

## Launch of the Global Report on PA Finance Capacity Needs

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### **Protected Area Finance Capacity Needs**

### Results of a Global Survey

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### Background

- 1 million species are at imminent risk of extinction due to human activities
- PAs have been shown to be extremely effective at maintaining nature
- PAs widely recognized as the cornerstone of conservation policy
- PAs and OECMs are constrained by a lack of sufficient and/or reliable financial resources



#### **PA Finance Capacity**

 Many PAs lack capacity for even basic financial accounting and reporting, let alone expertise to evaluate and implement effective and innovative sources of finance.

Gill, David A., et al. "Capacity shortfalls hinder the performance of marine protected areas globally." Nature 543.7647 (2017): 665.



#### **PA Finance Capacity**

 Most protected areas considered their funding status to be insufficient for successful implementation of the PA objectives

Balmford, A., P. Gravestock, N. Hockley, C.J. McClean, C.M. Roberts, 2014, The worldwide costs of marine protected areas, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 101 (26) 9694-9697; DOI: 10.1073/pnas.0403239101



#### **CFA Protected Areas Finance Working Group**

- Advancing global thinking and planning for sustainable financing of protected area systems
- To inform the future work of the Working Group, a survey of PA practitioners was conducted in 2019 to identify capacity gaps



### **Protected Areas Finance Capacity Survey**

- Available in Spanish, French and English
- Sent through numerous social networks and listservs
- 130 valid responses were received for the survey: 105 in English, 17 in Spanish and 8 in French



Encuesta sobre la necesidad de capacidades en financiación de áreas protegidas



#### Introducción

Esta encuesta está diseñada para comprender mejor las necesidades de la comunidad de conservación con respecto al desarrollo de conocimientos y capacidades para la financiación de áreas protegidas. Los resultados informarán al Grupo de Trabajo en Financiación de Áreas Protegidas de la Allanza de Finanzas para la Conservación (CFA por sus siglas en ingles) y, a través de CFA, se utilizarán para informar a la comunidad global de profesionales de la financiación de áreas protegidas.

La financiación de áreas protegidas puede definirse como "la capacidad de asegurar recursos financieros estables y suficientes a largo plazo, y de asignarlos de manera oportuna y adecuada, para cubrir los costos totales (directos e indirectos) de las áreas protegidas y garantizar que las APs se administren de manera efectiva y eficiente" (Convenio sobre la Diversidad Biológica, 2005).

La encuesta está diseñada para profesionales de la conservación que trabajen en áreas protegidas o en temas relacionados con áreas protegidas. Esta toma aproximadamente 15 minutos en completarse. La información que proporcione se mantendrá en estricta confidencialidad y sólo se compartirán los resultados totales.

La Alianza de Finanzas para la Conservación (CFA) es la sociación profesional lider a nivel mundial para expertos y profesionales en finanzas para la conservación. La nisión de la red es promover el conocimiento, la experiencia y la innovación en las finanzas de conservación a nivel mundial. Nivestra red de miembros de CFA participa en Grupos de Trabajo, Grupos Operativos, el Comite Ejecutivo y la Secretaría para promover el conocimiento y el uso efectivo de herramientas de financiación de la conservación en sus actividades en todo el planeta. El Grupo de Trabajo en Financiación de Areas Protegidas de CFA sobre promueve el pensamiento y la planificación global y local para el financiamiento sostenible de los sistemas de áreas protegidas.

