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PROGRAMME

**Capacity building on Areas and Territories
Conserved by Local Communities and Indigenous
Peoples (ICCA), the ICCA Registry and the World
Database on Protected Areas (WDPA)**

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PERMANENT SEMINARS PROGRAMME OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (CENEAM)

CAPACITY BUILDING ON AREAS AND TERRITORIES CONSERVED BY LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (ICCA), THE ICCA REGISTRY AND THE WORLD DATABASE ON PROTECTED AREAS (WDPA)

15-16th march 2018, Centro Nacional de Educación Ambiental (CENEAM), Valsaín, Spain.

Introduction:

European landscapes, biodiversity and natural and semi-natural ecosystems have been shaped by local communities and indigenous peoples for centuries, through their own governance systems, usually in the form of commons (common managed forests, fishing guilds, common grasslands and irrigation systems, hunting societies, etc.) or indigenous territories (e.g. Sapmi territories). Current figures indicate that collective management and governance of natural and semi-natural ecosystems in Europe is still a very relevant phenomenon providing key socio-economic and environmental values to society in general. Nonetheless, the role of these communities in the governance and management of natural resources in Europe, and its conservation, has been largely unrecognized and their support neglected.

Despite this, in the last few decades, local communities and indigenous peoples' organisations, with the support of some NGOs and academics, have increasingly raised the issue of common governance values, achieving very relevant goals at national and international level. One concept largely contributing to this recognition is the term ICCA (areas and territories conserved by local communities and indigenous peoples), which encompass the link between a well-defined community and its territory; the existence of an own governance system and its positive contribution to the territory conservation.

In order to increase the visibility and local and international recognition of these areas, custodian communities can register their ICCAs. The UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) of UN Environment provides communities with the option of documenting their ICCAs directly in the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) and/or in a dedicated international ICCA Registry that they manage.

These databases provide an opportunity for indigenous peoples and local communities to an increased appreciation of ICCAs' contributions to conservation, as well as the

challenges they face in defending their territories and ways of life against diverse threats and share information about their ICCAs, which will contribute to a better understanding of the global extent of protected and conserved areas.

From the communities' point of view, the ICCA Registry and the WDPA can be a good tool to increase the recognition of their governance system and social, economic and environmental results, to gain additional values for the products and services they provide to society, to build an additional argument of protection for their territory against harmful/undesired projects, to increase the self-appreciation of the community himself, enhancing negotiations with local stakeholders or improving the opportunities of accessing external support and resources.

Goals of the event:

- Improve the knowledge and understanding of the ICCA concept, the ICCA Registry and the WDPA among key relevant actors (communities, other experts and NGOs) at European level.
- Improve the resilience and long term sustainability of European ICCAs through international recognition.
- Facilitate networking and experience sharing among ICCAs and related key actors at European level.





Venue:

The venue will be in the CENEAM (Spanish National Centre for Environmental Education) of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment (MAPAMA), located in the town of Valsaín (Segovia, Spain).

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How to get there:

- From **Madrid** by train. Shuttle trains from Chamartín station (high-speed line) to Segovia station.
- From **Segovia**. Buses to Valsaín every 45 minutes from the bus station.
- From **Madrid** by road. Via the A-6 and M-601 (Puerto de Navacerrada) or via the M-607.

15th March (Thursday)

- 12:00 – 13:00 Arrival and reception of the attendees.
- 13:00 **LUNCH:** in the CENEAM premises.
- 14:30 – 15:00 Welcome to the attendees and presentation of the seminar by María Sintés Zamanillo (Coordinator of the Section Environmental Education and Cooperation, [CENEAM](#)) and Sergio Couto ([Iniciativa Comunes](#) and [ICCA Consortium](#)).
- 15:00 – 16:00 Brief self-introduction of the participants.
- 16:00 - 16:30 Presentation: **What is an ICCA? Introduction to the ICCA concept and examples** (Sergio Couto, [Iniciativa Comunes](#) and [ICCA Consortium](#)).
- 16:30 – 17:00 Questions and discussion.
- 17:00 – 17:30 Coffee break.
- 17:30 – 18:15 Presentation: **Introduction to the ICCA Registry and the World Database on Protected Areas** (Heather Bingham, [UNEP-WCMC](#)).
- 18:15 – 18:45 Questions and discussion.
- 18:45 – 19:30 Round table among the participants on the potential of the ICCA concept and the ICCA Registry in their countries/areas.
- 20:00 **DINNER:** in Segovia city: <http://restaurantecasares.com/>



16th March (Friday)

MORNING

- 07:30 – 08:00 Morning walk (optional).
- 08:15 – 09:00 **BREAKFAST:** in the CENEAM premises.
- 09:15 – 11:00 **SECTION I:** The peer-review of the candidacies to the ICCA Registry.
- 09:15 – 09:45 Presentation: **SPAIN. The peer-review of potential ICCAs in Spain, methodology and governance of the process** (Sergio Couto, [Iniciativa Comunes](#) and [ICCA Consortium](#)).
- 09:45 – 10:15 Presentation: **IRAN. The peer-review of potential ICCAs in Iran, methodology and governance of the process** (Taghi Farvar, CENESTA and president of the [ICCA Consortium](#)).
- 10:15 – 10:45 Questions and discussion.
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break.
- 12:30 – 14:00 **SECTION II:** The registered ICCAs in Europe.
- 12:30 – 13:00 Presentation: **FINLAND. The case of Linnunsuo ICCA** (Antoine Scherer and Marion Laventure, [Snowchange](#)).
- 13:00 – 13:30 Questions and discussion.
- 13:30 – 14:00 Round of closing remarks, questions and suggestions from the attendees.
- 14:00 **LUNCH:** in the CENEAM premises.



AFTERNOON (16th March)

Welcome and start of the “**II Seminario Permanente sobre Conservación comunal en España: las áreas conservadas por comunidades locales (ICCA)**”. International attendees are warmly invited to also attend (if previously registered) to this seminar, but please, note that this part of the seminar is going to be fully in Spanish. In this seminar, Spanish communities are going to present the new candidacies to the ICCA Registry for 2018, the result of the peer-evaluations will be discussed and the methodology updated.



PROGRAMA

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17th and 18th – March (Saturday and Sunday)

Continuation of the “**II Seminario Permanente sobre Conservación comunal en España: las áreas conservadas por comunidades locales (ICCA)**” (see attached programme, in Spanish).