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Urban national parks in the global South: Linking management perceptions, policies and practices to water-related ecosystem services

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## **ABSTRACT:**

Protected areas have been the dominant means of conserving biodiversity across the world for decades. This is often achieved by focussing on maintaining the ecological integrity of landscapes and the ecosystems they contain, including freshwater systems. Protected areas are now considered part of a broader social, cultural and social-economic landscape and management approaches need to incorporate social-ecological systems (SES) thinking.