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# Introductory materials:

These provide a basic introduction to OECMs, their criteria, and how to submit potential sites for consideration as OECMs.

* [Introduction to Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqThHigjZ5c&ab_channel=IUCN%2CInternationalUnionforConservationofNature) [video]: This animation introduces ‘other effective area-based conservation measures’ (OECMs). OECMs are sites outside protected areas that deliver the effective and long-term in situ conservation of biodiversity, support associated ecosystem functions and services, and promote cultural, spiritual, socio-economic and other locally relevant values.
* [Reporting Data on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0NpCGAyT-sU&ab_channel=IUCN%2CInternationalUnionforConservationofNature) [video]: This animation introduces what to consider before submitting a potential site for consideration as an OECM and how to report it to the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC).

In French:

* [Introduction aux autres mesures de conservation efficaces par zone (AMCE)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JARdl6UxS4k) [vidéo]
* [Signaler les autres mesures de conservation efficaces par zone (AMCE)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_91KW5w-73o) [vidéo]

In Spanish:

* [Introducción a las otras medidas efectivas de conservación basadas en áreas (OMEC)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4ETxHn56e4) [video]
* [Reportar las otras medidas efectivas de conservación basadas en áreas (OMEC)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3UGdVeq0xM) [video]

Technical Guidance Specifically on OECMs:

These provide specific technical information on how OECMs are recognised and how they should be reported.

* Technical Report: [Recognising and reporting other effective area-based conservation measures](https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48773): These guidelines provide information on how to apply the definition of OECMs at international, national, sub-national or local conservation levels and to report on OECMs to the World Database on Protected Areas and to the CBD. It explains the definition of “other effective area-based conservation measures”, along with tools and approaches recommended for identification, recognition, monitoring and reporting.
* IUCN WCPA Technical Note 6: [Recognising and Reporting Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/06_iucn_wcpa_technical_note_series_no._6.pdf): This Technical Note provides a summary of the Technical Report above.

### Latest OECM site-level Assessment Tool:

This [site-level assessment tool](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/oecm_assessment_tool_2.0_04may2022.pdf) enables users to determine if an individual site qualifies as an ‘other effective area-based conservation measure’ (OECM) by assessing it against the CBD definition and criteria (CBD decision 14/8) and IUCN guidance.

### OECM Training Materials for Trainers: *These training materials can be accessed on* [*this site*](https://www.bfn.de/en/training-materials-other-effective-area-based-conservation-measures) *in the meantime as the IUCN website is still under construction.*

1. [Overall objectives](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/1_overall-objectives-and-learning-outcomes.pdf)

2. [Matrix of learning objectives](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/2_matrix-of-learning-objectives.pdf)

3. [Overall structure of modular learning plans](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/3_overall-strucutre-of-modular-learning-plans.pdf)

4. [Trainer briefing sheets](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/4_trainer-briefing-sheets.pdf)

5. [Online training instructions](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/5_online-training-instructions.pdf)

6. [Presentation for all modules](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/6_english_oecm_presentation_for_modules_a_f_and_x.pdf) (also available in [French](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/6_french_oecm_presentation_for_modules_a_f_and_x.pdf) and [Spanish](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/6_spanish_oecm_presentation_for_modules_a_f_and_x.pdf))

7. [Scripts for all following modules](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.iucn.org%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2F2022-10%2Fscripts_for_modules_a_f_and_x.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK):

* Module A: Introduction to OECMs
* Module B: Identifying potential OECMs
* Module C: Consent and candidate OECMs
* Module D: Recognising and supporting OECMs
* Module E: Reporting OECMs
* Module F: OECM action plans

8. Assessment methodology for [workshops](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/oecm_assessment_methodolgy_workshop.pdf) and [webinars](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-10/oecm_assessment_methodolgy_webinar.pdf)

