

We want to help you protect the planet

Protected Planet: panacea of protected places

Protected Planet is a new initiative to showcase the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA) that engages the public in conserving biodiversity and boosts global interest in protected areas.

Protectedplanet.net is designed to improve the quality of protected areas information and make it available to the world with just the click of a mouse. Building on the 'citizen science' approach, it brings together species data from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), articles from Wikipedia, photos from Panoramio and Flickr, and Google mapping technology.

Protected Planet is open to everyone

Academics and scientists, students and field-researchers, park managers and local communities, national governments, regional and international organisations, convention secretariats, non-governmental organisations and the general public can all use protectedplanet.net.

Protectedplanet.net is powered by web 2.0 technology, a highly visual and user-friendly interface, and the best available datasets.

A revolution in how we manage PA info

A combination of high quality data, the integration of science, direct global reporting and open technology has made protectedplanet.net a shining light in biodiversity informatics. Protected planet is unique in opening communication channels between governments and citizens through a shared interest in protected areas. It is also strongly linked with national reporting, monitoring

appropriate allocation of conservation efforts and budgets.

Start using protectedplanet.net now!

Explore and learn about the leading lights and hidden gems of the conservation world

The search function is made for you. You can search in any language not only for the name of a protected area, but also for a country, region or point of interest. You can filter your results by region, country, realm, designation and IUCN category. Alternatively, explore the global map and click on your favourite site to get information about the endangered species and native plant life, read Wikipedia's article and browse photos from Panoramio and Flickr.

Download biodiversity data

All data can be downloaded in three formats (KMZ, CSV and SHP) for display and use in GIS, database or spreadsheet applications. Use the data to analyse global patterns in biodiversity, compile a list of protected areas in a country or overlay the protected areas with other biodiversity datasets.

Interact and discuss conservation

You can link Wikipedia articles to any protected area, vote on existing photos or upload yours, and write comments about a protected area, contributing to constructive discussions about it.

Improve knowledge on protected areas

Registered users can actively contribute to

conservation by improving protected area data through adding and correcting information, such as the year of establishment or the IUCN category of a protected area. If you spot an incorrect boundary, you can also edit it and propose it as the new boundary. In other words, your contribution plays a real role in improving the quality of information available.

Share the news

With information for 150,000 protected areas, half a million photos already on the site, and 700,000 species observations, protectedplanet.net supplies the global community with vast amounts of biodiversity information and tools to interact with it. Most importantly, it proves that it has never been easier for one person to make a real difference to global conservation. Why don't you tweet this!

A note about us

Protected Planet builds on the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA), the only global dataset on protected areas, in existence since 1981. The WDPA is a joint project between UNEP-WCMC and the IUCN - WCPA. The WDPA is managed by the Protected Areas Programme at UNEP-WCMC. Protected Planet has been developed by UNEP-WCMC in collaboration with Vizzuality and Solertium. We are a team of happy people passionate about our work.





Discover and learn about protected areas

Search the protected areas of our planet

Search

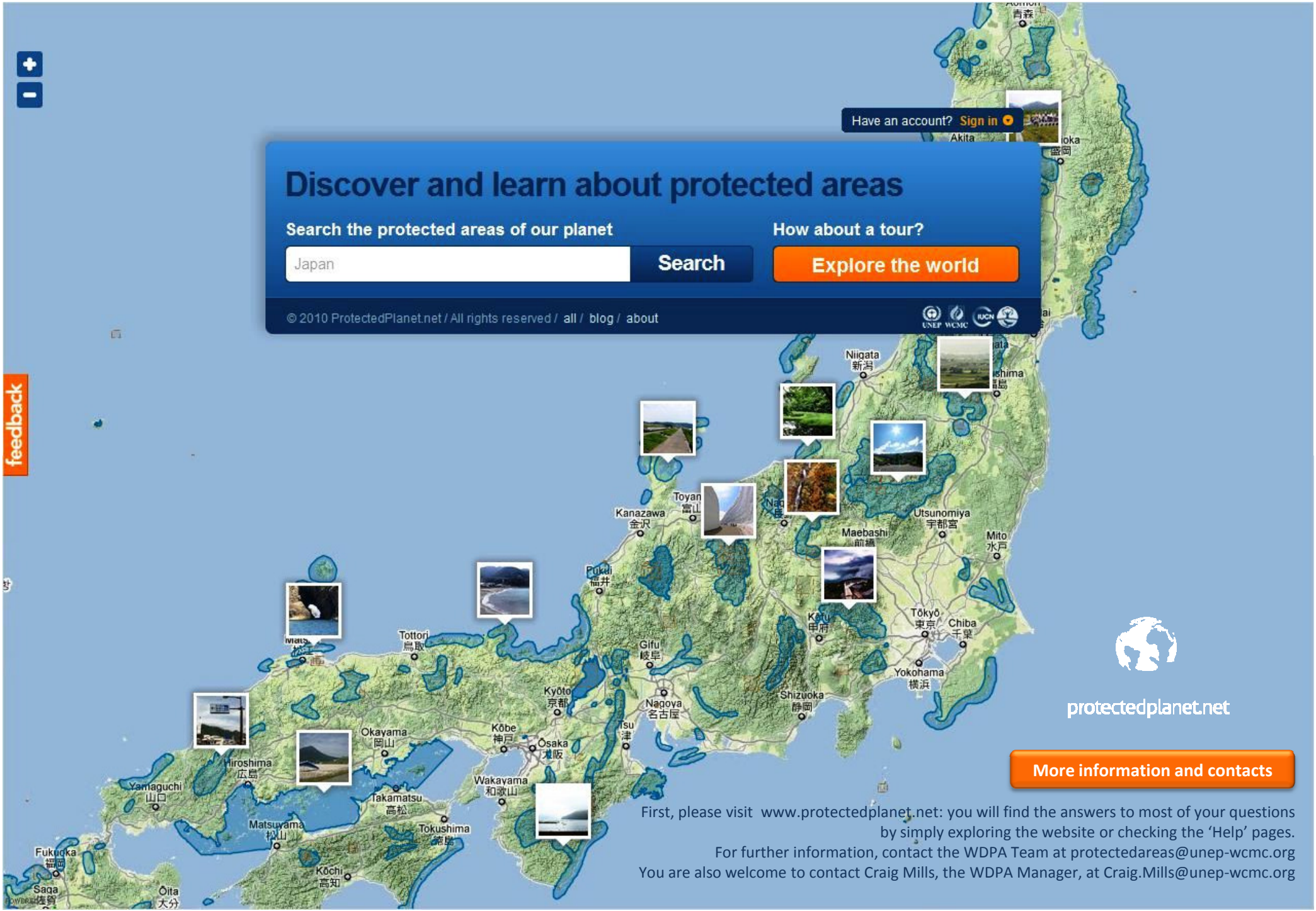
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