

Conservation Areas Reporting and Tracking System

Overview and Update

What it is...

- A data base containing information on protected areas for Canada
- A collection of both geographic and descriptive information
- Owned and managed by the community of practice (the CCEA)
- Operated and maintained by Environment Canada
- 34 years old

Operating principles

- Complies with international standards
- Compatible with the World Database on Protected Areas
- Ownership stays with jurisdiction
- CCEA presents a national perspective
- Populated via CCEA government jurisdictions
- Yearly update
- Authoritative

Challenges

- More restriction and scrutiny on contents
 - IUCN definition and criteria
 - Sub surface rights
 - Other effective measures
 - Private lands
 - Marine Protected Areas
 - Management regime
- The database must adapt to remain a useful analysis and reporting tool

Looking ahead

- The update for December 2016 starts now!
- Apply the Canadian guidelines (ver.2)
- Continue to improve contents quality
- Develop terms of reference for a permanent committee to oversee future developments

Your Turn...

- Questions ?
- Comments ?
- Ideas ?
- Recommendations ?