

Minutes of the Meeting
Asia Regional Members Committee of IUCN
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A meeting of the Asia Regional Committee of IUCN Members was held in Kaihua, Zhejiang Province, China from 17-20 September 2017, under the chairmanship of Prof. Keping Ma. The meeting was financially supported by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Government of Kaihua County, Zhejiang Province, China.

1. Opening and welcome

Prof. Keping Ma, Chair for the Asia Regional Members Committee thanked Mr. Ruiliang Xiang and his team for their collaboration in terms of organizing this meeting, and welcomed the participants from different countries in Asia, including participants from IUCN Asia office, IUCN China Office and NGO members. He mentioned this meeting was aimed at exploring ways for Members in Asia on how to strengthen collaboration to implement the IUCN Programme in Asia, with a focus to addressing challenges through mainstreaming nature-based solutions and help members including commission members collaborate with Asia Regional Office. Subsequently, Prof. Ma introduced several distinguished participants including Mr. Xincheng Zhang, IUCN President, Mr. Ruiliang Xiang, Party Secretary of CPC Kaihua County, Ambassador Masahiko Horie, Councilor of IUCN, Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, Regional Director for IUCN Asia and Prof. Youngbae Suh, Regional Councilor of IUCN and the former Chair for the Asia Regional Members' Committee. Ms. Kabraji, Prof. Horie and Mr. Xiang were then invited to deliver opening addresses.

Congratulatory address by Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, Regional Director for Asia Regional Office

Ms. Kabraji thanked Prof. Keping Ma and CPC Kaihua County for organizing this meeting, welcomed all participants and affirmed the engagement of Chinese government in IUCN programmes. She mentioned that she was impressed with the beautiful landscapes of Qianjiangyuan National Park and the development in Kaihua which has taken into account environmental considerations. Concluding, she hoped that the meeting would be held successfully.

Congratulatory address by Ambassador Masahiko HORIE, Regional Councilor of IUCN

Amb. Horie thanked Prof. Ma for inviting him to this meeting and the CPC Kaihua County for supporting this meeting. He expressed his appreciation for holding the meeting in Kaihua County, as being the most pleasant and impressive location.

Congratulatory address by Mr. Ruiliang Xiang, Party Secretary of CPC Kaihua County

Mr. Ruiliang Xiang, on behalf of CPC Kaihua County, Government of Kaihua County and Administration of Qianjiangyuan National Park, warmly welcomed all participants. Mr. Xiang mentioned that IUCN not only was a united group to promote nature conservation and sustainable development, but also a seed to spread the idea of ecological civilization. He hoped Kaihua County could take this meeting as an opportunity to strength the international exchange and cooperation, and expand the network of nature conservation. He also expressed that they would apply themselves to translating the achievements of this meeting to the new idea of county development. Finally, he hoped that Qianjiangyuan National Park

could be a member of IUCN in the future and contribute more for nature conservation and sustainable development around the world.

2. Introduction of participants

19 IUCN Member and Commissions representatives from 16 Asian countries including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Japan, Korea (DPRK), Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea (ROK), Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam, participated in this meeting. In addition, more than 40 people from governments and non-governmental organizations, including IUCN President, Regional Councillors, staff from IUCN Asia Regional Office and China Office and some IUCN members from China attended this meeting and introduced themselves.

Following the introduction of participants, Prof. Ma presented the agenda of the meeting, which was endorsed by the ARMC.

3. Keynote speech

Mainstreaming Nature Conservation

Mr. Xinsheng Zhang, IUCN President, in his opening remarks, stressed the importance of this meeting and also thanked the local host and Prof. Ma for sponsoring the meeting. Mr. Zhang spoke about the importance of mainstreaming nature conservation, and also talked about why it is important for Members and Secretariat to connect. He also spoke about how the sustainable development goals (SDG) could play a major role in connection with mainstreaming nature conservation and integrating economic development, social progress and environmental protection, as these three are interlinked.

He also proposed that the council should synergize the three pillars (Council, Members and Commissions) of IUCN, translate WCC resolutions into reality, and strengthen the governance and oversight role of the council. In conclusion, he pointed out the importance of IUCN Asia and encouraged Asian members to play a more important role as members, so that IUCN can be a truly global organization.

