Charlotte Bay all agreed to participate in the workshop. After a cautious start, the teams took up the challenge with gusto. By week’s end, teams cemented key lessons and had insightful reflections about closing the loop...[Read more](#)



Using the Open Standards to Analyze Uses of Biodiversity Resources

Story from [Juan Ricardo Gómez](#), CCNet coach in Colombia and professor at Javeriana University.

At the Javeriana University in Bogotá, Colombia, the course "Biodiversity's Use Systems" teaches students to identify a local problem involving direct use of a biodiversity attribute. The course presents a new approach to using biodiversity that will maintain the resource, the use, and the benefits from that particular use. All aspects of the course use the Open Standards methodology...[Read more](#)

Story from [Jens Odinga](#), Saba Conservation Foundation

Locally known as Statia, St. Eustatius, is a small island in the Caribbean Netherlands and home to a dormant volcano with a very exotic ecology. The island ecosystem provides important services to the community, including safety through coastal protection, income through lobster fishing and dive tourism, recreational and cultural values, as well as medicinal products. To set conservation priorities and strategies for the coming years, the St. Eustatius National Parks Foundation is using the Open Standards...[Read more](#)

Conservation Target	Current Rating	Projected Future Rating With No Action	Projected Future Rating With Action
Eastern Sierra Rivers/Terminal Lakes - Lower Truckee River/ Pyramid Lake	Fair -	Fair -	Fair -
Eastern Sierra Rivers - Middle Carson River	Fair -	Fair -	Fair -
Eastern Sierra Rivers/Terminal Lakes - Lower Walker River / Walker Lake	Poor -	Fair -	Fair -
Mojave Desert Rivers - Upper Muddy River	Fair -	Fair -	Good -
Mojave Desert Rivers - Amargosa River/ Oasis Valley/ Ash Meadows	Good -	Good -	Good -
Mojave Desert Rivers - Lower Virgin River	Fair -	Fair -	
Desert Springs - Soldier Meadows	Good -	Fair -	
Desert Springs - White River Valley	Good -	Fair -	Good -
Desert Springs - Pahrangat Valley	Fair -	Fair -	Fair -
Wetlands - Lahontan Valley Wetlands	Fair -	Fair -	
Wetlands - Argenta Marsh	Fair -	Fair -	
Montane Wet Meadows - Sage-grouse habitat	Fair -	Fair -	Good -

Nevada Uses Online Workbook to Develop Freshwater Conservation Plan

Story from [Greg Low](#), Applied Conservation

Nevada is the driest state in the U.S., but ranks 11th in species diversity, including over 150 endemic species that depend on freshwater ecosystems. The Nature Conservancy’s Nevada team developed a statewide Conservation Action Plan to protect these ecosystems. To develop the plan, they used the new Excel Online Workbook for the Open Standards...[Read more](#)



Training Conservation Coaches in North America

Story from [John Morrison](#), World Wildlife Fund & CCNet Global

In January 2016, twenty new coaches participated in a coach training workshop in Colorado, USA. These new coaches are all from the United States, except one colleague who joined from Nepal.

The training was led by Terri Schulz (The Nature Conservancy), Caroline Stem (Foundations of Success), and John Morrison (WWF-US).



Successful Second Round of "Students Teaching Students"

Story from [Felix Cybulla](#), Freelance Consultant, Global Change Management & Miradi Team

For the second time now, students have successfully taught other students the Open Standards. This past spring at the Technical University Berlin, a group of 20 undergraduate and graduate students participated in the intensive eight-day Adaptive Conservation Site Management course...[Read more](#)

Reflections

The Open Standards for Conservation Business Processes

Story from [Annette Stewart](#), Bush Heritage Australia

Last year, I was the lucky recipient of a Fulbright scholarship to study how other conservation organisations manage their work. I was curious to see what happens when you want to use the Open Standards to manage a broad portfolio of projects, or a whole conservation business. I wanted to learn how the Open Standards might help an organisation make better investment decisions, juggle competing priorities, and allocate funding and resources across a portfolio.



Through my work, the old quote "too busy chopping down trees to stop and sharpen the axe" kept ringing in my ears...[Read more](#)



Bulletin Board



Miradi User Group Up and Running

The Miradi User Group held its first two webinars earlier this year. The Miradi webinars are hosted quarterly, and each webinar is run twice with different presenters in different time zones. The presentation recordings and supplementary materials are available on our new [community page](#) and the [Miradi User Group You-tube channel](#).

Our upcoming September webinar will focus on monitoring. In December, we will focus on work planning. For more information, or to be added to the

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Over the last several years, volunteers have translated Miradi into different languages so that conservationists from around the world can use Miradi in their own language to plan, manage, and monitor conservation efforts. In return, volunteers who translate and regularly maintain their language packs receive a free Miradi subscription. Miradi is now available in 11 languages, including French, Spanish, Portuguese, and most recently, Bulgarian and Bahasa (Indonesian). Many thanks to all the volunteers!

If you are interested in translating Miradi, please contact support@miradi.org for more information. No technical knowledge is needed.

The Language of Conservation

Story from [Nick Salafsky](#), Foundations of Success

The fundamental basis of any science is having a common lexicon to describe the systems you are working with. In 2007, the Conservation Measures Partnership released the Direct Threat and Conservation Actions Classifications. These classifications have been adopted by organizations around the world. Over the past couple years, a working group has been reviewing the way threats and conservation actions are classified to take into account new information and thinking. The group just released Version 2.0 of the classifications...[Read more](#)

invitation list for upcoming webinars, contact [Kari Stiles](#) or with [Annette Stewart](#).

Case Study Competition Deadline is September 15, 2016

If you are managing a conservation project and willing to share lessons learned with your peers around the world, then you should enter the competition hosted by CCNet and the Conservation Measures Partnership (CMP) for a chance to win fabulous prizes.

