

Protected Areas in Focus: Tracking Progress Toward Sustainability Goals

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Challenge: Limited conservation funding poses a challenge for prioritizing protected areas. This research addresses that challenge by evaluating how individual sites and networks contribute to global biodiversity and climate goals, to inform more strategic funding decisions





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The 2022 KfW PA network's contribution to global nature and climate goals was

Biodiversity played an important role in the selection process across all regions. The highest number of criteria was considered in Latin America. evaluated. Performance was strongest in the Neotropics, especially Brazil. Overall, results improved at larger spatial scales, with Brazil as a notable exception at the country level.

Conclusion: With limited funding, protected area selection must balance ecological value and strategic impact. Site and network-level contributions to global biodiversity and climate goals offer a useful criterion for guiding funding decisions and evaluating existing PA portfolios.
Outlook: The developed framework can be expanded to incorporate additional protected area datasets and integrate further ecological and socio-economic variables, enabling broader and more comprehensive evaluations in the future.



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