4. Presentations

a) Nature based solutions to environmental and social challenges

Prof. Keping Ma, Chair for the Asia Regional Members Committee highlighted IUCN Programme in recent years; the publications of IUCN regarding nature-based solutions and its concept. Several examples were presented in which nature-based solutions approaches were applied. He also introduced the part of IUCN Programme 2017-2020 which has a special focus on nature-based solutions.

b) Progress report on strengthening the presence of IUCN in Asia

Dr. Tejpal Singh, Deputy Regional Director for IUCN Asia Regional Office presented an

update on the progress of the preparation of the report on strengthening the presence of IUCN in Asia. He presented the basic status of Asia from different aspects including species, protected Areas, forests in Asia and so on, and introduced the priorities in different countries in Asia.

c) Progress report of IUCN China Office

Dr. Chunquan Zhu, Country Representative of IUCN China Office introduced the IUCN programme in China. Dr. Zhu took Miyun watershed as well as other watersheds as examples to introduce the Megacities and Watersheds Initiative. He also introduced China Protected Areas Initiative including Green Listed Chinese Protected Areas and National Parks. Furthermore, he introduced the concept of GEP (Gross Ecosystem Product), and presented an update on IUCN China Office activities during 2016-2017.

d) Review and adoption of minutes of the ARMC meeting held in Beijing, China on 11-13 July 2016

Mr. Yogendra Chitrakar, Secretary for Asia Regional Members Committee, introduced the key points of the minutes of the ARMC meeting held on 1-13 July 2016 in Beijing, China. After discussions, and with minor amendments, the minutes were adopted.

5. Presentations from National Committees

BANGLADESH

Mrs. Hasna Jasimuddin Moudud, President of Coastal Area Resource Development and Management Association (Chair, Bangladesh National Committee)

Mrs. Moudud gave a brief introduction of Bangladesh National Committee and applauded Bangladesh members' work and their contributions towards conservation and immense transformative actions for contributing towards national development and translating global commitments, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She also expressed her concerns regarding environmental threats confronting Bangladesh and recommended that IUCN should undertake activities in order to address those issues of grave concern. Finally, she listed the projects and activities involving Members, Commissions and Secretariat in Bangladesh for 2017-2018.

CAMBODIA

Mr. Sophana OM, Executive Director of Mlup Baitong (Cambodia)

Mr. OM mainly reported on the current status of IUCN's work with Members in Cambodia, for example, their target provinces, National Forest Programme and main activities, and plans in 2018.

CHINA

Mrs. Yinan Liu, Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China)

Mrs. Liu firstly introduced the IUCN Members and other representatives from China who were attending this meeting. Furthermore, she introduced the recent work progress of Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences (BC-CAS), including programs on

bioinformatics such as Asia Biodiversity Conservation and Database Network and Catalogue of Life China; programs on biodiversity monitoring such as Chinese Forest Biodiversity Monitoring Network and Chinese Biodiversity Observation and Research Network. She also listed the academic activities of BC-CAS, as well as Workshop on Biodiversity Informatics in Big Data Era.

JAPAN

Mr. Teppei Dohke, Vice Chair of Japan National Committee for IUCN (Japan)

Mr. Dohke presented on behalf of the IUCN Japan National Committee and introduced the current status of IUCN National Committee in Japan including governance, role, basic work and strategic direction in the period 2012-2020. He also presented a project called Nijumaru with especial focus on the project concept, activities and progress. At last, he showcased the initiatives taken as part of the project as next steps.

KOREA (DPRK)

Mr. Pok Kwang Il, Ministry of Land and Environment Protection (Korea DPR)

Mr. Pok introduced the nature conservation policy including legislation, relevant organizations involved, international cooperation for wetland conservation and shared the conservation activities in DPR Korea.

KOREA (ROK)

Prof. Youngbae Suh, Chair, Korea National Committee

Prof. Suh updated on recent development in collaboration between the Republic of Korea and IUCN, and shared his experience of working closely with IUCN for the 2012 IUCN World Conservation Congress. He also shared the experience of the World Leaders' Conservation Forum held in 2015, including its key objectives and agenda. He also briefed members regarding the upcoming major event on World Leaders' Conservation Forum which will be held in Jeju in October 2018. The event will also mark the 70th Anniversary of IUCN.

