

DETAILED PROPOSAL FORMS : PROTECTED AREAS IN PNG

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Cover photo: Child in Baikakeu village lake hargy collects coconuts an important cash crop and food

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About this form

When to use this digital form

Use this form to:

- a) Propose a new protected area,
- b) Propose an expansion or boundary revision to an existing protected area,
- c) Propose a change in protected area type, OR
- d) Recognise under law an existing informal protected area

Guidelines to help you

Additional guidelines that may assist you to complete this form include:

- a) Transitions for Papua New Guinea's existing protected areas
- b) Proposing a new protected area: a guide for landholders and others

What parts of this form do I complete?

There are two Parts to this digital form.

Form A is completed at the initial stage of expressing interest in a protected area (refer to purposes stated above). *Note: Part A is available in print format, as well as digital.*

Form B should be completed **ONLY** for proposed national protected areas, after discussions with CEPA.

This form provides more detailed information about the protected area.

- If you have filled out Form A earlier, you can copy that information into this form (then replace/delete the blank questions in Form A). It is important to review and amend the information that was provided to ensure that it is accurate (e.g. name, size, boundary delineation etc).
- Complete all sections in Form B and add additional information, as necessary (see below).
- Form B can be completed at any time after Form A is processed by the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA). Form B must be completed in a digital format (not hand-written).
- Remember to include all relevant information on the '[Summary](#)' page.

Can I include other information?

You can include information that will assist the processing of your proposal. This could include:

- a) maps of your area, including location, vegetation, cultural sites and features of special importance.
- b) photographs of your area,
- c) supporting information in reports, assessments (e.g. conservation and benefit sharing arrangements,
- d) consultation/meeting information (e.g. meeting notes) with the community, other government departments, industry sectors and non-government organisations, and
- e) information about existing and potential competing interests such as mining interests, plantations or commercial fisheries. Negotiations with resource sectors and other government departments are not necessary at the early proposal stage.

Further questions and help

Please contact the Sustainable Environment Programs Wing if you require further information.

INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION HERE.

FORM A: Expression of interest to declare a protected area

Note: There is another version of Form A to be used if a printed copy is needed to be filled out by hand. This is the electronic (digital) version.

Section 1: Basic information

Question	Your answer	Notes
1. Name of the proposed protected area	Enter name of protected area.	<i>Include the name of the proposed area.</i>
2. Date of this proposal	Click or tap to enter a date.	<i>Enter the date you made this proposal. Click on the calendar in 'your answer'.</i>
3. Name of person(s) or group(s) that are proposing this protected area	Enter names here	<i>This may include one or many individuals or groups. Please enter all names or attach a separate list (write 'list included' here).</i>
4. Contact person 1	Enter Name, Email address, Phone number.	<i>Include details of a person who can send and receive information about this proposal. Enter Name, Email Address and phone number of the contact person for this proposal.</i>
5. Contact person 2	Enter Name, Email address, Phone number.	<i>See instructions above.</i>
6. Who has contributed to making this proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> Customary landowners <input type="checkbox"/> Civil society/ Non-government organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Government officer(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Scientist <input type="checkbox"/> Other people Comments: Insert details about contributors.	<i>Click on all the boxes that apply i.e. all the main contributors who have helped to write the proposal. Add details in the comment box, e.g. name of the government department or NGO. You can include as many people or groups as you wish.</i>
7. In brief, why do you think this area should be a protected area?	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>What are you trying to protect or lukautim and why? Include information that explains 'what you like about your protected area' e.g. the cultural and traditional sites, plants and animals, scenery and any others.</i>
8. Does the protected area include any of the following? (a-g)		<i>For each part (a-g) check either Yes or No. Please attach any additional details about your protected area.</i>
a) Land (terrestrial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes include the approximate size (in hectares) and a description. Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>If the answer is yes, include the size of the feature if you know this (don't worry if you don't– you can leave it blank). Then write a short description of the feature.</i>

