

# Peace Parks – Past, Present and Future

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WATERTON GLACIER

INTERNATIONAL

PEACE PARK

CANADIAN SECTION

IUCN Transboundary Protected Areas Network defines Peace Parks as:

“transboundary protected areas that are formally dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity and of natural and associated cultural resources, *and to the promotion of peace and cooperation.*”

# 3 Types of Transboundary Relations

**Warm** Friendly Relations

**Cool** Strained Relations

**Icy** Hostile Relations

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**Warm** - Friendly Relations  
(e.g. Waterton/Glacier,  
Mont Blanc, etc.)

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**Cool** - Strained Relations,  
often improving

(e.g. Southern Africa, U.S./Mexico,  
Proposed Balkan Peace Park,  
Emerald Triangle)

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### **Icy** Hostile Relations

(e.g. Peru/Ecuador in 1995,  
Korean DMZ, Liberia, Kuril  
Islands, Siachen)

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**Warm** Friendly Relations - 1932-

**Cool** Strained Relations – 1970s-

**Icy** Hostile Relations – 1995-

## 3 Types of Peace Parks



"Good fences make good neighbors." - -  
Robert Frost

"Good fences only make good neighbors;  
When they are not made out of sabres."  
Kenneth Boulding  
(1989)

- Boundaries are not only  
dividing lines,  
but also meeting places

- Like All Transboundary Protected Areas,  
Peace Parks Require  
Dedicated Leadership

But who?

- While the term "*Peace Parks*" has a nice ring to it,
  - over-emphasis on parks and protected areas may limit the opportunities for peace-building



## Sulu Sulawesi/ Celebes Marine Ecoregion



Tri-National MOU signing on the Adoption of the Ecoregion Conservation Plan for SSME at the 7th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Kuala Lumpur, February 2004



## **Gorilla Range States**

**CMS  
Agreement  
on Gorilla  
Conservation  
26 Oct 2007**

- **Peace Parks as Process –**

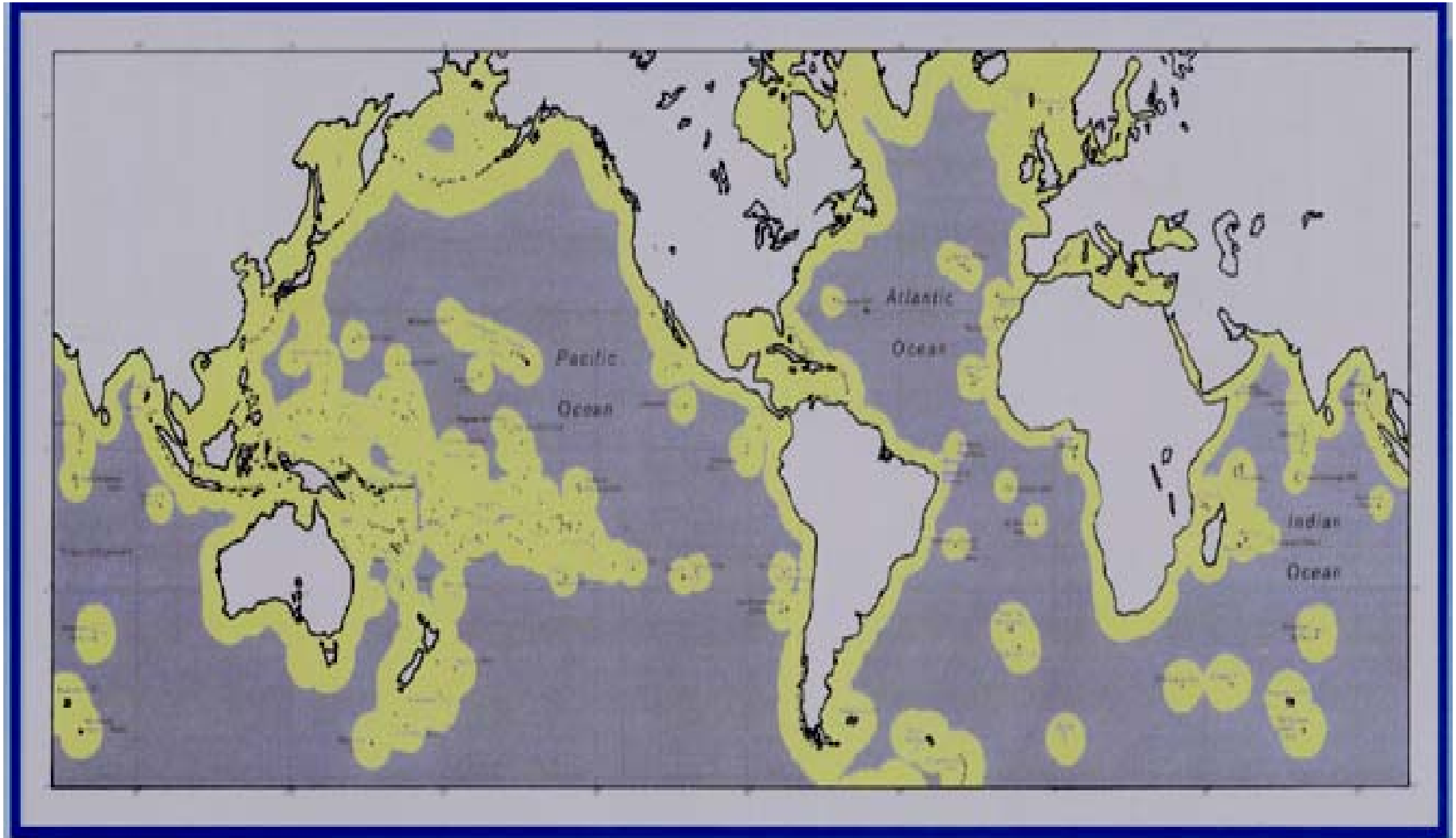
The greatest contribution of peace parks is often not in their designation, but in the process that the designation begins.