MALAYSIA

Mr. Abdul Kadir bin Abu Hashim, Department of Wildlife and National Parks - Peninsular Malaysia

Mr. Abu Hashim presented on behalf of Members in Malaysia. He introduced the IUCN Members in Malaysia including the institutional framework, conservation initiatives and the plans for the future. He also briefed members regarding major conservation initiatives in Malaysia, such as Central Forest Spine; Heart of Borneo and plans for species conservation.

MYANMAR

Mr. Myint Aung, Friends of Wildlife (Myanmar)

Mr. Aung presented on behalf of Members in Myanmar. He introduced the history of Members work with IUCN in Myanmar, and presented an update on community based conservation efforts undertaken by IUCN Members in Myanmar. He explained that IUCN's approach in Myanmar is to strengthen the technical and operational capacity of NGOs and government partners working on issues of global conservation significance.

NEPAL

Mr. Yogendra Chitrakar, Chair, Nepal National Committee / Secretary for Asia Regional Members Committee

Mr. Chitrakar introduced the Nepal National Committee (NNC) and made a detailed presentation on members' work in Nepal, including members' background, focused areas of work, etc. He shared the experience of members in conservation activities and the forthcoming programs in Nepal. He also highlighted some of the challenges that members were facing in terms of creating greater impacts of their work among members and the donor community.

PAKISTAN

Ms. Meher Marker Noshirwani, On behalf of the Pakistan National Committee Chair

Ms. Noshirwani presented on behalf of Chair of the Pakistan National Committee (PNC). She introduced members of PNC. She also presented some of the major achievements of PNC members such as billion tree tsunami which exceeded Bonn challenge commitment by restoring 350,000 hectares of forests in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province of Pakistan, and declaration of Astola Island as Pakistan's first ever Marine Protected Area (MPA). She also talked about members' contribution at the WCC in Hawaii, and activities which members have undertaken in collaboration with IUCN. She also presented the outlook of PNC in the future, including promoting collective efforts to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change in Pakistan, and developing a joint project on Climate Change.

PHILIPPINES

Ms. Maria Belinda E. de la Paz, Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources (Philippines)

Ms. Belinda de la Paz presented on behalf of Members in the Philippines, and introduced the vision and mission of Haribon Foundation and listed the four pillars including saving sites and habitats, saving species, encouraging sustainability and empowering people. She shared some useful information regarding programs and projects.

SINGAPORE

Prof. Kheng Lian Koh, Honorary Director of Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (Singapore)

Prof. Koh presented on behalf of members in Singapore. She introduced members in Singapore including Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law (APCEL), Singapore Zoo: Wildlife Reserves Singapore and Nature Society (Singapore). She focused on APCEL and shared its activities and members' activities.

SRI LANKA

Mr. Koralage Ajith Silva, Chair, Sri Lanka National Committee (Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka)

Mr. Silva introduced the IUCN members in Sri Lanka. He spoke about the activities that members in Sri Lanka undertook, for example, promotion of national policy dialogue on tank

restoration; members' participation in Asia Protected Area Partnership, and other activities and projects in Sri Lanka. He mentioned that IUCN and its members in Sri Lanka are working together in harmony to address some of the challenges such as Post-Conflict Development issues in the country and adopt nature based solutions in the process. He also pointed out that some NGO members find it difficult to pay membership dues due to prevailing poor donor environment. He expressed his desire for the secretariat to engage members as much as possible.

THAILAND

Ms. Kantinan Peawsa-ad, National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (Thailand)

Ms. Peawsa-ad presented on behalf of Chair of the Thailand National Committed. She talked about the major achievements of the government as a state member and highlighted the work on protected area management; law enforcement; research; and international cooperation. She also mentioned that the government has set up a special Task Force to combat Illegal wildlife trade. As a next step, the government would focus on four aspects, including natural world heritage, ASEAN heritage parks, conservation of transboundary biodiversity landscape between Thailand and neighbouring countries as well as strengthening cooperation on the conservation and management of the natural world heritage forest complexes.

VIET NAM

Dr. Hoang Van Thang, Chair of IUCN Viet Nam National Committee, Director of Centre for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (CRES) (Viet Nam)

Dr. Thang introduced IUCN members in Viet Nam, and talked about important activities and achievements in Vietnam. He mentioned that members would continue to work closely with IUCN in Viet Nam, and operate in line with major focus of IUCN Viet Nam's strategies, including nature based solutions, policy advocacy and private sector engagement.