Question	Your answer	Notes
b) Freshwater areas (rivers, seasonal swamps and lakes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes include the approximate size (in hectares) and a description. Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>The description may include the names of the rivers and lakes, their location and importance.</i>
c) Mountains	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes include the approximate height and area of the mountainous country (in hectares) and a description. Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>The description may include the name of any mountains, what vegetation they have, or habitat for particular species and their importance.</i>
d) Marine deep-water areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes include the approximate size (in hectares) and a description. Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>The description may include the name of the area and its importance for wildlife and the community.</i>
e) Marine nearshore areas including reefs, sea-grass beds	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes include the approximate size (in hectares) and a description. Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>The description may include the extent of the nearshore areas, whether there are coral reefs and fish, the importance of these areas and if there are any areas that are closed.</i>
f) Saltwater estuaries including mangrove areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes include the approximate size (in hectares) and a description. Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>The description may include the type of vegetation and the importance of the saltwater estuary to the community.</i>
g) Caves and other special land or sea features	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes include the approximate size (in hectares) and a description. Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>The description may include the name of any caves or other features and why they are important.</i>
9. Describe the proposed protected area, such as the kinds of landscapes or sea country and plants and the animals you see or know about. Also include anything of special cultural or historic importance	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>Include information on the physical environment, plants and animals, cultural and traditional sites and any others. You can attach a more detailed description if you wish.</i>

Section 2: Where is the protected area?

Question	Your answer	Notes
10. In what Province(s) is the proposed protected area?	Insert name of Province(s).	
11. In what District(s) is the proposed protected area?	Insert names of Districts.	
12. In what Local Level Government(s) is the proposed protected area?	Insert names of LLGs.	
13. Describe the general location of the proposed protected area	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>For example, 'the western side of xx island and the coral reef just offshore' OR 'the hills and mountains behind x village'.</i>
14. Name a big town that is near to the protected area	Click or tap here to enter text.	
15. What is the size of the proposed protected area (in hectares)	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>Include the size of the protected area. If you do not know this please enter 'Don't know'.</i>
16. How can you access the proposed protected area?	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>How can people get to the proposed protected area (e.g. by road, track, air, boat?). Mention if there are good roads or airstrips.</i>

Section 3: Protected area purpose, types and proposal history

Question	Your answer	Notes
17. What is the purpose of your proposal?	<input type="checkbox"/> A new proposal for a new protected area <input type="checkbox"/> A change in type for an existing protected area <input type="checkbox"/> An expansion or joining of existing protected area/s <input type="checkbox"/> A reduction in the size of an existing protected area <input type="checkbox"/> A resubmission of a previous proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please explain below</i>) Click or tap here to enter text. If you selected 'other' in the list above, please provide details.	<i>Please tick one of the boxes. Attach more details, if needed and insert in the text box 'information attached'.</i>
18. If this proposed protected area has been formally protected,	Enter type of protected area.	<i>Protected areas in PNG have many names or types, including Wildlife Management Area, Locally Managed Marine Area,</i>

Question	Your answer	Notes
registered or gazetted in the past, please insert the name and <i>type</i> of protected area		<i>National Park, Conservation Area, Wildlife Sanctuary etc. Indicate the 'type' of protected area. If it does not have a 'type' please insert 'not registered'</i>
19. What <i>type</i> of protected area do you wish your proposed protected area to be registered as?	<input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input type="checkbox"/> National park <input type="checkbox"/> National heritage area <input type="checkbox"/> Special management area <input type="checkbox"/> National marine sanctuary <input type="checkbox"/> Community conservation area <input type="checkbox"/> Locally managed marine area <input type="checkbox"/> Locally managed conservation area <input type="checkbox"/> Private protected area <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please provide details below) If you selected 'other' in the list above, please provide details.	<i>In PNG there are many types of protected areas. These are listed in the check boxes. Please select the type of protected area that you are proposing. If you are unsure you can select more than one item, or enter 'not known' and this can be decided later.</i>
20. Why do you think this is the best <i>type</i> of protected area here?	Write your reasons here.	<i>Please outline your reasons for selecting the type of protected area you have indicated in Q18. If unknown, leave blank.</i>
21. If this area has been a proposal in the past, or has been identified in any land-use plan or priority-setting studies, please provide details	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>If you don't know, leave this blank.</i>

Section 4: Landowners

Question	Your answer	Notes
22. Who owns the protected area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Customary landowners <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Private owners <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below) If you selected 'other' in the list above, please provide details.	<i>Please tick the relevant box and provide details, where necessary.</i>
23. If owned by customary landowners, please provide names or names of the relevant clans.	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>Enter the names of the customary landowners OR the clans who own this protected area. Attach a list to this form, if necessary and write 'information attached' in your answer.</i>

Question	Your answer	Notes
24. Is the ownership of the protected area clear?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no (i.e. the ownership is not clear or disputed), please explain what the issues are about. Click or tap here to enter text.	Please select one of the boxes.
25. Is there any documentation concerning landownership?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide details of any documentation concerning the landownership. Click or tap here to enter text.	Please select one of the boxes. If yes, indicate whether there has been any boundary mapping or social mapping. Please give details or attach a document to this form and insert 'information attached'.
26. Indicate the level of support by customary landowners for this protected area (refer to a-e)		Note: Evidence that the identified customary landowners are entitled to speak on behalf of the land or sea will be required before a proposal is finalised.
a) Customary landowners are making this proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If Yes, go to Q27) <input type="checkbox"/> No	Select yes or no.
b) Customary landowners have been approached about this proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, are they supportive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Still unsure Include comments here. If not approached yet, explain why? Include comments here.	Select yes or no. Then explain in the text box.

