



The World Protected Areas Leaders Forum (WPALF) welcomes the leadership and initiative of the Nature Conservation Agency of the Czech Republic and its administration of Jizera Mts Protected Landscape Area, the Krkonoše Mts National Park for hosting the 12th WPALF meeting and

(GBF) in December 2022.

With equitable governance and effective management, in partnership with custodians and local communities, these areas play a transformative role, not only to address biodiversity loss, but also in combating climate change as well as unlocking a cascade of additional benefits for mental health and wellbeing, the economy, local jobs.

These benefits were illustrated throughout the 12th meeting of the WPALF through a series of educational field trips, including a detailed examination of the Jizera peat bogs in the Jizera Mountains core area. The management measures taken to restore these peat bogs has not only secured and restored environmental benefits but also reduced carbon emissions, increased carbon sequestration,