Mr. Bin Peng, Director, Division for China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center

Mr. Peng mainly introduced the development, results and achievements and future cooperation initiatives on nature conservation of China and ASEAN.

6. Presentations from IUCN Commission Representatives

Prof. Shikui Dong, Commission on Ecosystem Management (Beijing Normal University)

Prof. Dong represented the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) and introduced the mission, vision, objects, structure and priority areas of CEM. He explained that the CEM would develop and improve the knowledge base on Nature based Solutions (NbS); support the integration of this knowledge in planning and decision making; contribute to future publications and the operational framework to implement the NbS Resolution. He also gave a brief introduction of Red List of Ecosystems, Ecosystem Resilience, Ecosystem Governance and Culture and Ecosystem Management. He also listed the important IUCN resolutions related to CEM's work.

Ms. Hanying Li, Commission on Education and Communication

Ms. Li represented IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) as its Steering Committee member. She talked about the CEC's programme called Nature for All. She shared information regarding the activities which CEC undertook in Asia. She also introduced the mission, target audience and plans of CEC in China. Ms. Li also summarised the CEC's work since WCC in Hawaii.

Ms. Meher Marker Noshirwani, Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (Trust for Conservation of Coastal Resources)

Ms. Noshirwani represented IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) as Regional Vice Chair from Asia. She introduced the work, vision, mission, structure, theme and new areas of work of CEESP. She also talked about the current status of CEESP in Asia including its membership, engagement, achievements and some major activities on enhancing CEESP presence in national committees, engagement with regional vice chairs, development of Asia page for CEESP website, etc. She also shared a list of CEESP publications.

Dr. Yan Xie, Species Survival Commission (Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences)

Dr. Xie represented IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC). In his presentation, he spoke about SSC's activities in Asia and covered the following aspects: structure, membership, specialist group network, data integration and access and priorities on diversity in leadership, conservation action of Species Survival Commission (SSC).

7. Presentations on opportunities for IUCN members in Asia

Ambassador Masahiko Horie, IUCN Regional Councilor

Ambassador Horie made a presentation on Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP). He talked about the increasing threats that Protected Areas in Asia have been facing due to various reasons. He mentioned that in view of increasing threats, there was a need for regional collaboration, which is why APAP was formally launched in 2014 at the IUCN World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia.

Explaining the significance of APAP, Ambassador Horie highlighted that APAP provides a platform in which Asia Protected Areas agencies can share their experiences and innovative solutions to address the challenges. It also enhances trans-boundary and regional cooperation. He further explained the details about the status, membership and governance of APAP. He added that membership is open to government PA agencies at national and sub-national levels and to international institutions with a commitment to APAP's objectives.

Mr. Teppei Dohke, Vice Chair, Japan Committee for IUCN

Mr. Dohke presented on the 2nd Tripartite meeting of IUCN members in China, Republic Korea and Japan which is planned to be held in Japan in October 2017. He explained how this meeting will improve cooperation among members in China, Republic of Korea and

Japan. The first such meeting was held in 2016 in Jeju with support from Prof. Youngbae Suh. He presented the agenda of the meeting and talked about the objectives of the meeting.

Prof. Keping Ma, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Prof. Ma introduced the background, mission, goals, organization structure, work, progress, achievements and activities of Mapping Asia Plants (MAP).

Copies of all the above presentations can be downloaded from the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B_NNdOJKR7z6MTE1TnpfNUpaNIU

8. Outcomes of discussion

Nature based solutions in Asia: strategies and best practices

Three points were discussed:

- 1) The group came to a consensus that Asia should focus on its strengths in interpreting the global IUCN strategies. Specifically, Asia has a long history of applying nature based solutions and should further showcase the region's success stories in the form of best practices that should be effectively communicated to a wider audience;
- 2) Asia should also take the lead in driving the Urban Alliance agenda that was accepted in the WCC in Hawaii in 2016. Given that Asia has the fastest rate of urbanization, there are outstanding success stories and work in progress across Asia that incorporates urban ecology such as the Sino-Singapore Tianjian Ecocity Project.
- 3) Besides celebrating the 70th Anniversary of IUCN in 2018, the group would like to see radical reforms in the governance of IUCN so that Asia could be better represented in the staff composition of the Secretariat in Gland, involvement of members in IUCN projects in the region and assessment missions.

Reform: What should IUCN change in responding to new challenges and opportunities for a 70-year-old organization in 2018?