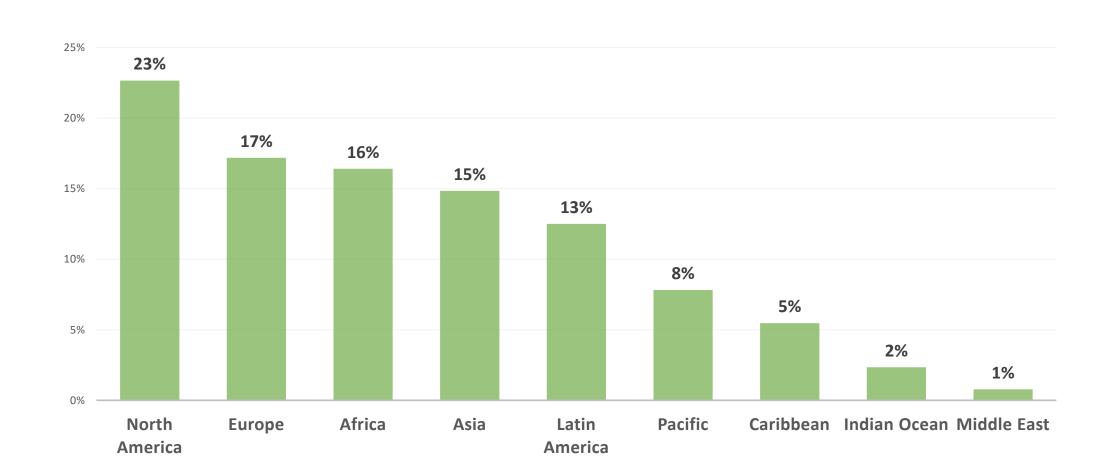
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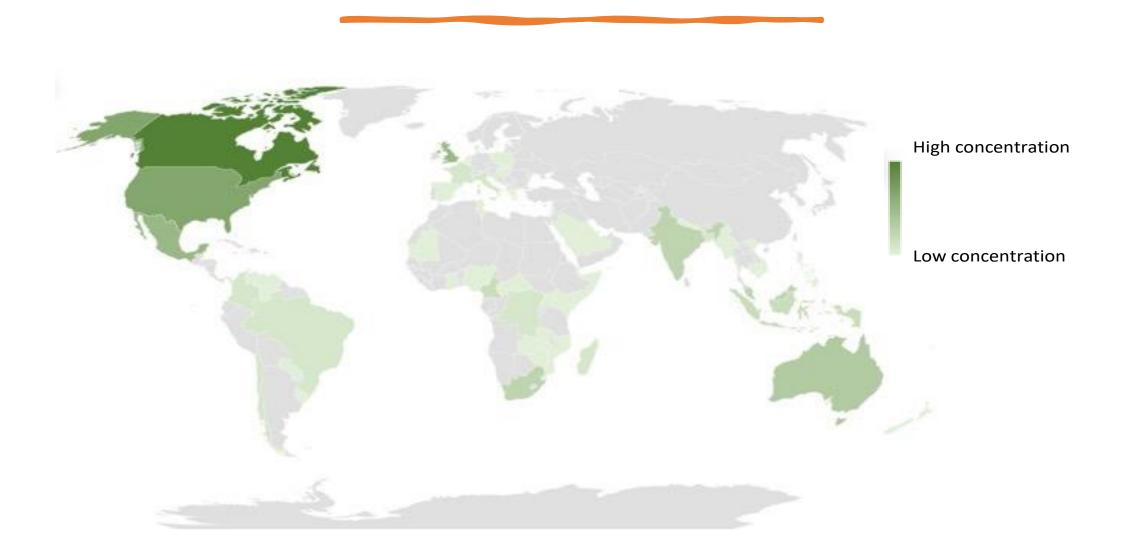
Presidente del Grupo de Trabajo en Financiación de Áreas Protegidas de CFA



