

Boundaries in Terrestrial Protected Areas: How and where we draw the lines

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Protected Area (PA) regimes are widely implemented worldwide, but there have been notable shifts in how they are designed and managed. Research around edge effects and migratory patterns has informed new design strategies, and an increasing focus on local and indigenous community involvement in planning and management has changed how humans interface with the non-human environment in which they operate. With the increasing focus on ecosystem services, motivations for conservation and valuation of the non-human natural world have also changed significantly. Different actors are now involved, changing the face of environmental governance. Exploring why and how these shifts in terrestrial conservation practice have taken place has implications for understanding – and actively defining – our role in the “Anthropocene”.