

**Ensuring well managed protected areas**

**Introducing  
Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards  
(CA|TS) and the IUCN Green List of  
Protected Areas**

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# Achieving conservation quality

Regional, biome and species focussed standards for protected areas can help us identify, celebrate and encourage successful conservation initiatives measured in terms of biodiversity outcomes and good management



# Joining forces

Conservation partners are coming together around the world to develop these standards for success





# IUCN's Green List concept

- Promoting success and achievement in biodiversity conservation outcomes
- Recognizing exemplary efforts that meet and exceed international standards
- Help partners achieve quality







# The IUCN Green List of Protected Areas

An initiative to encourage, measure and share the success of protected areas

The Green List Initiative was established in 2013 to develop the plan to officially launch the Green List of Protected Areas at the World Parks Congress in 2014



IUCN  
WORLD PARKS  
CONGRESS  
SYDNEY 2014

Values stated,  
objectives declared  
and being met

Protected Area  
legally established,  
boundaries clear  
and secure

Management  
capacity, policies  
and actions to  
meet objectives

Governance,  
participation,  
equity and benefits  
fulfil standards

Visitor  
management and  
communications  
meet standards

IUCN Green List of Protected Areas is being developed with:

- Global criteria around five themes
- Adaptable standards that reflect local conservation practice and context
- Prospectus required from protected areas documenting how standards are being met
- Governance structures that ensure a credible, independent system



Partner jurisdictions in the Green List Initiative include: Korea, Amazonas (Colombia), France, Italy, Spain (Andalucia), Australia (New South Wales), China, Kenya, and Nepal through the **Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards**





# Conservation Assured

Conservation Assured (CA) is a new conservation tool to set minimum standards for effective management of target species and encourage assessment of these standards in protected areas



# Conservation Assured | Tigers Standards



**CATS**  
**Conservation Assured | Tiger Standards**

The first species-specific Conservation Assured standards are for the tiger ...

... as protected areas are a vital contribution to the goal of doubling the number of tigers by 2022





# Why CA|TS?

Currently 60+ PA  
monitoring and evaluation  
tools

- But no  
comprehensive  
standard on which to  
base measurements

Tigers are an umbrella  
species, high profile

- They take our best  
efforts and  
management  
practices to conserve



# CA|TS and the Green List

CA|TS and the proposed Green List of Protected Areas are complementary; if a site achieves CA|TS approval it will be added to the Green List





# CA|TS

CA|TS is a voluntary, independent scheme for any site involved in tiger conservation – it is based around 17 elements with associated minimum standards and criteria for effective management of tiger reserves



