



PROTECTED AREAS IN PNG PROPOSAL FORM A: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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About this form

When to use this form

This form is designed to be printed and filled in by hand. If you wish to use a computer to fill in this information, please use the digital version (From PA2).

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

There are several guidelines that provide additional information that may assist you in completing this form, including:

- 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?

At the initial stage of expressing interest in proposing a protected area you are required to complete all of Form A.

Note: More detailed information about the protected area is provided at a later stage in the process and Form B, which is in a digital format, can be completed at this time.

Form A: Expression of interest

This form includes general information about the proposed protected area (e.g. size, location, reason for proposal etc). When this form is submitted, the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) will register the expression of interest.

Can I include other information

You can include information that will assist with your proposal for a protected area. This may include:

- a) a map of your area
- 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
- 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.
- f) draft conservation and benefit sharing agreements and whether they are accepted by customary landowners. This may be developed after the initial proposal has been endorsed.

You can attach this information in hard copy or on a thumb-drive or email. You can also include videos or voice recordings so landowners can speak directly about what they want.

Further questions and help

Please contact the Sustainable Environment Programs Wing, CEPA if you require further information and to submit this form.

INCLUDE NAME OF CONTACT PERSON

Email and phone number and address

Indicate a timeline for expected response (should be no more than 3 weeks) and should be acknowledged on receipt.

Summary information

Proposed name of protected area	
Proposal number (CEPA use)	
Location	
Bioregion/ecoregion (if known)	
Province(s)	
Area of proposal (ha)	
Priority and recommendation (CEPA to complete)	
Date of application	
List of attachments	

PART A: Expression of interest to declare a protected area

Section 1: Basic information

Question	Your answer
<p>1. Name of the proposed protected area</p> <p><i>Include the proposed name or the name of the general location of the proposed area.</i></p>	
<p>2. Date of this proposal</p> <p><i>Enter the date of this proposal (dd/mm/yyyy).</i></p>	
<p>3. Name of person(s) or group(s) that are proposing this protected area</p> <p><i>This may include one or many individuals or groups. Please enter all names OR attach a list of names to this form and write 'list attached' as your answer.</i></p>	
<p>4. Contact person 1</p> <p><i>Include details of a person who can send and receive information about the proposal.</i></p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>Phone number:</p>
<p>5. Contact person 2</p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>Phone number:</p>

Question	Your answer
<p>6. Who has contributed to making this proposal?</p> <p><i>Tick all the boxes that apply. Include the main contributors who have helped to write the proposal. Add any details e.g. name of the government department or NGO. You can include as many people or groups as you wish.</i></p>	<p> <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 </p> <p>Details:</p>

WHY IS THIS PROPOSED PROTECTED AREA IMPORTANT?

Question	Your answer
<p>7. In brief, why do you think this area should be a protected area?</p> <p><i>What are you trying to protect or lukautim? 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></p>	
<p>8. Does the proposed protected area include any of the following?</p> <p><i>Tick all the landscapes and seascapes that are included in your proposal. More details can be provided in Q9.</i></p>	<p> <input type="checkbox"/> Land (terrestrial) <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater areas (river, seasonal swamps and lakes) <input type="checkbox"/> Mountains <input type="checkbox"/> Marine deep-water areas (deep water far from the shore) <input type="checkbox"/> Marine near-shore marine areas including reefs, seagrass beds <input type="checkbox"/> Saltwater estuaries including mangrove areas <input type="checkbox"/> Caves and other special land or sea features </p> <p>If you ticked any of the above boxes, please indicate the approximate size (e.g. area in hectares, or length or height) of the feature and a description below).</p>

Question	Your answer
<p>9. Describe the proposed protected area, such as the kinds of landscapes or sea country and plants and animals you see or know about. Also include anything of special cultural or historic importance.</p> <p><i>Attach a description to this form if necessary and write 'information attached'. You could also send some photographs, maps, drawings or recordings to show us better.</i></p>	

Section 2: Where is the protected area?

Question	Your answer
10. In what Province(s) is the proposed protected area?	
11. In what District(s) is the proposed protected area?	

12. In what Local Level Government(s) is the proposed protected area?	
13. Describe the general location of the proposed protected area <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 proposed protected area	
15. What is the actual or estimated size of the proposed protected area (in hectares)? <i>If you do not know this please enter 'don't know'</i>	
16. How can you access the proposed protected area? <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
17. What is the purpose of your proposal? <i>Please tick one of the boxes. Attach more details if needed.</i>	<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 re-submission of a previous proposal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain below)
18. If this proposed protected area has been formally protected, registered or	

Question	Your answer
<p>gazetted in the past, please insert the name and type of protected area</p> <p><i>Protected areas in PNG have many names, including Wildlife Management Area, Locally Managed Marine Area, 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></p>	
<p>19. What type of protected area do you wish your proposed protected area to be registered as?</p> <p><i>The types of protected area included in the Protected Areas Act are listed. Please tick the box that indicates the type of protected area that you are proposing. If you are unsure you can tick more than one box, or enter 'not known' and this can be decided later.</i></p>	<p>€ Not known</p> <p>€ National park</p> <p>€ National heritage area</p> <p>€ Special management area</p> <p>€ National marine sanctuary</p> <p>€ Community conservation area</p> <p>€ Locally managed marine area</p> <p>€ Locally managed conservation area</p> <p>€ Private protected area</p> <p>€ Other (please provide details below)</p>
<p>20. Why do you think this is the best type of protected area here?</p> <p><i>Please outline your reasons for selecting the type of protected area you have indicated in Q18. If you don't know, just leave this blank at this stage.</i></p>	

Question	Your answer
<p>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.</p> <p><i>If you don't know, leave this blank.</i></p>	

Section 4: Landowners

Question	Your answer
<p>22. Who owns the protected area?</p> <p><i>Please tick the relevant box</i></p>	<p>€ Customary landowners</p> <p>€ Government</p> <p>€ Private owners</p> <p>€ Other (please explain below)</p>
<p>23. If owned by customary landowners, please provide names or names of the relevant clans.</p> <p><i>Enter the names of the customary landowners OR the clans who own the proposed protected area. Attach a list to this form, if necessary and write 'information attached' in your answer.</i></p>	
<p>24. Is the ownership of the protected area clear?</p> <p><i>Please tick one of the boxes. If No – describe the key points of disagreement among the landowners.</i></p>	<p>€ Yes</p> <p>€ No</p> <p>If No (i.e. the ownership is not clear or is disputed), please explain what the issues are about.</p>

Section 5: Support from government and stakeholders

Question	Your answer
27. Indicate the level of support by government for this proposal (Go to 'a' below)	
a) Local level government(s) <i>Please tick one of the boxes.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low
b) Provincial government(s) <i>Please tick one of the boxes.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> They support the proposal <input type="checkbox"/> They are unsure <input type="checkbox"/> They do not support the proposal <input type="checkbox"/> They have not yet been approached
c) National government (CEPA) <i>Please tick one of the boxes.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> They support the proposal <input type="checkbox"/> They are unsure <input type="checkbox"/> They do not support the proposal <input type="checkbox"/> They have not yet been approached
28. Indicate the level of support by other stakeholders for this proposal. <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. Describe the support that has been provided.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low Comments (tell us about these stakeholders and the support they have provided):

Section 6: Conclusion to Part A

Question	Your answer
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29. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about this proposal?

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

Please attach any relevant details or documents and *provide a list of this information in the Summary Information (front page of this form).*



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