Section 5: Support from government and stakeholders

Question	Your answer	Notes
27. Indicate the level of support by government for this proposal (refer a-c)		Include some information about the level of support for the protected area by each of the levels of government outlined in a-d below.
a) Local level government(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low	Select one of the responses listed.

Question	Your answer	Notes
b) Provincial government(s)	Choose an item.	<i>Select one of the responses listed in the drop down list.</i>
c) National government (CEPA)	Choose an item.	<i>Select one of the responses listed in the drop down list.</i>
28. Indicate the level of support by other stakeholders for this proposal	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (some supportive, some not) Tell us about these stakeholders and the support they have provided.	<i>This includes people with user rights in the protected area, non-government organisations (which ones), government agencies other than CEPA (which ones), scientists, etc. In the comment box describe the support that has been provided. You can include an attachment if needed.</i>

Section 6: Conclusion to Form A

Question	Your answer	Notes
29. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this proposal?	Click or tap here to enter text.	<i>There may be something important about your protected area that you need to tell us, and which has not been covered in the questions above.</i>

Thank you: this is the end of the Expression of Interest.

FORM B: Detailed information about the protected area

Form B should be completed ONLY for proposed national protected areas, after discussions with CEPA.

Form B includes more detailed and specific information about your proposed protected area. These questions are all to help understand the role of the proposed area in the protected area network, and how the area might be managed. This part of the form closely follows the PNG Policy on Protected Areas (Independent State of Papua New Guinea, 2014), so please read it for more clarification. Many communities might want to request assistance from scientists or experts to fill out this form.

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. Feel free to insert maps, photos and extra information into the form, or attach them at the end. Recordings, videos and photos as attachments are also good – just make sure you list them at the end of the form.

Relevance to people

Section 7: Economic benefits

30. Do you think that the protected area could bring you economic benefits in the future? If so, describe the benefits it could bring.

*For example, a protected area **may** bring increased tourism, research, management activities, local employment etc.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 8: Ecosystem services

31. Does the proposed area bring you benefits *now* that could be lost if the area is not protected e.g. if it was cleared? (these are known as ‘provisioning’ ecosystem services).

For each of the possible benefit types listed in the table below, choose the level of benefit by clicking on the drop-down box, then write details and comments in the right-hand column.

Benefit	Level of benefit (Vital, high, medium, low or not applicable)	Details and comments, including if you think the use is sustainable
Fresh clean water	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Timber for local building (houses etc)	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Firewood	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Plants for medicines	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Plants for food	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Good soil for gardens	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Wild land animals for food (e.g. cuscus, native birds or eggs - not pigs)	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Fish	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Marine animals including turtles and dugong	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Plants or animals of customary importance	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other benefits (list)	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Benefit	Level of benefit (Vital, high, medium, low or not applicable)	Details and comments, including if you think the use is sustainable
Overall value (summary)	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.

32. What other benefits in the list below does the proposed area bring you *now* that could be lost if the area is not protected e.g. if it was cleared?

These are known as 'regulating' ecosystem services

Benefit	Level of benefit (Critical, high, medium, low or not applicable)	Details and comments, including if you think the use is sustainable
Helping the community deal better with climate change and extreme events – <i>For example, mangroves reduce the impact of cyclones; keeping intact forest helps reduce landslides.</i>	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Preventing erosion	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Keeping the catchment and rivers in a natural state	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other benefits (list)	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Overall level of benefits (summary)	Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 9: Cultural and historic benefits

33. Are there significant historic sites in the proposal area?

Fill in details about the sites (attach a map if you can) and the details about why it is important. Add more rows, if needed.

Historic site	Details and comments
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

34. Are there significant cultural/traditional sites in the proposal area?

Fill in details about the sites (attach a map if you can) and the details about why it is important. Add more rows, if needed.

Cultural site	Details and comments
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

35. What benefits could a protected area bring to help keep culture and tradition alive?

Provide details or comments where you think it could help – leave the other rows blank.

Benefit	Details and comments
Protection of masalai/special or sacred sites	Click or tap here to enter text.