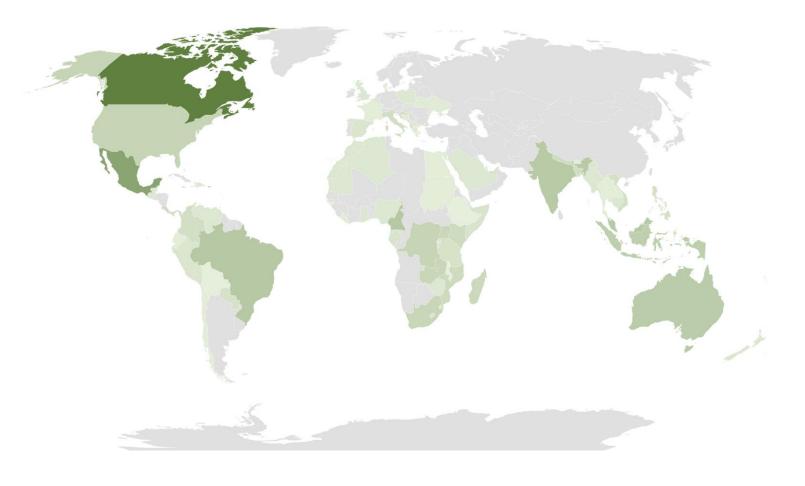
## Regions where respondents live



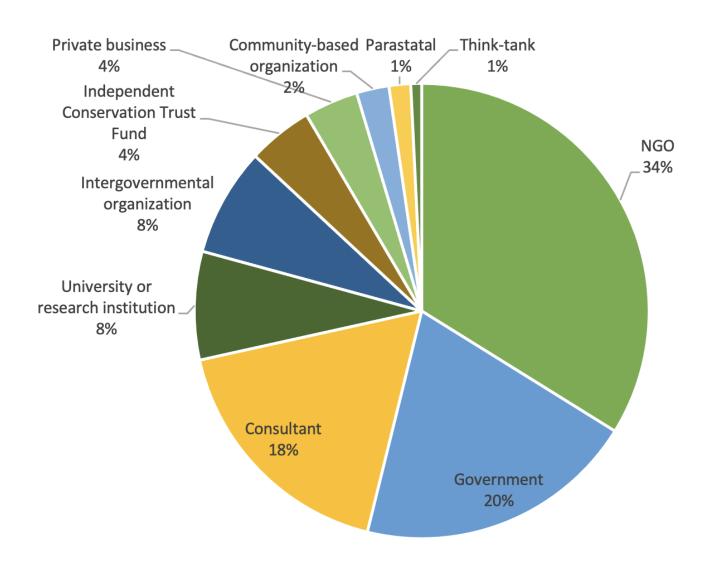
## Countries where respondents live



# Countries where respondents work



## Organizational affiliation of respondents



#### **Protected Areas Finance Capacity Survey**

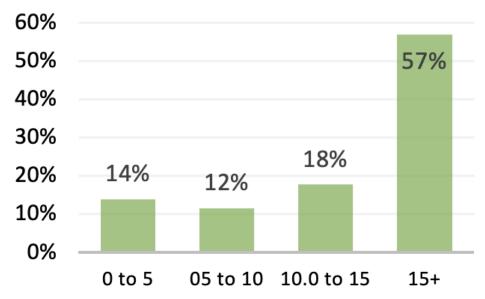


Figure 8. Years working in nature conservation

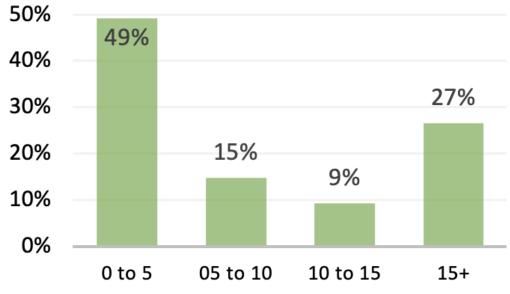
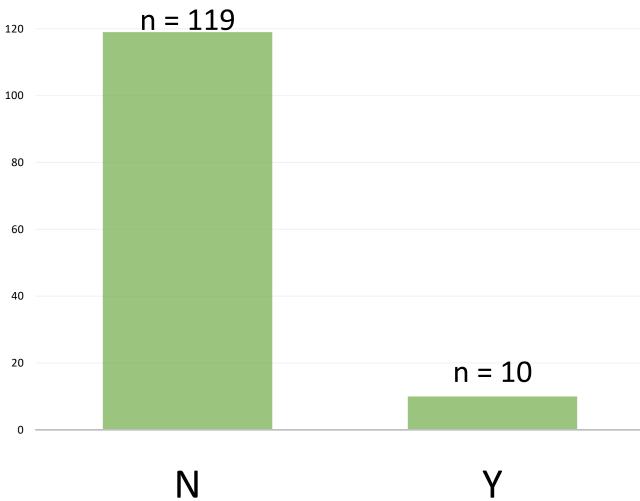


