Workshop

Eurosite Management Planning Toolkit
Purpose and Content

Clive Hurford and Henk Zingstra
Eurosite Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group
About Eurosite

Eurosite’s Vision:

“A Europe where nature is cared for, protected, restored and valued by all.”

Eurosite’s Mission:

“Providing opportunities for practitioners to network and exchange experience on practical site management.” (since 1989)

Eurosite’s Objectives:

• Networking for Europe’s Nature
• A Gold Standard for Information
• Advocacy for Site Based Management
Eurosite & Management Planning

Early in the development of the Eurosite network, management planning was recognised as an important skill and guidance was developed in the best Eurosite tradition – from the ground up.
1. Why a management plan?
2. How to plan
3. The *Eurosite* management planning format
4. Audit
5. Training
6. Examples
7. Next Steps
8. References
Management Planning for Protected Areas (2004)

a guide for practitioners and their bosses

- English
- Spanish
- Catalan
- French
Basic Principles

The Guidance is not a recipe book to be followed in order from beginning to end, but rather a “pick-and-mix” approach in which appropriate sections may be adapted to the particular circumstances of the Protected Area for which a plan is being prepared. We consider that most of the guidance will be useful in many situations.
Management Planning
Experiences and Emerging Issues

• Fitness Check of the Habitats Directive- only 50% of N2000 sites have a management plan
• Issues managers encounter: (questionnaire feedback)
  -> Conflicting interests between stakeholders
  -> Conflicting interest between stakeholders and management
  -> Access and use of scientific information
  -> Climate change adaptation
  -> Setting objectives (long term-short term)
  -> The need for adaptive management especially in N2000 areas
Management Planning

Important policy developments

• EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020
• EU Action Plan for nature, people and economy
• MEA, TEEB, MAES, Paris Agreement
• Ecosystem Services
• FCS how to define and reach it (Art 17 monitoring)
• Citizen science
• Remote sensing (e.g. UAVs)
• …
Management Planning
Where do we want to go...

Eurosite Management Planning Guidance (EMPG) 2019
The need for a Web Based Toolkit

To address the need for adaptive management and the use of up-to-date information, the proposed toolkit will offer online support by means of a knowledge database.

It aims to offer information and knowledge on issues that conservation practitioners encounter when managing protected areas.
Eurosite Management Planning Expert Group (EMPEG)

- Members (NM, Natuurpunt, Tour du Valat, Natural England etc)
- Kick off meeting 17-04-2018
- Second on line meeting 27-06-2018
- Eurosite Annual Meeting 2018 – progress report
- Eurosite Annual Meeting (May) 2019 30th Anniversary – Final Product

Issues to be addressed in the toolkit:
- Climate change
- Ecosystem Services
- Stakeholders (communication, involvement, conflicts)
- Ensuring a balance between use and protection
- Land use in the surroundings of the protected area
- Legislation and responsibilities
- Monitoring conservation management
- Data collection and storage
This workshop: questions

1. Do you think that there is a need for a web-based Management Planning toolkit?
2. Can you suggest alternative or additional proposals that could support site managers?
3. What are the three main topics that a Management Planning toolkit should address to support managers of protected areas?
4. Can you provide examples of, or references to, good practice in management planning?
5. Can you suggest ways to improve the relationship between protected areas and neighbouring communities/stakeholders?
Participant introductions

• Name and organization
• How could this management planning workshop help you – and vice versa?
Thank you for your attention

www.eurosite.org

info@eurosite.org