Ability to maintain and apply sanctions or limits to hunting, fishing and other use of areas	Click or tap here to enter text.
Maintain or increase use of language	Click or tap here to enter text.
Maintain or increase use of customary crafts e.g. weaving of billums	Click or tap here to enter text.
Maintain or increase customary ceremonies (dancing, singing etc)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other benefits (list)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Overall value to keeping culture alive (summary)	

Importance for conserving nature

Section10: Ecoregions

36. What terrestrial **ecoregion/s** is the proposal in? (Please refer to Figure 1).

Please insert your responses in the spaces provided in the table below. If you cannot calculate the areas, just indicate rough figures or representation (yes or no). If the proposal is entirely marine, leave this section blank.

	Terrestrial Ecoregions	WWF Ecoregion	Size of ecoregion (ha)	List the WWF Ecoregion and area of proposal in the ecoregion if known	Proposal areas as % of bioregion (optional)
1	Manus Island	132. Admiralty Islands	208,505		
2	North-eastern Islands	111. New Britain/New Ireland Lowlands; 112. New Britain/New Ireland Uplands	4,699,775		
3	Bougainville Island	119. Bougainville Island	939,137		
4	Northern New Guinea	107. Huon Range 115. North New Guinea Lowlands 116. North New Guinea Uplands	9,482,056		
5	Central Range	105. Central Range	11,821,294		
6	Southeast Peninsula	120. Southeast Peninsula	7,457,004		
7	Trobriand Island	125. Trobriand Islands	432,689		
8	Louisiade (Southeastern Island)	110. Louisiade Archipelago	181,395		
9	Southern New Guinea	121. Southern Wetlands 122. Southern Plains 708. Trans-fly	11,053,974		

37. What marine **ecoregion/s** and **bioregion/s** is the proposal in? (Please refer to Figure 2).

Please insert your responses in the spaces provided in the table below. If you cannot calculate the areas, just indicate rough figures or representation (yes or no). If the proposal is entirely terrestrial, leave this section blank.

	Marine ecoregions ¹	Shallow water bioregions	Approx area of proposal in marine ecoregion	Bioregion/s represented in proposal
1	Southwest Pacific Warm Pool	Deep ocean environment only		
2	Bismark Sea	Deep ocean environment Western Islands Manus Sepik Madang Dampier Strait Kimbe-Witu Islands St George's Channel West New Britain New Honover-Mussau		
3	Solomon Sea	Deep ocean environment Southern New Britain Huon Gulf and Milne Bay Islands Samarai Islands Louisaide Archipelago Trobriand and Woodlark Islands		
4	Southwest Pacific Warm Pool	Deep ocean environment Tabad-Lihir Pacific Offshore Bougainville		
5	Northern Coral Sea	Deep ocean environment Southeast PNG Coast Gulf of Papua Southern Gulf		
2	Eastern Arafura Sea	Arafura Sea		

Section 11: Animals

38. What 'special' animals live in the proposed protected area?

This may include threatened or rare animal species, those that only occur in the local area, or those of special importance to landholders. Please add additional rows to the table below, if needed, OR attach a list of animal species to this form – refer to Q40.

Common animal name	Scientific name	Significance (why is it important?)

39. Is an **animal species list** attached? please choose`

40. Describe the **importance of the proposed protected area for protecting animals.**

Discuss both land and water animals, including all kinds such as mammals, birds, snakes, crocodiles, turtles and lizards, frogs, fish, corals and smaller creatures). You can include photos and distribution maps if you wish.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 12: Plants

41. What **'special' plants** live here?

This may include threatened or rare plant species, those that only occur in the local area, or those of special importance to the community. You could include saltwater species such as seagrass and mangroves. Please add additional rows to the table below, if needed, OR attach a list of plant species to this form – refer to Q43.

Common name	Scientific name	Significance to science and/or people
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Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.

42. Is a **plant species list** attached?

please choose

43. Describe the importance of the area for protecting **plants.**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 13: Ecosystems

44. What **ecosystem types** are found in the proposed area?

Please add additional rows to the table below, if needed, OR attach more details to this form). If possible, please include a map.

Ecosystem type	Approx % of proposed area	Significance to science and/or people
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45. Describe the importance of the area for protecting **ecosystems**.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 14: Landscapes and geological features

46. Describe the importance of the area for protecting **landscapes or geological features**.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 15: Climate change resilience and refuges

47. Will the proposed protected area **contribute to climate change resilience** of the ecosystems or species? If so, explain.

For example, a higher level of protection might allow for breeding up of species that are threatened by drought; or fire management in the protected area might help prevent bad bushfires.

Click or tap here to enter text.