# CA|TS Pillars

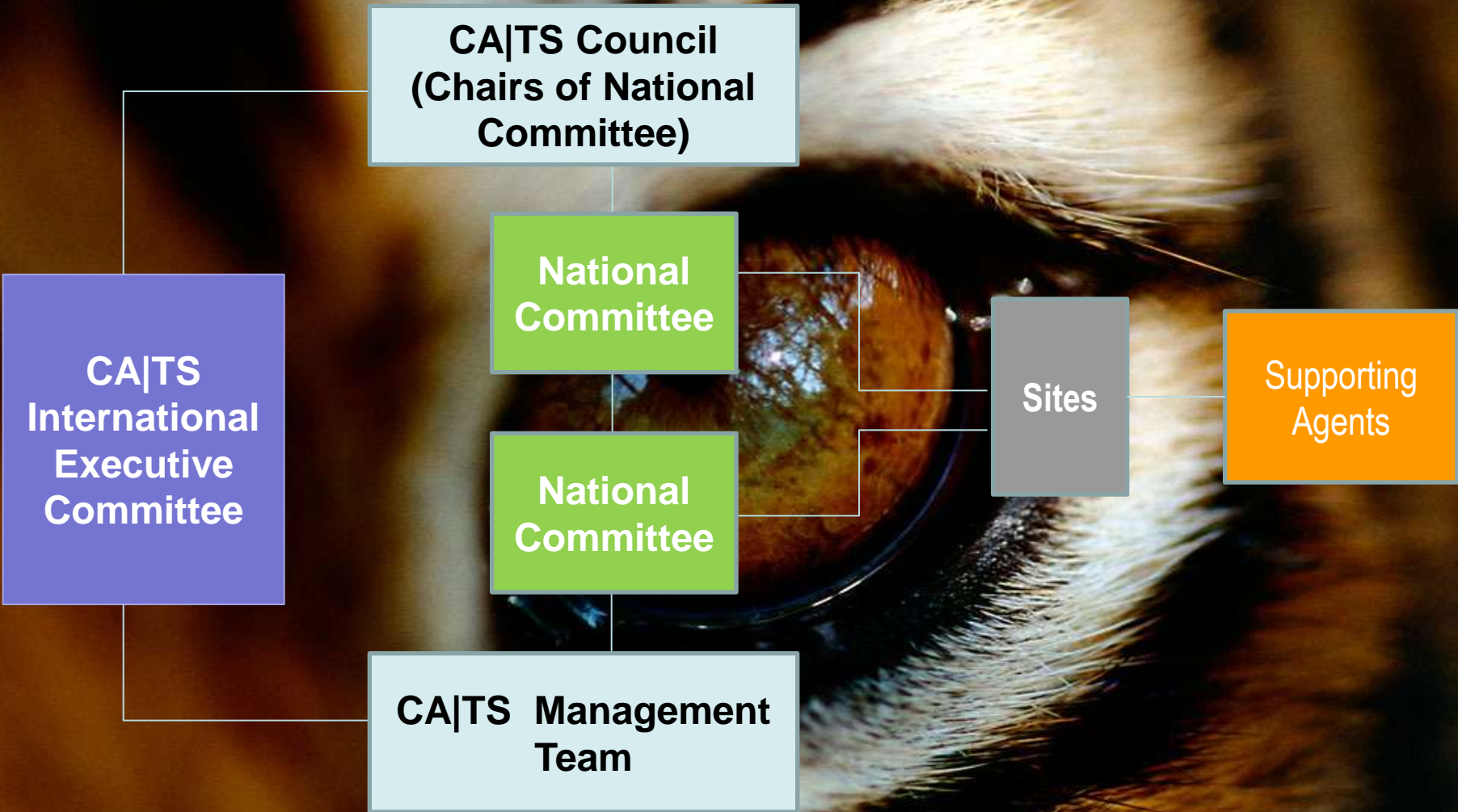
Pillar	Element assessed
<b>Conservation assured</b>	
<b>A: IMPORTANCE AND STATUS</b>	1. Social, cultural and biological significance 2. Area design 3. Legal status, regulation and compliance
<b>B: MANAGEMENT</b>	4. Management planning 5. Management plan/system implementation 6. Management processes 7. Staffing (full-time and part-time) 8. Infrastructure, equipment and facilities 9. Sustainability of financial resources 10. Adaptive management (feedback loop)
<b>C: COMMUNITY</b>	11. Human–wildlife conflict (HWC) 12. Community relations 13. Stakeholder relationships
<b>D TOURISM (optional)</b>	<i>Note: this standard is only applicable for protected areas with major tourism objectives</i> 14. Tourism and interpretation
<b>E: PROTECTION</b>	15. Protection
<b>Tiger Standards</b>	
<b>F: HABITAT MANAGEMENT</b>	16. Habitat and prey management
<b>G: TIGER POPULATIONS</b>	17. Tiger populations



