



# PACE - T

A gold standard for protected area management



*Celebrating our protected areas as effective refuges for tigers and their prey*



**Double the number of  
tigers in the wild by 2022**

A photograph showing two men in military uniforms working at a table. The man on the left is writing on a piece of paper with a blue pen. The man on the right is looking down at a map or document. On the table, there is a silver bag with a black strap and a green strap. The background is a blurred indoor setting with shelves and equipment.

**Protected Areas  
are the backbone  
to tiger recovery**



**Effective  
management for  
tigers needs high  
standards**

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A tiger is walking towards the camera on a dirt path in a dry, wooded area. The background consists of many thin, bare trees and some green foliage. The overall scene is natural and somewhat desolate.

- Analysis of different PA effectiveness schemes
- Conceptualise a programme for “tiger” PAs
- Conceptualise a certification process

**Global network of outstanding  
protected areas for tigers**




**Certification as a motivation for  
more effective management**

# Objectives of PACE-T

to provide an incentive for improving the effectiveness of protected areas as a tool for conservation

to provide a mechanism for monitoring, showcase and guaranteeing the effectiveness of protected areas as refuges for tigers

“WHS/ISO/METT” approach

The background of the slide is a photograph of a dense, green forest. A thick layer of white mist or fog hangs between the trees, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The trees are mostly tall and thin, with some larger, more rounded trees visible in the mid-ground. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green and grey, with the orange text box providing a strong contrast.

**For a protected area  
manager or a national  
protected area  
department**

**to demonstrate the  
importance and role of  
protected areas in the  
global effort to double the  
number of tigers**

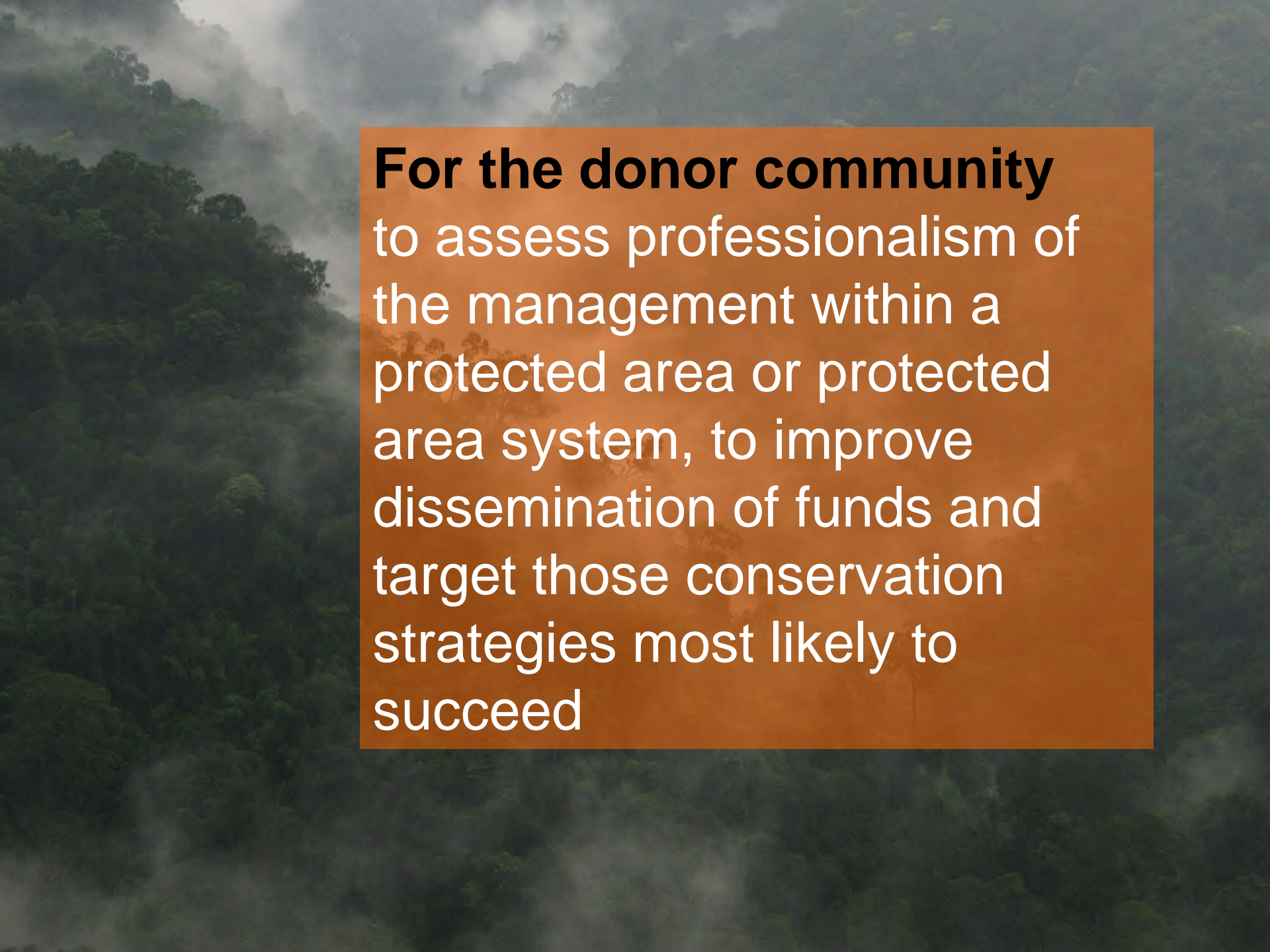
A background image of a dense, misty forest with green trees and white fog or smoke rising from the canopy.