48. Does the proposed protected area **contain known refuges for plants and animals** to enable them to withstand climate change impacts, drought, fire, floods or other threats? If so, explain.

For example, a refuge might be a permanent wetland or waterhole in an otherwise dry area, or a rocky area that fire does not reach.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 16: Contribution to the protected area network

49. Are there any other special features relating to the proposed protected area that you would like to present in your application?

Click or tap here to enter text.

50. What is the proposed protected area's significance as an **addition to the PNG protected area network**, including its relationship to other areas and its special or unique characteristics?

For more information about this, see the PNG Policy on Protected Areas, p. 54-63. For example, would it provide new representation of a bioregion, ecosystem of species or of a unique culture or way of life?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Environmental condition and protected area design

Section 17: Current condition and use

51. Overall, about how much of the proposed area is in 'natural' condition (i.e. has natural vegetation or seabed/ reef with only minor impacts)

Choose an item.

52. Overall, about how much of the proposed area is used by customary landowners for traditional uses including hunting, gathering , fishing and gardens

Choose an item.

53. List current uses of the land such as farming, plantation, forestry, natural undisturbed land/sea, local community fishing, hunting etc. Indicate the approximate proportion of the proposed protected area that these current uses occupy and add any comments you wish.

Attach a landuse or sea use map or photo if possible.

Current use	Approx. proportion of area	Comments
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54. How would you summarise the current overall condition of the proposed area?

For example, 'mostly very good but with erosion near the rivers'; or 'about a third has been logged and need revegetation'

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 18: Threats

55. What are the **most serious threats** to the proposed protected area?

For example, a threat may be pollution of waterways, the severity may be High, Medium or Low, and the comment can include statements related to the cause of the threat and any actions that are being taken to reduce the impact or severity of the threat.

Threat	Severity <i>High, Medium or Low</i>	Comment
Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.
Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.
Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.
Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.
Click here to enter text.	Choose an item.	Click here to enter text.

56. Will having a protected here help you to avoid or control the threats listed in Q56? If so, how?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Section 19: Connectivity Shape and design

57. How is the proposed protected area connected with other natural or semi-natural areas?

Describe the position of the proposed protected area in relation to the wider landscape. Consider what surrounds the protected area (e.g. settlements, natural forest, plantations, mines etc) and in particular describe how the protected area is located in relation to other natural or semi-natural areas. Please show these connections on a map if possible (and insert that a map is attached).

Click or tap here to enter text.

58. Could these connections be made better, for example, through revegetation?

Click or tap here to enter text.

59. Describe the shape and design of the proposed protected area.

This refers to the extent to which the proposed protected area meets design principles or will be physically manageable in the long term (See guidelines for further explanation). Is the area large/small? Is it round or elongated – rectangular? Is there one continuous area or several smaller areas (how connected are any smaller areas)? Does it contain one/some/many different ecosystems?

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Proposed decision-making and management arrangements

Section 20: Decision-making (governance) and day-to-day management

60. How will the proposed protected area be managed?

Consider who will make the decisions about the protected area. Note: In your answer you can include the proposed structure and membership of the board and advisory committee if known.

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61. Who will carry out the day-to-day management that is required in the proposed protected area?

Consider whether there will be rangers (paid/unpaid), customary landowners (paid/unpaid), other people.

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62. Do you need extra resources for on-ground management, or can this be done by the community?

Indicate what extra resources will be needed to ensure effective management outcomes. This may include money, equipment, infrastructure etc.

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Section 21: Financing and resources

63. Outline any proposed short-term and long-term sustainable financing, revenue raising and benefit- sharing arrangements.

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64. What people, resources and infrastructure will be needed to manage the proposed protected area?

Please insert your responses into the table below. Add additional rows, if necessary.

Item	Comments	Possible source

Section 22: Capacity and training

65. What current capacity do you have to manage the proposed protected area?

We are interested in the skills and competence of the people who will manage the area. This may include knowledge of the environment, animals, plants, threats etc. This includes both traditional knowledge as well as other more formal scientific knowledge.

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66. What training and capacity building will be needed for the management committee or the people working on the protected area?

Please insert your responses in the table below. Add additional rows, if necessary.

Type of capacity	Comments	Possible source
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Summary of the proposed protected area's important features

The table below provides an overall summary of the information you have included above.

Please enter information in the text boxes.