#### OECM Case Studies:

* IUCN WCPA (2018). PARKS. The International Journal of Protected Areas and Conservation, [Volume 24 Special Issue](https://parksjournal.com/list-of-papers/), Gland, Switzerland: IUCN: This is a special volume on OECMs that introduces different papers on OECM-related topics and case studies for potential sites.
* [Internal case studies for WWF Report](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b6j4kcNyoWvi1gjdJYPjw2Fz6FjWQVCl?usp=sharing): These are internal case studies that were used for a WWF report. *Ask Harry if/how we can use it.*
* [Case studies compilation categorized by land and sea use](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1HDJeavwiDeU5yR0UzHdPmgD6ezWB7DjKOkN6bFRadKs/edit?usp=sharing): This is a compilation of case studies from around the world. It compares existing and potential OECM sites against the OECM criteria and is categorized by land and sea use type (e.g. production landscapes, fishing exclusion zones, etc.)
* [Collation of Case Studies submitted to the WCPA OECM Task Force](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/collation_of_case_studies_submitted_to_task_force_on_oecms_-_september_2017.pdf): These include case studies on potential OECMs from around the world that were submitted to the OECM Task Force in 2017. It explains how they fit against the OECM criteria.
* [Using Case Studies to enhance guidance on other effective area-based conservation measures](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/task_force_on_oecms_-_vancouver_meeting_-_february_2017_-_a4.pdf): This does not include case studies but explains how they were collated.

Case study videos:

* [Dixie Community Rangelands](https://youtu.be/4omWmRpga5E) [video]: This case study video features the experiences of the Dixie community and supportive organisations as they explore the application of OECMs to their rangelands in the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region (South Africa).
* [Wits Rural Facility](https://youtu.be/z0vRMpDoEb4) [video]: This case study video features the experiences of researchers at the Wits Rural Facility and supportive organisations as they explore the application of OECMs to their campus in the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region (South Africa).
* [Belfast Wetlands](https://youtu.be/LeLh83jnh9U) [video]: This film features the experiences of a state-owned forestry company and supportive organisations as they explore the application of OECMs to a network of wetlands in the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region (South Africa).

Other resources on case studies:

* UNDP and NBA (2022). [Other Effective Area-based Measures: A Compendium of OECMs in India](https://www.undp.org/india/publications/compendium-oecms-india): This publication documents some of the best practices of existing/potential OECMs in India in areas ranging from unique community areas to private estates.
* South East Asia Rainforest Research Partnership. [Recognising and Reporting OECMs in Malaysia](https://www.searrp.org/pr/oecm-malaysia/): This website explains how they are conducting a project on OECMs and how they evaluate the case studies they received against OECM criteria.
* Environment and Climate Change Canada (2021). [Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators: Canada's conserved areas](https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/eccc/documents/pdf/cesindicators/canada-conserved-areas/2021/conserved-areas.pdf): Research on tracking the amount and proportion of the area conserved in Canada (including OECMs).
* UNU-IAS and IGES (eds.) (2018). [Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS) and its Contribution to Effective Area-based Conservation](https://collections.unu.edu/eserv/UNU:6636/SITR_vol4_fullset_FINAL_web.pdf), United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, Tokyo: Case studies on SEPLS, which can also be OECMS.

### Related and Broader Guidance on 30x30 and OECMs:

* Dudley, N., and Stolton, S. (eds.). 2022. [Best Practice in Delivering the 30x30 Target: Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures](https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/TNC_UKDEFRA_30x30_BestPractices_Report.pdf) (1st ed.). The Nature Conservancy and Equilibrium Research: This guidance document identifies the best options for successful delivery of draft Target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) from the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Discusses both PAs and OECMs.
* IUCN WCPA Technical Note 1: [Privately protected areas: international reporting and their relationship with OECMs](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/01_iucn_wcpa_technical_note_series_no._1.pdf): Provides guidance on categorizing PPAs and OECMs.
* [Conserving at least 30% of the planet by 2030 – What should count?](https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-08/what-counts_final_web_0.pdf): Provides guidance on what falls under the 30x30 goal/draft Target 3.

