

# Learning Landscapes: Connecting research and management in Protected Areas

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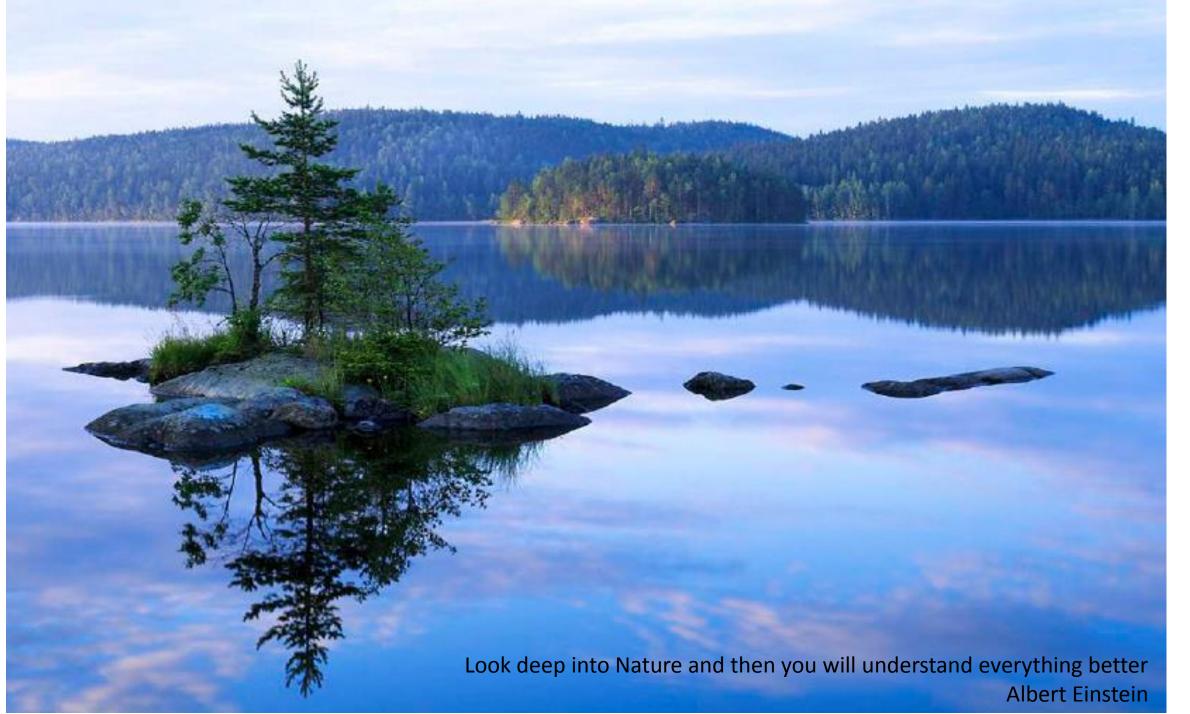


# **EUROPARC** Federation



People
Passion
Protected Areas
40 Years Working for Nature

























Partnership

**Learning Landscapes** 



#### **Knowledge Exchange:**

- Trade-off between resources invested and impact
  - But some expensive events are not cost-effective
- Distinguish between raising awareness via social media & summaries on websites and building partnerships – face to face regular interactions
- PAMs often looking for others they trust to synthesise and sift information
- Difficulties in finding (paid) time