Criteria ²	Rating (low to very high)	Summary (very brief)
Relevant to all PNG people		
Support from customary landholders (Section 4)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Support from government (Section 5).	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Support from other stakeholders (Section 5).	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Possible economic benefits (Section 7)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Ecosystem services (Section 8)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Cultural (protecting cultural and historic values, knowledge systems, social relations etc) (Section 9)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Importance to nature conservation		
Protecting priority ecoregion/s (Section 10)	Choose an item.	
Animal species (Section 11)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Plant species (Section 12)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Important ecosystems (Section 13)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Landscapes and geological features (Section 14)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Climate change resilience and refuges (Section 15)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Contribution to the national or local network of protected areas (Section 16)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Management issues		
Current condition (Section 17)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Threat level (Section 18)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.
Close to or joining other bush or protected waters. Shape and design (Section 19)	Choose an item.	Enter brief comments here.

References

² These criteria are based on the PNG Protected Area Policy

Please list any reports, papers, books etc that you have referred to, or that provide more information about your proposal. *(Please attach a list, if preferred and write 'list attached' in the box below).*

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Thank you for completing this form.

Attachment one: Ecoregional maps

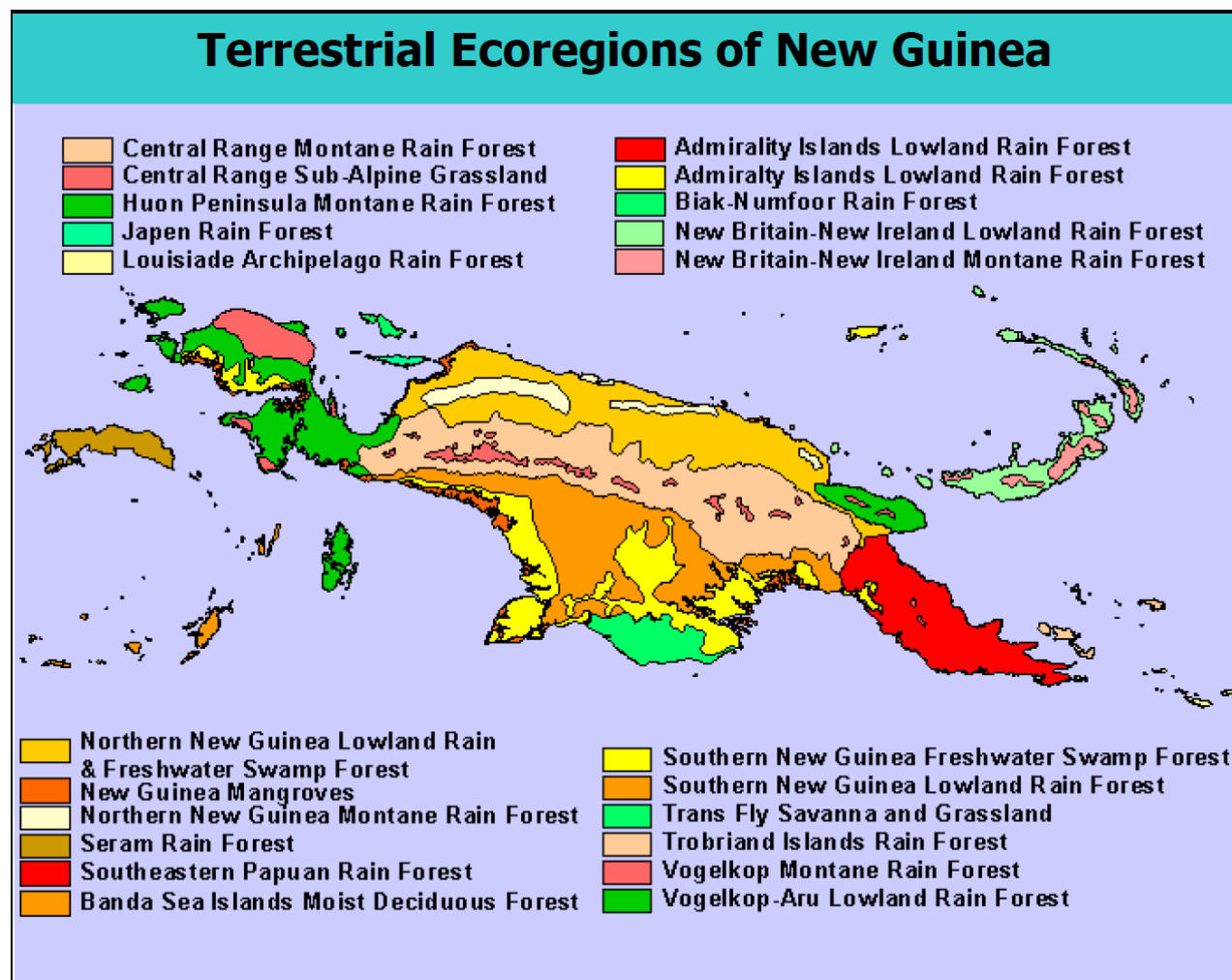


Figure 1: Ecoregions of New Guinea Island. Source: To be replaced with map of PNG terrestrial ecoregions

