

COMPOSITION OF A NCG OF KBAS

The structure and composition of the NCG will vary according to the needs of the country. However, NCG members may include representatives from the following organizations and stakeholder groups:

- National representatives of KBA partners,
- Civil Society Organization
- Other organizations and scientific institutions with relevant data or expertise,
- Relevant government departments and agencies,
- Private sector organizations with relevant KBA data,

- Academicians and researchers,
- Representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities,

- Relevant decision-makers who can advocate for KBA as members

Note: Anyone who understands and can apply the KBA standard can be a member.

The KBA standard envisages that the KBA identification process should be largely driven by local organizations and experts to ensure membership and ownership,

which is essential for the future safeguarding and conservation of these sites.



RECOMMENDED PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION FOR A NCG OF KBAS

5 operating principles are recommended for a National Coordination Group (NCG) of the KBA:

- Monitor and assist other parties in following decisions and guidance issued by the KBA Committee (including its KBA Technical Working Group) and

the Standards and Appeals Committee,

- Be inclusive, representative and transparent,
- Have a democratic (ideally consensual) decision-making procedure accepted by all its members,



INEXPECTED RESULTS

- Up-to-date and comprehensive national inventory of KBA developed by NCG maintained in the WDKBA and posted on the KBA website,
- Broad stakeholder and government support for the KBA programme at the national level,
- Regular exchange of information with relevant KBA programme structures (KBA Secretariat, KBA Committee, KBA Community, other NCG).



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NATIONAL COORDINATION GROUP FOR KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS (KBA)



WHAT IS THE NATIONAL COORDINATION GROUP (NCG) FOR KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS (KBA)?

The KBA Standard requires that in each country a National Coordination Group (NCG) of KBA is established. The establishment of NCG assumes that there are relevant data held at the national or sub-national level that are dispersed among various organizations and experts and therefore bringing them together has significant added value. The NCG also plays a role in the application of the regional KBA criteria.



ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NCG OF KBA



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The national coordination groups of KBA are proposed as key structures to fulfil the coordinating role of the identification process of KBA at the national level to bring together stakeholders and relevant data in a bottom-up, participatory and effective manner. This role includes the promotion, conservation, management and protection of KBA in the country.

The main roles of NCG are proposed as follows:

- Establish contact with the relevant KBA regional focal point (details available through the KBA Secretariat and the KBA website <http://www.keybiodiversityareas.org/home>) and regional representative of the KBA community;
- Compile and maintain a list of relevant stakeholders at the national level who can play a role in the KBA programme;
- Compile or review supporting data for the application of the KBA standard (e.g., data on potential trigger species and/or ecosystems, human footprint maps at the most appropriate scale and information on biotic integrity and available systematic conservation plans, existing KBA inventories);
- Set up a user account in the WDKBA;
- Request training on the KBA standard from the regional focal point, KBA secretariat or KBA partners, if necessary;
- Support the implementation of the KBA standard to review existing KBA and identify new ones by relevant experts. This may include organizing one or more national or sub-national expert workshops;
- Coordinate the formal KBA proposal and the update process (proposal, review, nomination) at the national level through the WDKBA;
- Ensure consultation between relevant experts of KBA proposed by external experts;

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Oversee data management for the country's KBA, especially through:

- Management of the process of making data available for KBA identification and delineation. These data should be provided free of charge, but may be based on a data-sharing agreement. A model of data sharing agreement should be drafted by the Management Committee and agreed by all NCG members,
- Management and storage of all data and documentation used in the identification and delineation of KBA,
- Facilitation and sharing of data among NCG members of the KBA on condition that no NCG member shall share them, don't use or do not distribute the data provided for the identification and delineation of KBA for any other purposes without the express written consent of the data provider.
- However, where possible, it is recommended that NCG play the following additional roles:
- Develop a national strategy to encourage the conservation and sustainable management of KBA. This could include research, monitoring, advocacy, policy, raising awareness and capacity building aspects of the KBA initiative;
- Collaborate with national focal points of relevant international conventions (e.g., CBD, Ramsar, CMS, World Heritage) to ensure that KBA are taken into consideration in national implementation plans and strategies;

- Coordinate these activities among NCG member institutions,
- Promote the use of KBA data and the national KBA list at national and international levels to support planning and implementation of conservation and sustainable development;
- Coordinate fundraising efforts and allocation of funds for priority tasks identified in the national KBA strategy, including engagement with donors and development actors active in their countries supporting conservation and economic development (e.g., World Bank, regional development banks, etc.).



RECOMMENDED RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Elect a coordinator for a fixed term among its members,
- Meet regularly and record decisions made during its meetings,
- Organize national or sub-national workshops to analyze available information on existing and potential KBA and agree on a list of proposed KBA,
- Agree on how the institutions should be represented in the group (e.g., the maximum number of representatives), if necessary,
- Appoint one or more focal points to be the focal point for contributing the WDKBA.

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