

The background features a stylized landscape. The top half shows several overlapping, semi-transparent green mountain peaks of varying heights. Below the mountains is a wide, textured orange band that resembles a field or a sunset sky. The bottom edge of the image has a dark, jagged silhouette of a horizon line.

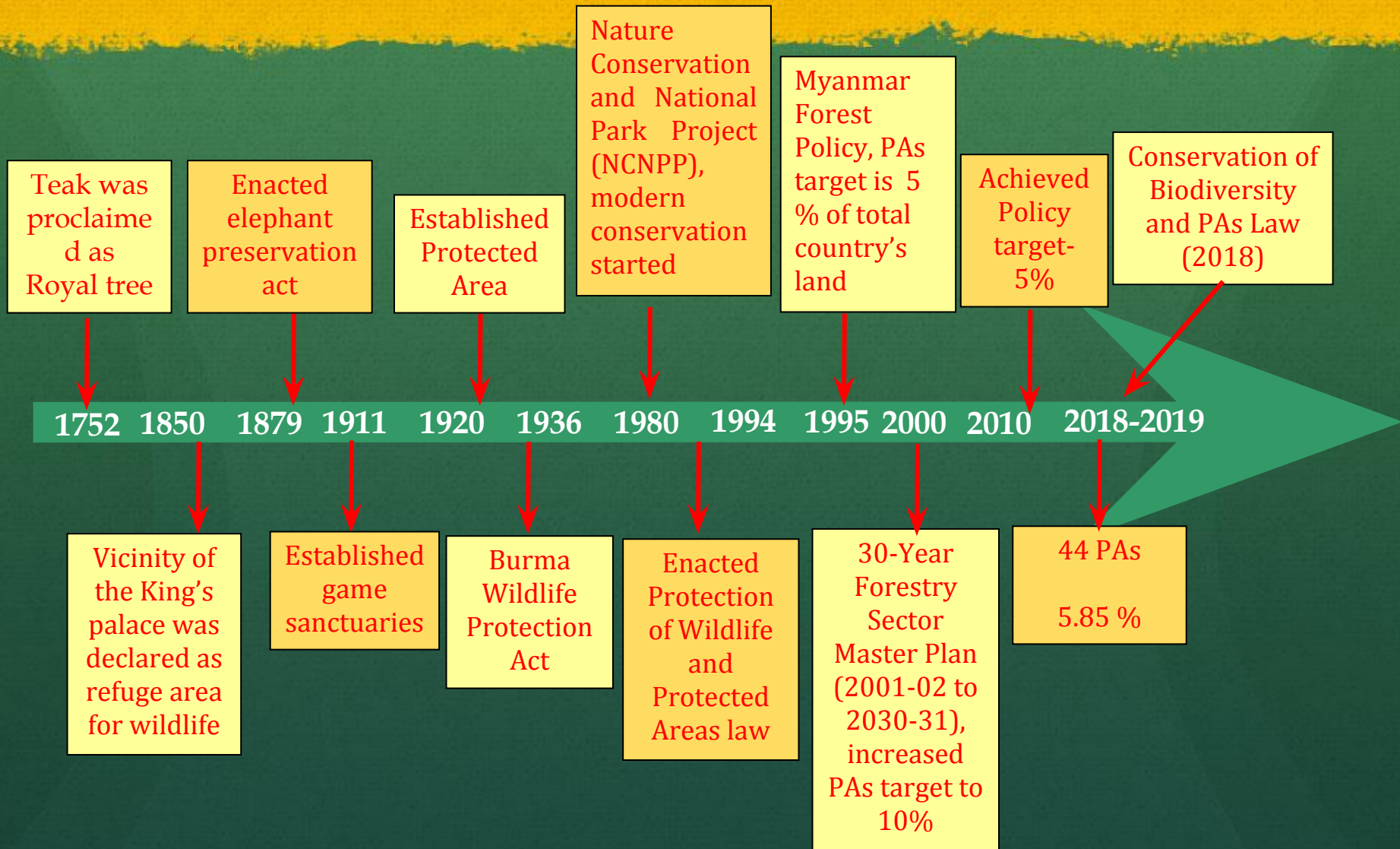
# The Prospects of ICCA as Possible OECMs in Myanmar

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# Biodiversity Conservation and PA Management

- About 42% of the total land area , approximately 29 million hectares, is covered by diverse forest ranging from Alpine forest, Dry forest to mangrove.
- About the 70% of total population are residing in rural areas and depend on forest for their basic needs and livelihoods.
- More than 12 million people, or 24% of the total population, are living in the mountainous areas.