Figure 2: Marine bioregions of PNG. Source:(Government of Papua New Guinea, 2015)

Attachment two: Priority areas of interest for PNG protected area network

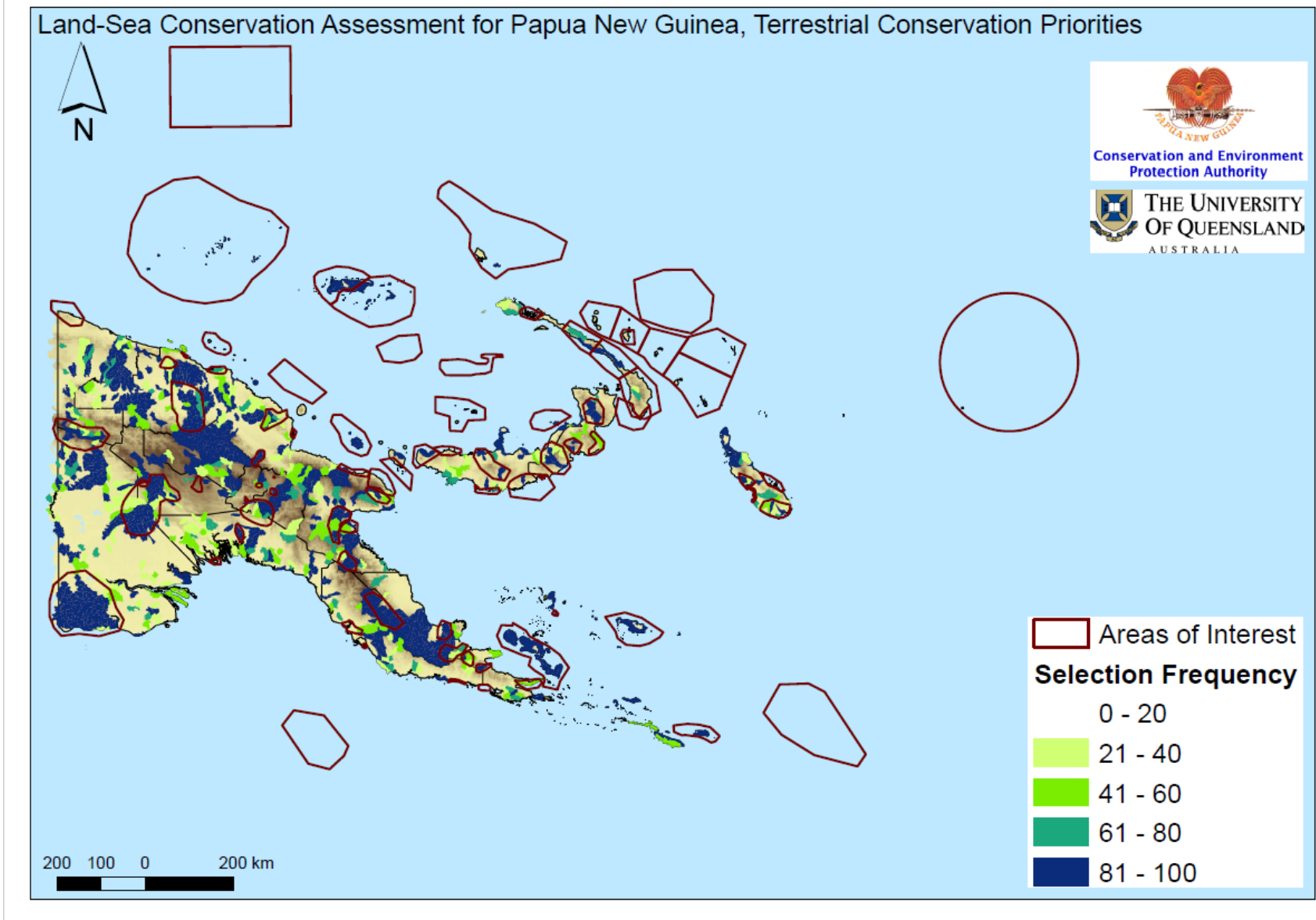


Figure 3: Terrestrial conservation priorities identified in 2016 in the "land-sea conservation assessment" (Adams et al., 2017)

