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DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANGROVE PRINCIPLES



In 2018, the first regional workshop under **Save Our Mangroves Now! (SOMN)** was conducted in the Western Indian Ocean region in order to identify best practice gaps in mangrove conservation. One idea that arose during this workshop was to develop a set of mangrove principles that provide state-of-the-art guidance and bundle major recommendations of the global mangrove community on what sustainable mangrove management should entail and consider.

SOMN took up this idea and embarked on the development of such principles targeted at national policymakers involved in mangrove management and conservation issues. Efforts have been led by IUCN (Raphaëlle Flint, Dorothee Herr, Maeve Nightingale and Anete Berzina-Rodrigo) and WWF (Julika Tribukait, Anouk Neuhaus and Uwe Johannsen). Three years, two sound rounds of peer review and several profound revisions later, they have been launched at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille in September 2021.

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