

Data Contributor Agreement

[Insert name of organisation/Indigenous People/local community/private actor

Address

Telephone Number

Email Address]

On behalf of *[insert organisation/indigenous people/local community/private actor name]*, I/we the undersigned (the data provider) are providing the following dataset to UNEP-WCMC for integration into the World Database on Protected and Conserved Areas (WDPCA)¹ and/or ICCA (territories and areas conserved by Indigenous Peoples and local communities) Registry: *[insert name of dataset]*. This may include protected areas and/or other effective area-based conservation measures, and/or ICCAs aligning with neither of these categories (included in the ICCA Registry only). The dataset includes spatial boundaries and attributes relating to *[insert name of country/region/etc.]*.

Brief description of the data (including the format of the data, number of polygons and points, and any other relevant information. Please also indicate whether data is being provided for the WDPCA, ICCA Registry, or both:

The WDPCA is an aggregated dataset of the best available data from many sources. It is a joint product of the UN Environment Programme and IUCN, managed by UNEP-WCMC. It is used for multiple conservation purposes, as well as providing support to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations relating to environmental sustainability and reporting on progress towards internationally-agreed environmental targets. The databases are supplemented by the ICCA Registry, which stores additional information on territories and areas conserved by Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

Unless otherwise stated, this dataset is being provided ‘free of restrictions’². We, the undersigned, agree and understand that by providing data for inclusion in the WDPCA and/or ICCA Registry it will be

¹ The WDPCA combines the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) and World Database on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (WD-OECM), which were standalone databases prior to November 2025.

² In alignment with CBD Decision 15/5 paragraph 1 and Annex I paragraph 2, and Decision 16/31 Annex II, all submitted data are encouraged to be made publicly available and accessible to all. UNEP-WCMC may accept data with restrictions. This includes data that are available for onward release but not for commercial use (“commercial use” means a) any use by, on behalf of, or to inform or assist the activities of, a commercial entity (an entity that operates ‘for profit’) or b) use by any individual or non-profit entity for the purposes of revenue generation), and data that are made available only to UNEP-WCMC, UN Environment Programme and IUCN, and are not for onward release. If you wish to place restrictions on data, or require further information, please contact protectedareas@unep-wcmc.org.

viewable and downloadable in accordance with the Protected Planet Terms and Conditions (<https://www.protectedplanet.net/en/legal>) through websites operated by UNEP-WCMC and IUCN, utilised for analyses, and re-distributed to third parties for use on other platforms.

I/We confirm that I/we have the rights, permissions and authority to release this dataset to UNEP-WCMC.

The data provider has the permission of relevant stakeholders and rights-holders to share the dataset with UNEP-WCMC. Where relevant, the data provider shares the dataset with UNEP-WCMC with the free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples and/or local communities involved in the management, governance or ownership of the sites described in the dataset. The data provider has made all reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of the dataset.

If data are found to have been provided without the permission of the relevant stakeholders and rights-holders, they will be removed from the WDPCA and/or ICCA Registry with immediate effect.

UNEP-WCMC will retain information on the name and contact details of the data provider (personal data) for the purposes of future correspondence, including queries relating to the data, and requests for updated data. UNEP-WCMC will not share personal data with third parties. UNEP-WCMC's privacy policy (<https://www.unep-wcmc.org/en/terms-conditions>) outlines in more detail how it implements relevant data protection legislation.

The designations of geographical entities in any dataset submitted to UNEP-WCMC or used by UNEP-WCMC do not imply the expression of any view or opinion whatsoever on the part of UNEP-WCMC or the data provider concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. However, as part of processing submitted data, UNEP-WCMC will review submitted data against UN cartographic guidelines and the associated analysis layer used for the WDPCA.

UNEP-WCMC will recognize and respect the intellectual property rights of the data provider and will maintain proper attribution to the organisation/Indigenous People/local community named above, and source information on the data as provided to UNEP-WCMC.

UNEP-WCMC reserves the right to seek verification of the data from its partners, and to remove or withhold from the WDPCA and/or ICCA Registry any data that cannot be verified.

I/we hereby give permission to UNEP-WCMC for the integration of these data into the WDPCA and/or ICCA Registry.

Signature

Title and name

Date