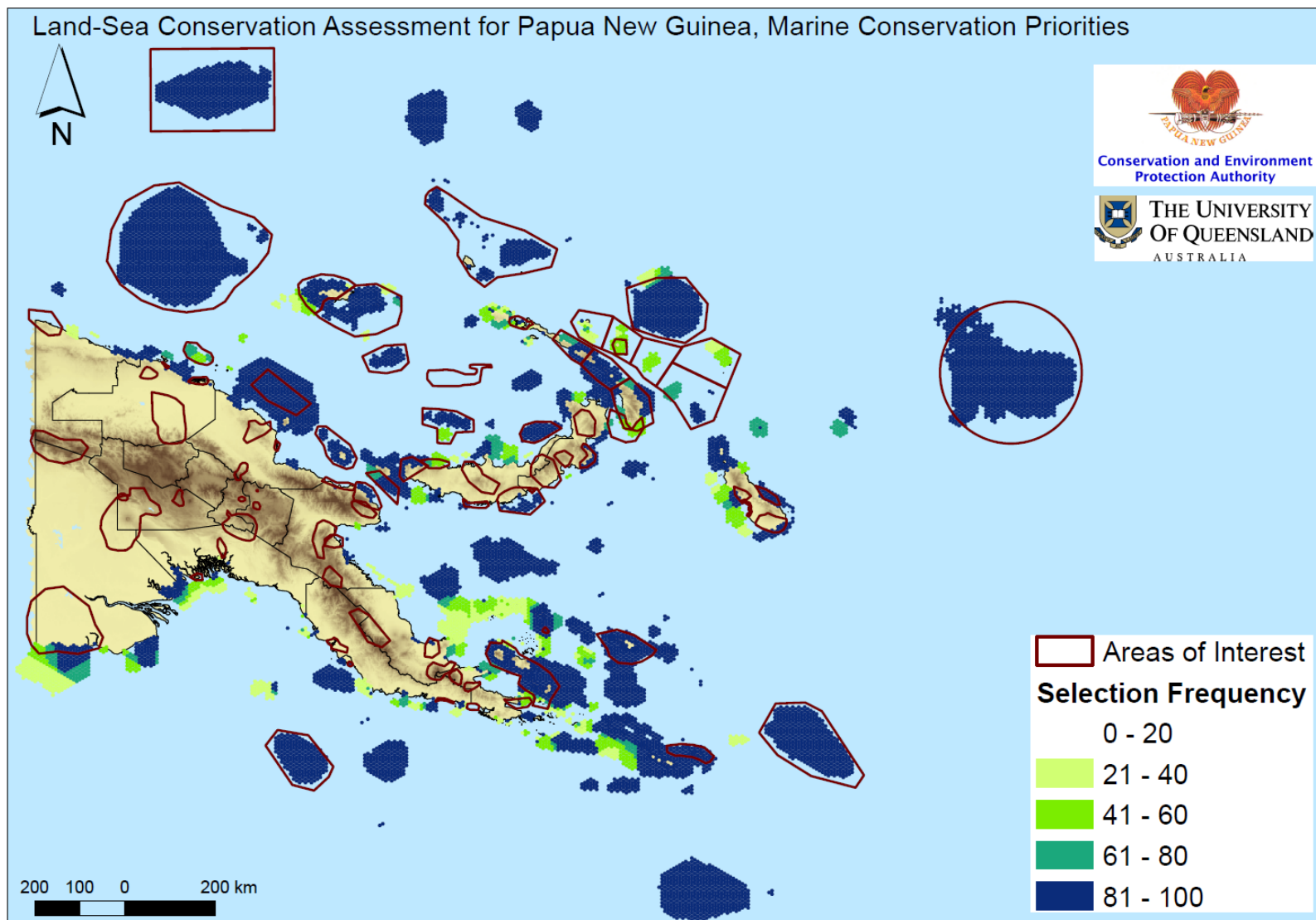


Figure 4: Terrestrial conservation priorities identified in 2016 in the "land-sea conservation assessment" (Adams et al., 2017)

Attachments (for applicants)

Please attach any details *if you have them*) Refer to the information page

- Consultation and support (or otherwise) by other resource users and key stakeholders. Negotiations with resource sectors and other government departments are not necessary at the proposal stage.
- Draft conservation and benefit sharing agreement and whether they are accepted by customary landowners. This may be developed after the initial proposal has been endorsed.
- Information about existing and potential competing interests such as mining interests, plantations or commercial fisheries. Negotiations with resource sectors and other government departments are not necessary at the early proposal stage.
- Photographs, drawings and maps are most helpful.

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