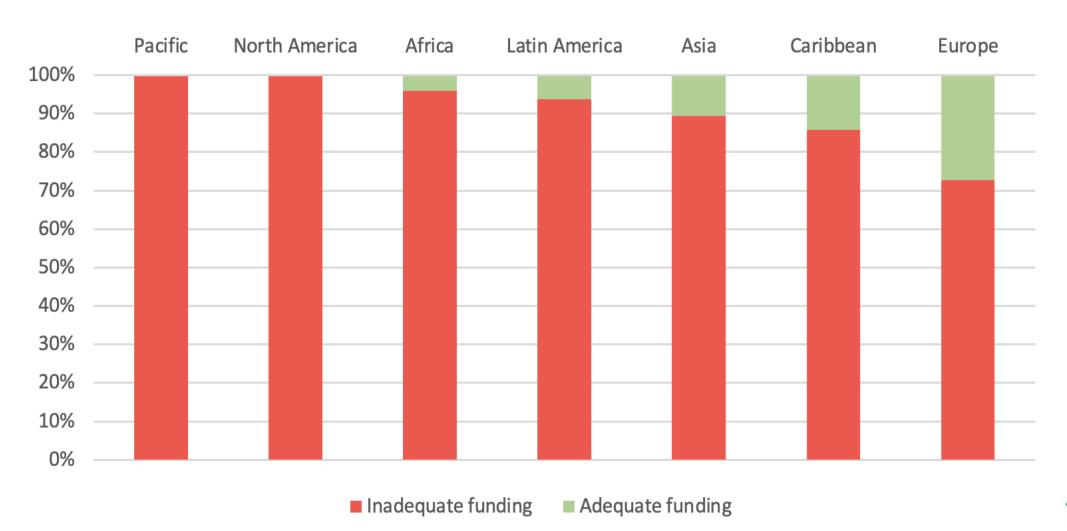
Figure 9. Years working in protected area finance