What: We are looking to gather and share good examples of adaptive management practice. We are asking folks around the world to send us their case studies.

Prizes: The top-rated entry will receive a travel grant of US \$2000 and two runners up will receive travel grants of US \$500 each. The top 10 rated entries will be featured in CMP & CCNet materials and will receive a one-year subscription to Miradi software. All reasonable entries will be posted on our websites.

How to Enter: Submit a two- to three-page description of your case study and a link to a succinct webpage, video, Google document, PDF file, or other web-shareable overview describing the case study. Detailed instructions and the template form for the description can be found [here](#).

To be eligible for prizes, entries must be received by September 15, 2016.

If you have questions, email info@conservationmeasures.org.

Webinar on Teaching Adaptive Management (Recording Available)



Upcoming Healthy Country Planning Workshop

Registrations are open for a five-day Healthy Country Planning Workshop in the stunning Kakadu National Park in Australia's Northern Territory from October 31 to November 4, 2016. Please [see the workshop flyer](#) and use the simple "click to register" button to fill out the registration form.

Using a well-proven adult learning approach, the workshop is targeted specifically at working in cross-cultural situations. It will give people working knowledge of how these tools work and how to use them in their own efforts.

This workshop is offered through the [Protected Areas Learning and Research Collaboration](#) in conjunction with one of its partners, [Charles Darwin University](#). For further inquiries, please contact either [Stuart Cowell](#) or [Daniel Sprod](#).

How do Adults Learn? (Recording Available)

Did a PowerPoint teach you to ride a bicycle? Why understanding adult learning principles is critical for teaching and facilitating the Open Standards

In April 2016, Amielle DeWan and Hanna Lenz, both from International Fund for Animal Welfare, presented a webinar on Adult Learning for CCNet that provides new insights into how we think about training coaches and others in the Open Standards. The webinar showcased a re-imagined Open Standards training program that aligns with the new thinking and best practices on how adults learn or should be taught. These principles will help us move away from PowerPoint and think more about discovery activities and the experiences trainees bring to the table.

You can [watch a recording of the virtual training here](#). If you want more information about Adult Learning, contact [Amielle deWan](#) or [Hanna Lenz](#) at Impact by Design, Inc. The webinar was hosted by Jens Odinga and Albertien Perdok from CCNet Europe.

CCNet Australia Prepares to Gather at Regional Muster

In June, the Teaching Adaptive Management Network hosted a webinar where Dr. Arlyne Johnson shared the details and lessons learned from her Conservation Planning course at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison. You can watch the recording [here](#). You can also download Arlyne's course materials, including a [Detailed Class Schedule](#) and [Course Syllabus](#).

Interested in teaching adaptive management? [Visit our TAM Network site](#).



Guidelines for Protected Area Management in Mongolia

The protected area management plan in Mongolia follows the Open Standards. Mongolian-language guidelines for the plan are available [here](#). These guidelines were published by the Ministry of Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia, and we expect this reference will help improve effectiveness of protected area management and participatory planning.

To learn more about the use of the Open Standards in Mongolia, visit this article from [IUCN](#).

CCNet colleagues in Australia will be rounding up the troops for a Regional Muster the week of August 1-5, 2016. The plan for the week is as follows:

Monday & Tuesday: Workshop to focus on adapting the Open Standards for use in regional natural resource management planning in Australia

Wednesday: CCNet Australia Meeting – “Innovations & Adaptations” with a total of 8 sessions.

Thursday: CCNet Australia – Strategic Planning (1/2 day)

For more information contact [Paul Koch](#), [Natalie Holland](#), [Stuart Cowell](#) or [Ben Carr](#).

Incorporating Human Wellbeing in the Open Standards

Conservation is inevitably a social undertaking. As such, many conservation teams feel compelled to address human wellbeing when developing their conservation projects. Prior to 2012, Open Standards users had little guidance on addressing social aspects and human wellbeing.

The Conservation Measures Partnership is pleased to share an updated version of their human wellbeing guidance. Updates include more details on how to address cultural elements and examples of how displaying human wellbeing components may resonate with different audiences.

Changes in Franchise Leadership

We are happy to welcome Natalie Holland back as co-franchise lead together with Paul Koch for CCNet Australia. We thank Ben Carr for serving as co-franchise leader last year.

We welcome our two new co-franchise leaders for the Central United States in CCNet North America: John Paskus and Doug Pearsall. We thank John Heaston for serving as franchise leader during part of this year.

In CCNet Mongolia we are happy to welcome Munkhchuluun Basan, who serves as co-franchise leader together with Tuguldur (Tuugii)

Check out our Website, Connect with Colleagues around the World

Looking for conservation coaching resources? Check out our website at <http://www.ccnetglobal.com>.

Got stuck, need help, or found something cool related to the practical application of the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation? Tap into our [CCNet List Serve!](#) To sign up, e-mail [Marjorie Bennett](#) or [Cristina Lasch](#).

[Click here for a more detailed description and to download Version 2.0 of this guidance.](#)

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[For more details and images of our franchise leaders click here.](#)

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- [Nancy Chege](#)
(East and Southern Africa)

Australia

- [Natalie Holland](#)
- [Paul Koch](#)

China

- [Jin Tong](#)

Europe

- [Ilke Tilders](#)
- [Nicolas Boenisch](#)
- [Xavier Escuté](#)

Malaysia/Indonesia

- [Hui Shim Tan](#)

Mesoamerica

- No franchise leader at this time

Mongolia

- [Munkhchuluun Basan](#)
- [Tuguldur Enkhtsetseg](#)

North America

- [Doug Pearsall & John Paskus](#)
(Central)
- [Sara Gottlieb](#)
(Eastern)
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