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How do you spend scarce conservation funding wisely: the science and art of conservation planning

Protected areas have been established for different reasons: protect natural scenery, protect species for sport hunting or use, conserve biodiversity and others. The global community has committed to protecting about 17% of the earth's land and 10% of the marine realm for conservation. In many countries we have already achieved these figures but still don't conserve all species. This is because there has not been any systematic conservation planning used in identifying where should be conserved. Tools have been developed that can help plan and this talk will describe these and give some examples of their use in Africa.

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