**For the government of a tiger range state:**

to demonstrate commitment to global tiger conservation efforts and to provide verified information for reporting obligations under the CBD other similar regional and global agreements



**For the global conservation community** to recognize the protected areas of importance for tiger conservation and identify and monitor the level of management and support for these protected areas



**For the donor community**  
to assess professionalism of  
the management within a  
protected area or protected  
area system, to improve  
dissemination of funds and  
target those conservation  
strategies most likely to  
succeed



**For supporters of tiger conservation**

to understand the level of quality to which the network and the individual protected areas are being managed and contributing to tiger conservation



**For tiger  
conservation:**

to set a minimum  
standard for tiger  
conservation within  
protected areas and  
provide an objective  
measurement of  
effectiveness.

# How could certification work?

The proposal is to develop a voluntary, independent certification system for protected areas involved in tiger conservation

- self-assessment
- verification process



# **GOLD STANDARD QUALIFICATION**

## **PACE**

- Standards of management
- Government and local support
- Effectiveness of protection

## **PACE-T**

- Tiger and prey populations

## **Registered**

- Assessed, not ready for gold standard, plan in place to improve

**NO register of who tried, did not succeed and do not wish to continue**

A tiger is walking towards the camera in a natural, wooded environment. The tiger's orange and black stripes are clearly visible. The background consists of dry, brown branches and a dirt path.

# **Essential Elements**

- **Need to minimise costs**
- **Reduce the bureaucracy but maintain high standards**
- **Based on existing systems – not aimed to entirely reinvent the wheel**
- **Urgent implementation**

# Examples of Standards

## **Certification 1: Standards of management**

**Adequacy of protected area design**

**Effective boundaries**

**Threats assessment**

**Quality of habitat monitoring**

**Habitat condition**

**Effective management planning**

**Management implemented**

## **Certification 2: Government and local support**

**Regulation and law enforcement**

**Adequacy and sustainability of financial resources**

## **Certification 3: Effectiveness of protection**

**Ranger presence in protected area**

**Enforcement effort in protected area**

## **PACE-T Certification 4: Tiger conservation**

**Quality of Tiger monitoring**

**Tiger and prey populations**

**Tiger protection and poaching**

# Endorsement Gained

A tiger is walking towards the camera in a natural, dry, brushy environment. The tiger's orange and black stripes are clearly visible. The image is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent orange rectangle that contains the title and a list of endorsing organizations.

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- World Commission for Protected Areas (WCPA)
- IUCN
- World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF)

# Next Steps

- Design standards
- Establish Verification bodies
- Trial in selected parks
- Gain first 20 PACE-T Gold Standard certified Parks
- Gain endorsement by the Global Tiger Forum ?

**Thank You**