# **Marine Transboundary Peace Parks –**

Under-represented, but timely

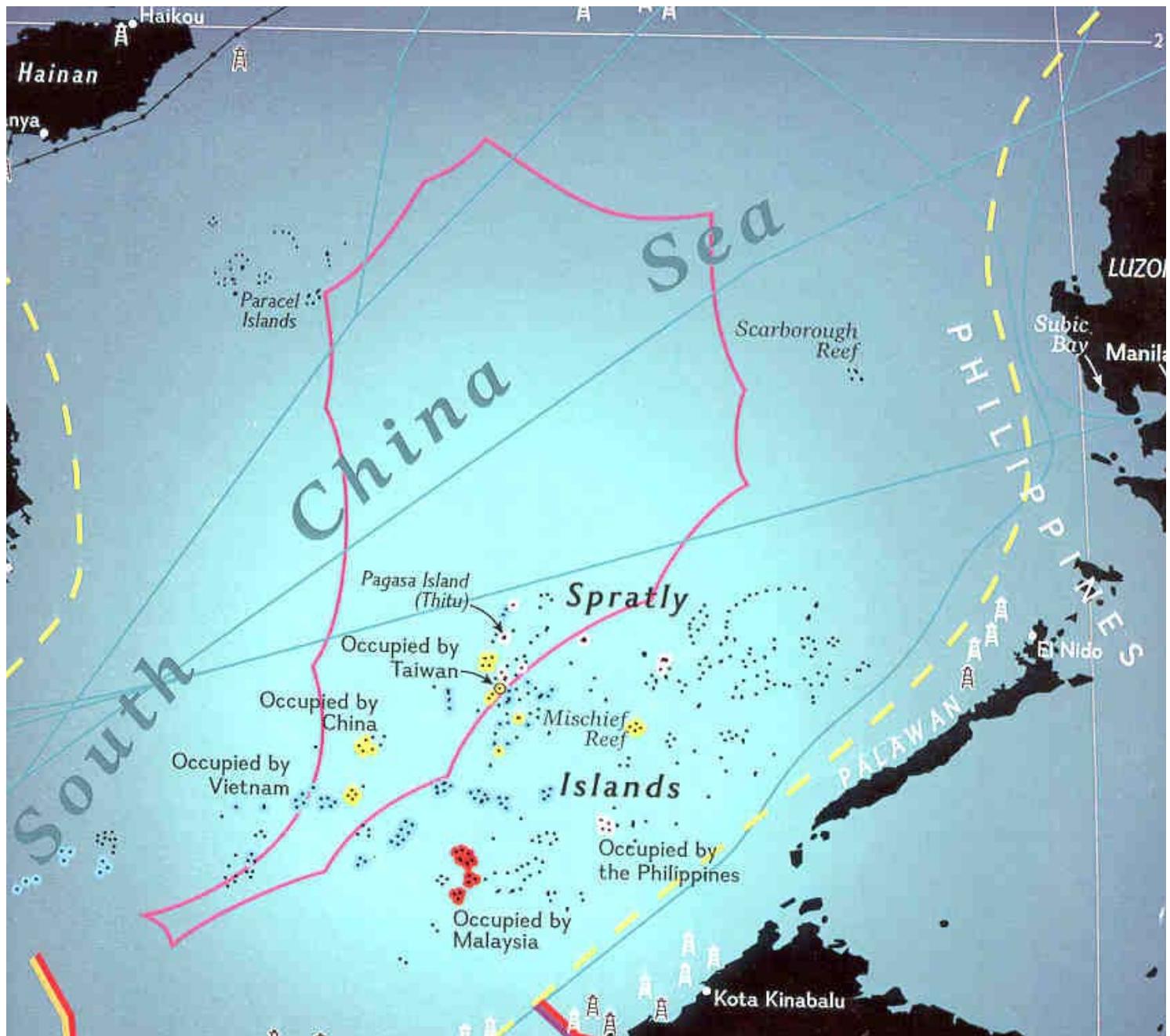
# 200 NM Exclusive Economic Zones



# JAPAN'S ISLAND DISPUTES

- **KURIL ISLANDS**  
“Northern Territories”  
(JAPAN-RUSSIA)
- **LIANCOURT ROCKS**  
(JAPAN- S. KOREA)
- **SENKAKU ISLANDS**  
(JAPAN-CHINA)





- Transboundary peace parks attract significant global attention and support

- **Not “if,” but “how” –**

Peace Parks as one tool in the  
toolkit for building peace

Logan Pass, Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, Alberta, Canada / Montana , U.S.A.  
[www.webshots.com](http://www.webshots.com)



*Thank you*













**Cordillera del Condor  
From Ecuador - Looking into Peru**

# **LEVELS OF TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION**

**LEVEL 0 - NO COOPERATION**

**LEVEL 1 - COMMUNICATION**  
- Information Exchange

**LEVEL 2 - CONSULTATION**  
- Mutual Consultation

**LEVEL 3 - COLLABORATION**  
- Active Collaboration

**LEVEL 4 - COORDINATION**  
- Harmonization Of Planning

**LEVEL 5 - FULL COOPERATION**  
- Integration Of Planning



# South East Asia

