



## **Securing community rights helps make conservation sustainable. How can the new conservation paradigm work in practice?**



# WHAKATANE MECHANISM

The Whakatane Mechanism was first implemented by IUCN in 2011 as a framework of processes which could be followed when rights-based conflicts arose between indigenous communities and those managing the protected areas which they inhabited.

To date, three protected areas in Kenya, Thailand and the Democratic Republic of Congo have been the focus of the Whakatane Mechanism. These have shown its potential for facilitating dialogue, for resolving conflict and for moving towards rights-based solutions. The Whakatane Mechanism, however, is yet to enter mainstream conservation practice.

There are more than 160,000 protected areas worldwide, and up to 14 million people are said to have been displaced from protected areas in Africa alone. How can we move from conflict to secure conservation through community rights?

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## THE WHAKATANE MECHANISM Workshop

### Can Whakatane conflict resolution processes snowball to the global? Resolving community/conservation conflicts

**Room:** 318 B

**Date:** 3 September 2016

**Time:** 08:30am - 10:30am

**For more information visit:** <https://portals.iucn.org/congress/session/10241?destination=node/10241>

This innovative and engaging workshop introduces the Whakatane Mechanism and examines its effectiveness as a tool. It will simulate the Whakatane process using the real-life case study of the Sengwer people from Embobut, Kenya, as a focal point and adopting a roundtable-style format for the discussion.

Participants will include:

- **Victoria Tauli-Corpuz**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- **Milka Chepkorir**, Sengwer community representative, Kenya
- **Gonzalo Oviedo**, Senior Adviser on Social Policy, IUCN
- **Simon Counsel**, Director, Rainforest Foundation UK
- **Aroha Te Pareake Mead**, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy
- **Stan Stevens**, Senior Lecturer, Cultural & Political Ecology, Univ. of Massachusetts & ICCA
- **Mine Pabari**, Deputy Regional Director, IUCN ESARO
- **Harry Jonas**, co-founder, Natural Justice
- **Kristen Walker Painemilla** (Co-Chair), vice president, Conservation International, SPICEH
- **Justin Kenrick** (Co-Chair), Senior Policy Adviser, Forest Peoples Programme