



“LITTLE SYDNEY”
PROTECTING NATURE IN EUROPE
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Donau-Auen National Park

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Introduction

IUCN and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), in conjunction with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water, and the Donau-Auen National Park, will organize a conference entitled “**Little Sydney: Protecting Nature in Europe**”. The conference will be held in Hainburg/Donau-Auen National Park, Austria from 28-31 May 2015.

“**Little Sydney**” builds on the outcomes of the recent major global event on protected areas: the [IUCN World Parks Congress 2014 \(WPC\)](#), held in Sydney in November 2014, and which resulted in the Promise of Sydney.

Some 300 participants from all over Europe will gather and explore further the outcomes of the WPC Streams and Cross-Cutting Themes of particular relevance for Europe. Key WPC findings will be presented and discussed during plenary, and workshop sessions will be organised around four main themes: Reaching Conservation Goals, Supporting Human Life, Influencing Policy and Institutional Responses, and Partnerships, Governance, Capacity Development and Mobilisation of Resources. Both the plenary and workshop sessions will be designed to maximize the quality of outputs with a view to developing a road map for protected areas in Europe.

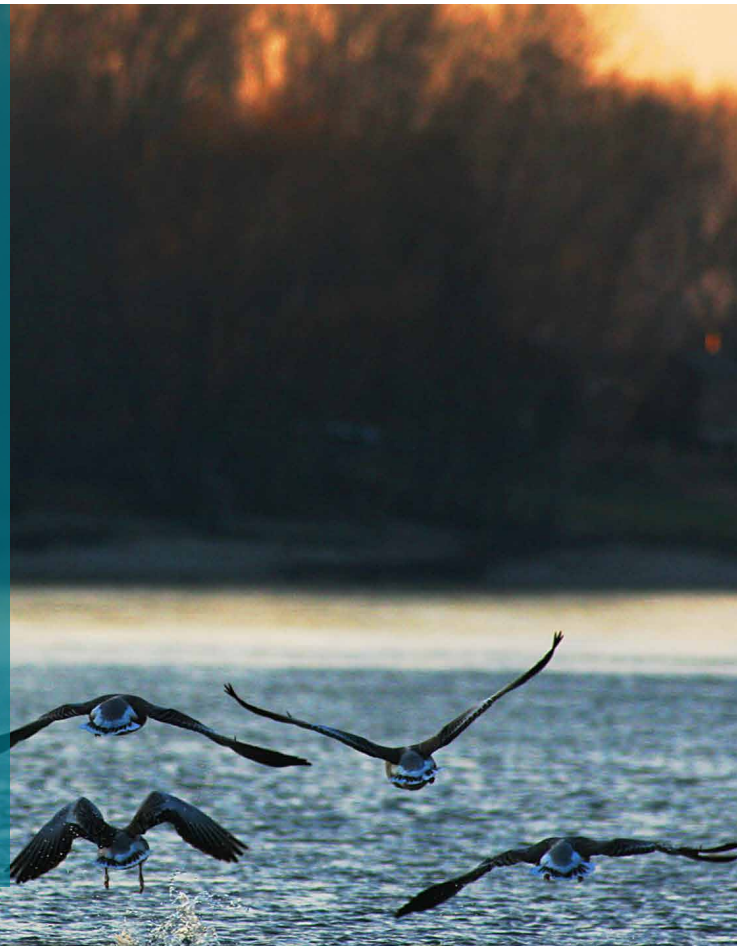


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Objectives

The objectives of the “Little Sydney: Protecting Nature in Europe” conference are to discuss, share and showcase original approaches for conservation and development arising from the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014; and to facilitate the implementation of the Promise of Sydney in the European context. The Little Sydney conference aims to:

- Present and discuss the outcomes of the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014 and help address gaps in nature conservation and the protected areas agenda in Europe;
- Couple solutions with global challenges by generating commitments with a view to delivering on the Promise of Sydney in the European context; and
- Outline principles for a socially and environmentally responsible society based on an effective network of protected areas in Europe.

The Little Sydney conference is a milestone international event aimed at finding long-term sustainable solutions for protected areas in Europe.

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Registration information will be available soon!

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