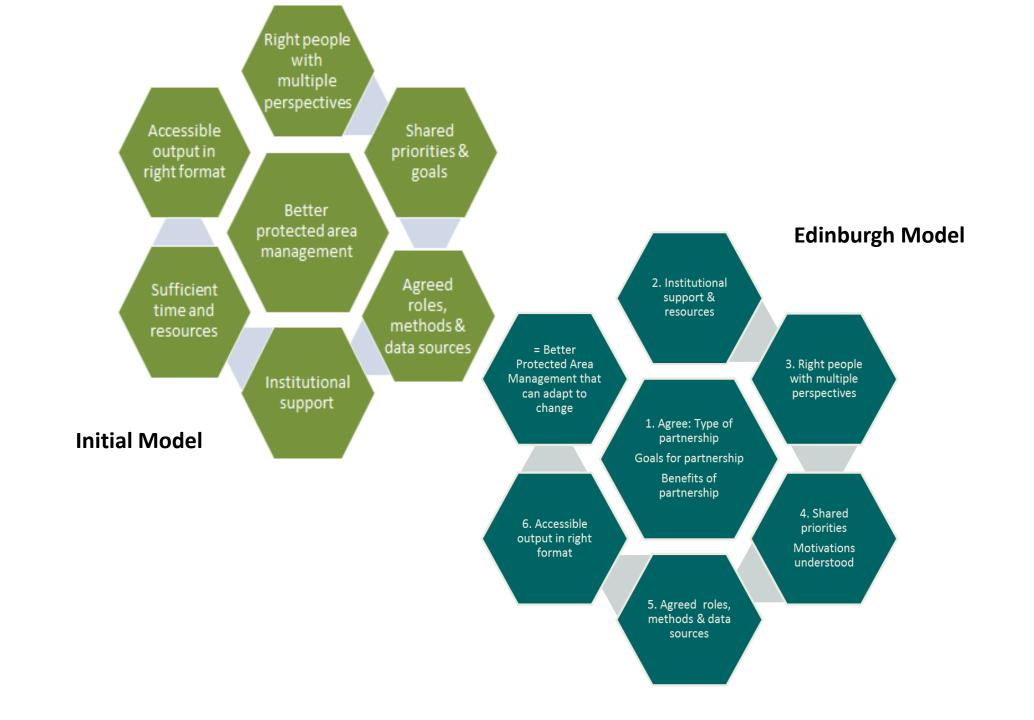
## How did we connect?

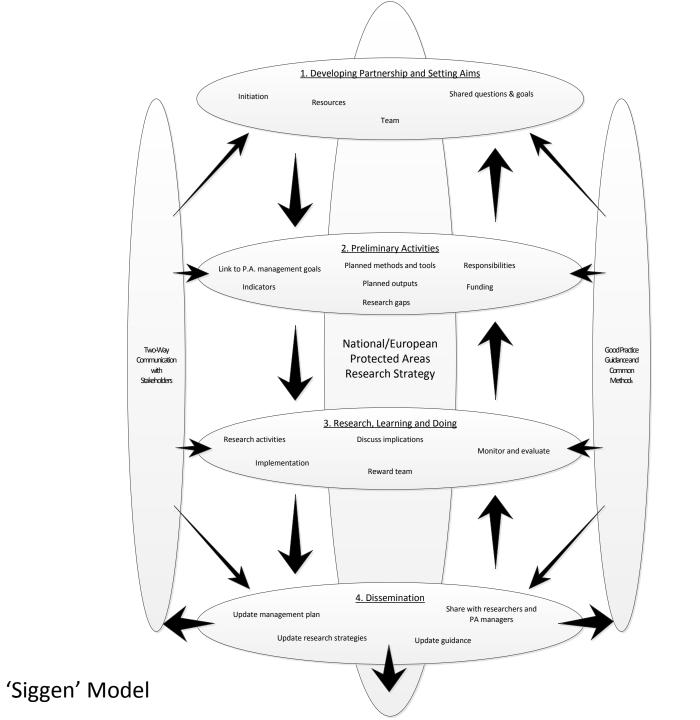
- Iterative face to face discussions between P.A.Ms and researchers
- Identified shared gaps in knowledge
- Shared good practice in knowledge exchange
- Refined a 'model' process for others to adapt and use





http://www.hutton.ac.uk/research/project
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### Who needs to do what?

- Researchers develop funding with managers to put partnerships into action; share results and implications with managers
- Managers make time available to meet with researchers
- Engaging other stakeholders are also required
- Link up partnerships to make them more strategic and ensure legacy
  - a pan-European platform for researchers and protected area managers
  - EUROPARC Protected Area Research Group?

Where to now......