# CA|TS Partnership

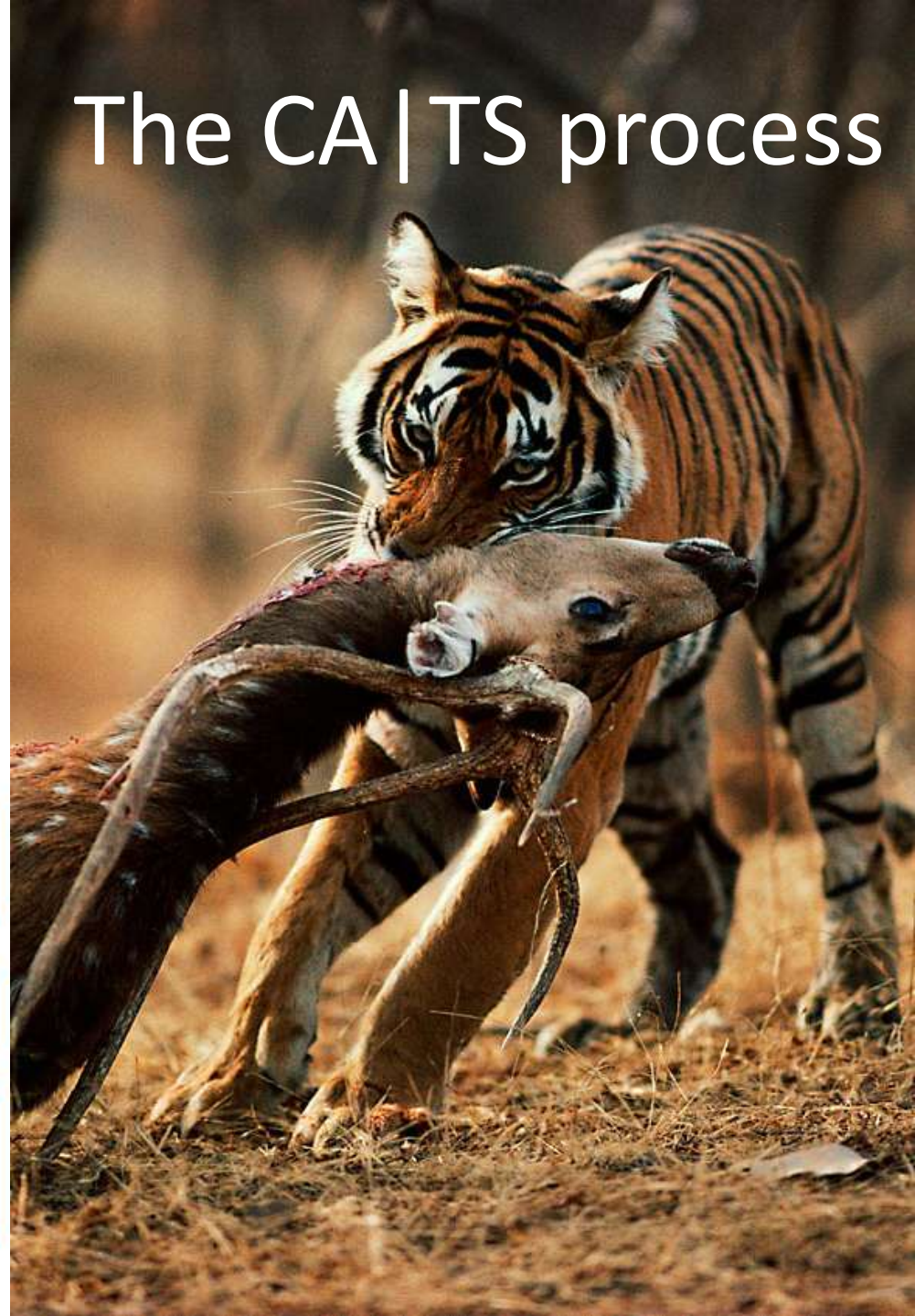
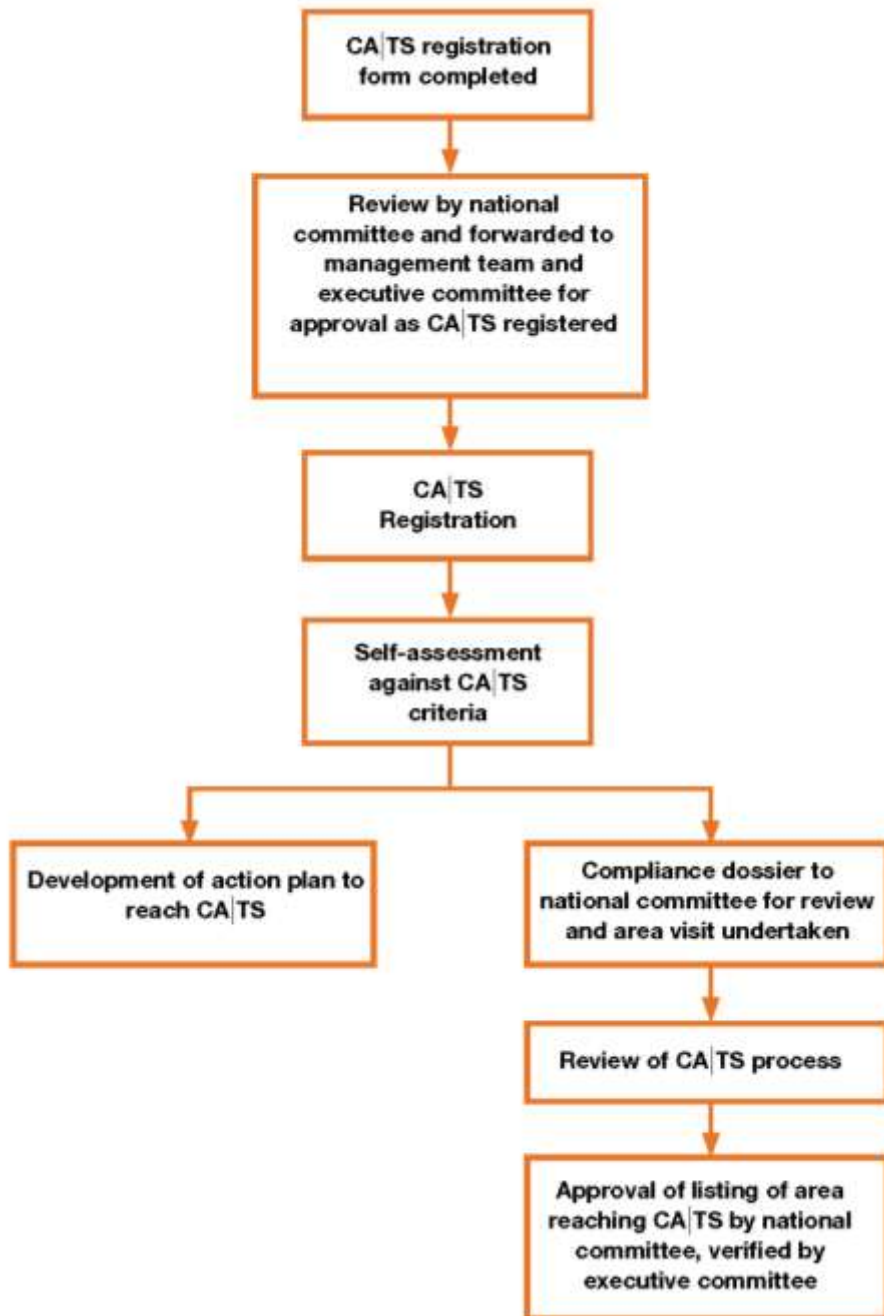
CA|TS has been developed by WWF working with protected area agencies in tiger range countries, institutions such as WWI and IUCN, and NGOs including FFI and WCS







# The CA|TS process





# The first CA|TS sites







Rajaji National Park, India





Chitwan National Park, Nepal





Royal Belum State Park, Malaysia



Royal Manas National Park, Bhutan





Join us for the launch of the CA|TS manual and the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the IUCN Green List for Protected Areas and Conservation Assured | **Tiger Standards** this evening from **18:30-19:30** in **Meeting Room 2**



For more information on  
CA|TS visit:  
[www.conservationassured.org](http://www.conservationassured.org)

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