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Abstract
This is the first consistent, continent-wide assessment of protected areas in Africa, based on (i) their value for conservation and (ii) anthropogenic pressures. It is based on the most up-to-date, scientifically accepted, and publicly available information on species, environment and socio-economics. Over 1,600 species across 741 protected areas in 50 countries have been studied. This report presents a scaleable information system, meaning that the user can assess a given protected area in the context of others in the continent as a whole, in the same Ecoregion, same country, or same locality. Consequently, a variety of users are foreseen, from European policy makers, to regional and country level planners, and even managers of individual protected areas. This information is available online in a series of reports for each protected area and each country. Furthermore, to assist future EC funding decisions, we analyse the relationship between protected areas that have recently received EC assistance and our measures of conservation value and pressure.
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