## PA Funding Adequacy

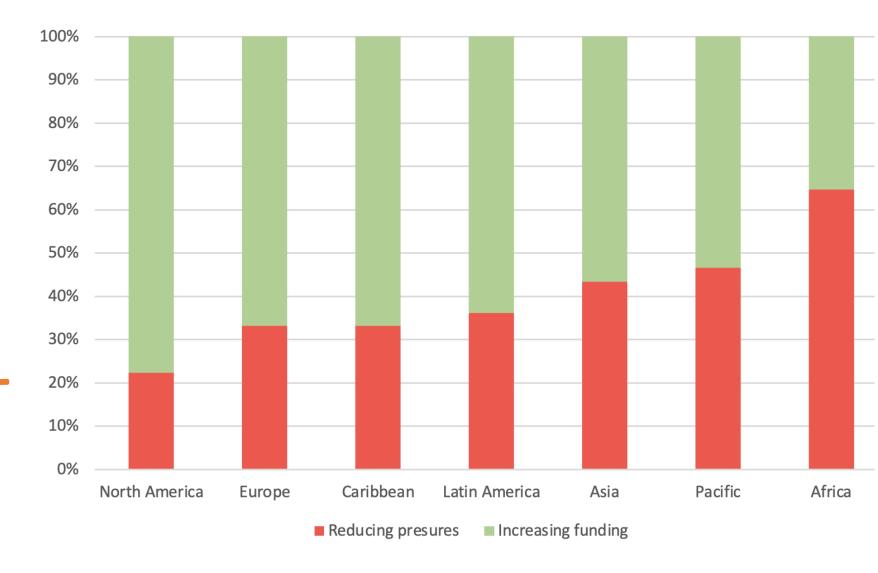


### Regional Variation in funding adequacy

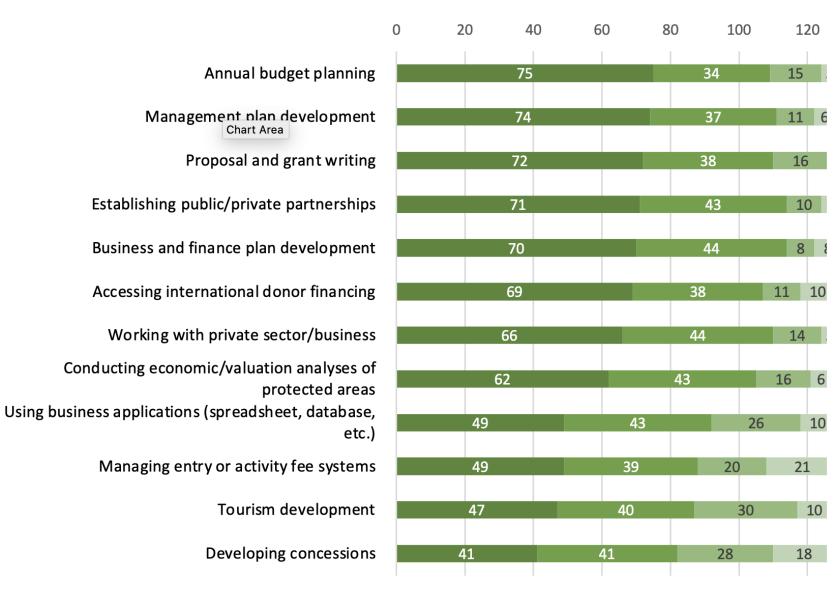




# Reducing pressures vs. increasing funding



## PA finance skills needed



# Regional variation in PA finance skills needed

Skills	Pacific (n=9)	Africa (n=25)	Latin America (n=16)	Asia (n=19)	Europe (n=11)	North America (n=21)	Caribbean (n=8)
Establishing public- private partnerships	<b>√</b> √	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>				
Proposal and grant- writing	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			<b>✓</b> ✓
Management plan- development	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>//</b>		
Working with private sector	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>					
Business applications	<b>✓</b>						
Annual budget- planning						<b>//</b>	<b>//</b>
Conducting economic/valuation analyses					<b>✓</b>		
Business and finance-plan						<b>✓</b>	
Accessing international donor financing		<b>✓</b> ✓	<b>√</b> √	<b>√</b> ✓			<b>✓</b>

### Preferred training delivery

Best practice guidelines (including case studies)

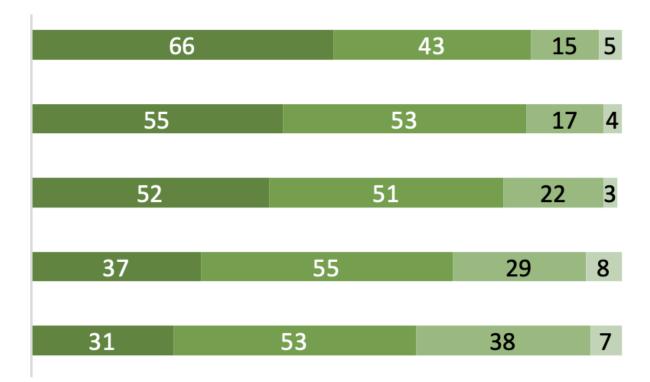
Toolkit of mechanisms to fund protected areas

Training and capacity-building workshops

Webinars on specific topics in protected area finance

On-line training programs

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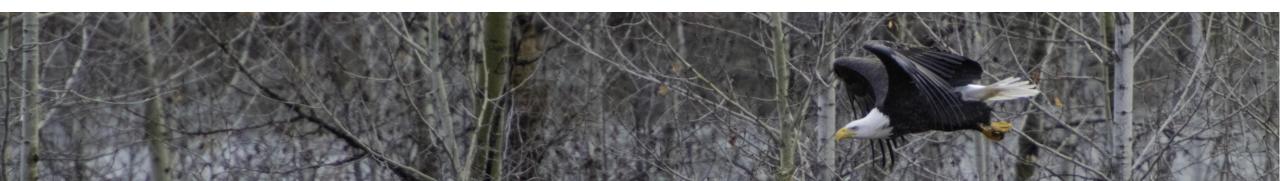




#### Conclusions



- Survey results provide an ideal starting point to align and synergize global, regional, and national efforts to build financial capacity among PA staff and practitioners
- Results present an important opportunity to develop partnerships and further articulate how we can join together to raise global standards for capacity and expertise in PA finance
- An agenda for protected area finance global capacity building?



## Report now available online:



#### Protected Area Finance Capacity Needs: Results of a Global Survey

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