### Workshop and Meeting Reports:

* [Towards Recognising, Reporting and Supporting OECMs, 4th Task Force meeting, Vilm, Germany, June 2019](https://www.iucn.org/resources/grey-literature/towards-recognising-reporting-and-supporting-oecms): Workshop Report
* [Advancing guidance on other effective area-based conservation measures](https://www.iucn.org/resources/grey-literature/advancing-guidance-other-effective-area-based-conservation-measures): 2nd Task Force meeting, Vilm, Germany, July 2016
* [Meeting of International Experts](https://www.iucn.org/resources/grey-literature/oecms-co-chairs-report-first-meeting-international-experts): 1st Task Force meeting, Cambridge, UK, January 2016

### OECM Film:

[Nature Stewardship Beyond Protected Areas: Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kL3h6MPRtwI&ab_channel=IUCN%2CInternationalUnionforConservationofNature): Features the experiences of a diverse group of South Africans as they explore the application of the OECM criteria to sites in the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region. It features the Dixie community rangelands, the Wits Rural Facility — a university research campus, and the Belfast Wetlands — a wetland within a forestry plantation.

### OECM Webinars:

* [Vital Sites - OECMs: What are they? What counts?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-SuIq9PlCk&ab_channel=IUCN%2CInternationalUnionforConservationofNature): This webinar provides an introduction to OECMS and looks at the opportunities and challenges in implementing the OECMs. It also includes case studies as examples.
* [OMECs: ¿Qué son? ¿Qué cuenta?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j740zOyIVYw&ab_channel=IUCN%2CInternationalUnionforConservationofNature): El objetivo de este webinar es presentar el contexto de las OMEC, de la meta 3, los avances de la región y algunos casos de los países.
* [Everything you wanted to know about marine OECMs (but didn’t dare to ask!)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25mW1KqI22s&ab_channel=OCTO%28OpenCommunicationsfortheOcean%29): This webinar will introduce the concept of OECMs and outline their definition and criteria, with a focus on marine OECMs. It will also provide a practical example of how marine OECMs are being advanced alongside MPAs to further marine biodiversity protection in the Baltic Sea.
* [Looking Ahead to the CBD COP15: Opportunities and Challenges Posed by OECMs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=geV7mJ03IFk&ab_channel=LawAPCEL): This webinar aims to generate knowledge sharing and discussion about the legal and policy basis and aspects of OECMs, address how laws and policies enable the recognition of OECMs, the associated challenges, and how they might be addressed to enable the long-term conservation of biodiversity within OECMs.
* [Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures - with Harry Jonas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGGkraYxgxk&ab_channel=ICCAConsortium): Harry Jonas (co-chair) spoke about OECMs and the challenges and opportunities presented by this new framework for Indigenous peoples and local communities.
* Asia Protected Area Partnership (APAP) webinars on OECMs:
  + [Asia Protected Areas Partnership Partnership (APAP) - Webinar 23 April](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2nIETLYk6c&ab_channel=iucnpakistan): The webinar was specifically designed to provide APAP members with an introduction to the concept of OECMs and the ways in which these sites can complement protected area systems.)
  + [6th APAP Technical Workshop (virtual)](https://asiaprotectedareaspartnership.org/index.php/newsarticle?id=147): Discussed ways of identifying, recognising, supporting and reporting other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs).

### Other Resources:

* [APAP Briefing Note on OECMs in Asia](http://asiaprotectedareaspartnership.org/docs/APAP%20OECM_Briefing%20Notes_Final.pdf): Describes OECMs and different OECM types, how they can be identified, and how they should be reported.
* Articles on OECMs featured on the APAP (Asia Protected Area Partnership) website:
  + From *Nature*: [Biodiversity needs every tool in the box: use OECMs](https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02041-4)
  + From *Global Ecology and Conservation*: [Area-based conservation planning in Japan: The importance of OECMs in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2351989421003334)
  + From Mongabay: [OECM concept may bring more inclusive approach to conserving biodiversity](https://news.mongabay.com/2021/09/oecm-concept-may-bring-more-inclusive-approach-to-protecting-biodiversity/)
* [OECM FAQs answered by APAP](https://asiaprotectedareaspartnership.org/index.php/newsarticle?id=149): Covers questions related to identifying OECMS, the legal aspects, on Indigenous peoples’ rights, and other topics.
* [World Database on OECMs](https://www.protectedplanet.net/c/other-effective-area-based-conservation-measures): This is the authoritative source of data on protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs).