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## The 14 Generic Indicators on Governance and Sample Means of Verification

Component	Criterion	Generic Indicator No.	Generic Indicator	Sample Means of Verification	Notes
<b>1: GOOD GOVERNANCE</b>	<b>1.1 GUARANTEE LEGITIMACY AND VOICE:</b> There are clearly defined, legitimate, equitable, and functional governance arrangements, in which the interests of civil society, rights-holders and stakeholders, are fairly represented and addressed, including those relating to the establishment or designation of the site.	GLS-V1.1-1.1.1	The site's governance structure is clearly defined and documented and in accordance with relevant national or regional government, jurisdiction or recognised authority specifications	Foundational documents or equivalent containing rules, bylaws, governance structure	
		GLS-V1.1-1.1.2	The site's and local governance structures and mechanisms provide civil society, stakeholders and rights-holders with appropriate opportunities to participate in management planning, processes and actions	Foundational documents or equivalent explaining rules, bylaws, governance structure Minutes of meetings during management plan development	
		GLS-V1.1-1.1.3	The site's local governance structures and mechanisms recognise the legitimate rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities	Documentation of formal or informal relationships/agreements with relevant groups <i>Meetings with local and indigenous communities</i>	Guidance on Indigenous Rights is contained in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples <sup>1</sup>
		GLS-V1.1-1.1.4	Rights-holders and stakeholders are effectively involved in decision-making and the adaptive management of the site.	Clear identification of rights-holders and stakeholders Discussion with rights-holders and stakeholders Discussion with site managers Documentation of formal or informal relationships/agreements with relevant groups	'Effective involvement' will be assessed by the EAGL
		GLS-V1.1-1.1.5	Governance arrangements help advance gender equity in relation to management of the site.	Documentation of formal or informal relationships/agreements with relevant groups Documented evidence of efforts to improve and maintain gender equity through governance and decision-making structures, management and employment programmes, employment records	Governance arrangements help advance gender equity in and around the site.
		GLS-V1.1-1.1.6	The defined governance structures and mechanisms are accepted by major constituents (civil society, rights-holders and stakeholders), reflecting the governance category of the site	Documentation of formal or informal relationships/agreements between major constituent groups Discussions with constituent groups	

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS\\_en.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf)

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<b>1: GOOD GOVERNANCE</b>	<b>1.2 ACHIEVE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY:</b> Governance arrangements and decision-making processes are transparent and appropriately communicated, and responsibilities for implementation are clear, including a readily accessible process to identify, hear and resolve complaints, disputes, or grievances.	GLS-V1.1-1.2.1	The governance structures and key documents on management are readily accessible to civil society in an easily understandable format. Key documents include the site's management plan or equivalent, relevant subsidiary plans and other key direction documents		
		GLSCA-V1.1-1.2.2	Where a formal decision-making body exists, the current membership of the body is publically available and procedures for establishment and membership of the body are publically accessible, or where there is no decision-making body appointed, the names and contact details of formal decision-makers such as a Minister or Agency Director are publically accessible	Confirmation of public availability of the current membership of any decision-making body for the site Confirmation of public accessibility of the relevant details	
		GLS-V1.1-1.2.3	The outcomes of discussions by decision-making bodies or decision-makers in relation to issues raised by civil society, rights-holders and stakeholders are publically available	Assessments and reports confirming there is appropriate, clear and regular communication of decisions from decision-making bodies or decision-makers	There may be cases where public availability of some discussions is not appropriate, especially in relation to cultural heritage measures
		GLS-V1.1-1.2.4	A readily accessible process to identify, hear and resolve complaints, disputes or grievances related to the governance or management of the site is in place	Assessments and reports, endorsed by stakeholders, confirming there is an appropriate process in place	
		GLS-V1.1-1.3.1	Procedures are in place to ensure that results from monitoring, evaluation and consultation are used to inform management and planning processes including the establishment of goals and objectives	Monitoring reports with recommendations on corrective management actions Documentation of procedures for connecting monitoring and evaluation	There may be cases where some monitoring information should not be public, such as location of endangered species or cultural heritage matters
		GLS-V1.1-1.3.2	Planning and decision-making recognises relevant conditions, issues and goals at national and regional scales that impact the protected area	Documentation of planning processes	
		GLS-V1.1-1.3.3	Planning and management processes draw on multiple knowledge sources (scientific, experiential, local and traditional knowledge)	Documentation of planning processes clearly demonstrating knowledge sources and how they are sourced and used in decision-making processes	
		GLS-V1.1-1.3.4	The site has, where relevant, considered historical changes and future projections in social, ecological and climate conditions	References used for planning processes Considerations included in management plan or equivalent	