

# PROTECTED AREAS COLLABORATION: 2021-2024 STRATEGY



**PROTECTED AREAS  
COLLABORATION**  
FOR LEARNING & RESEARCH

At the heart of our strategy is addressing important and urgent needs in protected area conservation.

Protected areas are a key pillar for global conservation, and there is widespread effort to increase protected area coverage of the planet to 30% by 2030.

This signals a call for more **effective and inclusive stewardship** of these areas. We believe that justice, equity and diversity are essential for better protected area outcomes, and that protected area management needs to better reflect the interconnectedness of people and nature.

This means **growing the capability** of conservation practitioners so that complex challenges are addressed based on a wide range of knowledge and skills. Education and capacity building need to be scaled up and made more accessible and inclusive. We also believe that the personal learning process must be transformative to enable deep long-lasting change in the service of all.

Mobilising the best available knowledge is fundamental to conservation, and must include Indigenous knowledge of lands & waters.

The Protected Areas Collaboration has been established to grow this capability. We bring together a network of voices, sectors, practices and cultures, with shared meaning and purpose.

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## OUR PURPOSE

We bring people together to learn and grow capabilities to better care for nature and protected areas in the Asia-Pacific

## OUR OUTCOMES

Collaborative and adaptive leadership in conservation



Effective and equitable stewardship of protected and conserved areas

## OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Growing capability

### Address skills and knowledge gaps by:

- Partnering with others to develop and deliver a range of courses that meet needs of practitioners, professionals and organisations
- Developing systems-based understanding to address the emerging and complex challenges in conservation

### Promote diverse and inclusive learning opportunities by:

- Recognising diverse knowledge systems and learning approaches
- Enabling cross-cultural knowledge awareness & sharing programs

Creating connections

### Share knowledge, skills and experiences by:

- Strengthening networks and communities of practice for development of new insights and competencies through shared experiences and exchanges

### Develop, share and apply wisdom and understanding by:

- Enabling dialogue and developing shared narratives
- Building relationships across sectors including Indigenous peoples, agriculture, and diverse perspectives

By 2025, we aim to:

- Have co-designed & delivered **5 new short courses** with academic institutions & other delivery organisations
- Deliver an **annual collaborative leadership program**
- **Grow cross-cultural understanding and knowledge sharing** through annual delivery of a range of learning opportunities with Australia's First Nations people
- Have hosted a **forum on protected areas & an annual webinar series** on critical issues
- Have grown **networks and a community of practice** across the Asia-Pacific through course participation and follow-up, and new cross-sectoral partnerships
- Have built a **robust enduring collaboration** for the long-term provision of courses, events, knowledge networks and partnership-building