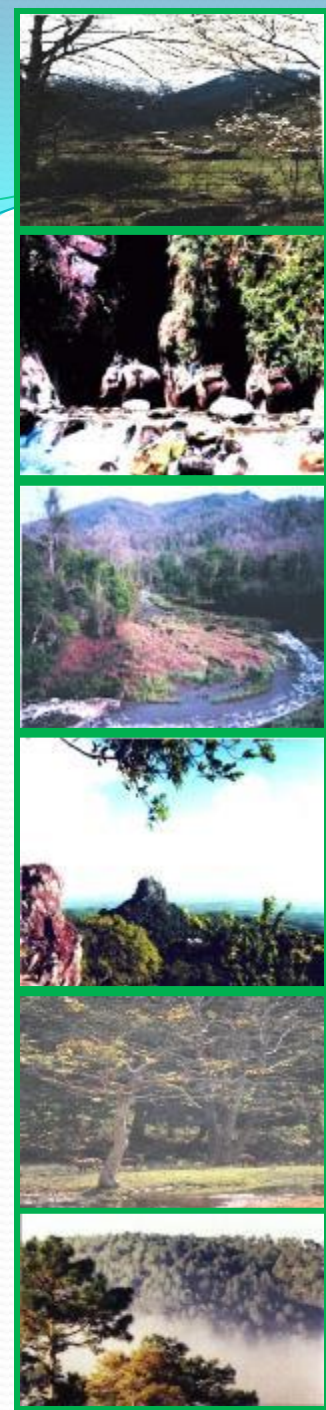
# Biodiversity Protection and PAs Management



## Permanent Forest Estate (PFE)

Legal classification	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	% of land area
<b>Reserved forest</b>	<b>122317</b>	<b>18.07</b>
<b>Public protected forest</b>	<b>44198</b>	<b>6.53</b>
<b>Protected area System</b>		
<b>Established (44 PA)</b>	<b>39134.54</b>	<b>5.85</b>
<b>Proposed Area (21 PA)</b>	<b>13389.37</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>219038.91</b>	<b>32.45</b>

**Protected Area will be expanded up to 10% of total country's area in the long run.**



# Indigenous People in Myanmar

- Indigenous and local people are playing important role in biodiversity conservation.
- They have governed, managed and conserved biodiversity rich land and marine areas for centuries

# Law Revision

- Traditional rights, knowledge, customs and practices on natural resource management is considered.
- Recent Law reforms have expanded legal recognition on indigenous and local people's rights, knowledge, customs, practices and their ancestor domains under the other effective area-based conservation measures such as CPA and CF.

# ICCA

- Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCA ) defined by IUCN as natural and/ or modified ecosystems, containing significant biodiversity values, ecological benefit and cultural values, voluntarily conserved by indigenous people and local communities , through customary law or other effective means;

# CPA

- Community Protected Areas( CPA),which is ICCA in the Myanmar's context , is encouraging traditional knowledge on conservation, management and sustainable use of biodiversity as the integral part of nature, as well as part of the solution to address biodiversity decreasing.



# Legislation

- Categories of protected areas in Myanmar under the Conservation of Biodiversity and Protected Areas Law (2018);
  - 1, Scientific Reserve
  - 2, Marine National Park
  3. National Park
  - 4, Wildlife Sanctuary
  - 5, Nature Reserved
  - 6, Land scape / Sea scape
  - 7, Community Protected Areas

# CPA Formation

- Myanmar, Forest Department is supporting ICCA networks and engaging with concerned stakeholders designation of Community Protected Areas.
- CPA-encouraging traditional knowledge on conservation , management and sustainable use of biodiversity as the integral part of nature as well as part of the solution to address biodiversity decreasing.
- CPA and CF could be the approaches to protect Myanmar's forest resources and biodiversity.

# Possible OECMs in Myanmar

- CPA
- Community Forestry (CF)
- Religious areas (eg. traditional custom )
- Watershed Forests ( water supply for communities)
- Sacred Forest ( eg. Shing maga Wildlife sanctuary )

# CPA Initiatives

- Hmon Taung Community Protected Area ,
  - it is located in northern Chin State, the indigenous people living around CPA
  - Local Youth Group proposed for designation as CPA
  - CPA designation process is still underway

# Way Forward

- Conservation of Biodiversity and Protected Areas Rules
  - An important legal support for CPA formation (eg. Application, procedures, local people management committees)
  - Rules will enacted soon
  - After Rules, more CPA and network will develop



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