Two ideas were proposed:

- 1) Since many issues are cross-boundary in nature, Asia needs to enhance its collaboration between countries and continents. Examples such as fly-way of birds were cited.
- 2) Asian members should enhance its voice on important matters.
- 3) Regarding nature-based solutions, it was recommended that IUCN Asia should focus its efforts to areas surrounding protected areas. Building support mechanism for the friendly development around protected areas would be the key for reducing threats from development to biodiversity conservation and encourage strong societal involvement.

9. Summary and closing

Mr. Malik Amin Aslam Khan, Vice President of IUCN thanked Prof. Ma for organizing the meeting and was glad to see a good representation from IUCN Members and Commissions. He confirmed the importance of this meeting which aimed at promoting Asia members to implement the strategies of IUCN in Asia.

Ambassador Masahiko Horie thanked Prof. Ma and his team for this meeting. He was very pleased to come to Kaihua and attend this meeting. He was also impressed with the field trip to Qiangjiangyuan National Park. In the end, he confirmed the importance of this meeting which allowed members to get to know each other better.

Prof. Suh thanked Prof. Ma and Kaihua County for this successful meeting. He was pleased to see representatives of IUCN and affirmed the results of the meeting.

Ms. Kabraji thanked Prof. Ma for bringing Asia Members together in China as well as the hard work by his team. She was very pleased to come to this meeting and learn from the experience of members.

Prof. Ma summarised the discussions of this meeting. He proposed several suggestions for IUCN Asia members as next steps:

- 1) Pay more attention towards implementing IUCN programmes, particularly on nature-based solution (NbS), Congress Resolutions and Recommendations for stronger member ownership and engagement;
- 2) Organize activities and raise funds to celebrate the 70th anniversary of IUCN;
- 3) Make collective efforts in carrying out IUCN projects and raise Asia's voice on conservation matters.
- 4) Organize more workshops, and training opportunities, also via Wechat for closer networking and communication;
- 5) Join in and contribute towards development of IUCN Asia Members Annual Report, sharing good practices for the implementation of IUCN programme in Asia and active participation in the Union's efforts.

10. List of delegates

No.	Name	Nationality	Organization
1)	ZHANG Xinsheng	China	IUCN Council
2)	KHAN Malik Amin Aslam	Pakistan	IUCN Council
3)	HORIE Masahiko	Japan	Meiji University, Japan
4)	SUH Youngbae	Korea	Professor of Seoul National University/President of IUCN Korea
5)	HAMZAH Amran Bin	Malaysia	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia
6)	MA Keping	China	Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences
7)	KABRAJI Aban Marker	Pakistan	IUCN Asia Regional Office
8)	SINGH Tejpal	India	IUCN Asia Regional Office
9)	ABU HASHIM Abdul Kadir bin	Malaysia	Department of Wildlife and National Parks - Peninsular
10)	AUNG Myint	Myanmar	Friends of Wildlife
11)	CHITRAKAR Yogendra	Nepal	Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness
12)	DE LA PAZ Maria Belinda	Philippines	Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources
13)	DOHKE Teppei	Japan	The Nature Conservation Society of Japan/ Vice Chair of Japan Committee for IUCN
14)	IM Song Hyok	Korea (DPR)	Nature Conservation Union of Korea
15)	KEOVONGVICH TH Phetsamone	Lao PDR	Inter-Governmental Organizations Division, Department of International Organizations, MOFA Lao
16)	KUMAR Raj	Pakistan	IUCN Asia Regional Office
17)	LIAN Koh Kheng	Singapore	Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment Law (APCEL)
18)	MOUDUD Hasna Jasimuddin	Bangladesh	Coastal Area Resource Development and Management Association (CARMA)
19)	NOSHIRWANI Meher Marker	Pakistan	Trust for Conservation of Coastal Resources (TCCR)CEESP
20)	OM Sophana	Cambodia	Mlup Baitong
21)	PEAWSA-AD Kantinan	Thailand	National Parks Office, Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation

22)	POK Kwang IL	Korea (DPR)	Ministry of Land and Environment Protection
23)	SILVA Koralage Ajith	Sri Lanka	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka
24)	THANG Hoang Van	Viet Nam	Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
25)	ZHU Chunquan	China	IUCN China Office
26)	DONG Shikui	China	CEM/Beijing Normal University
27)	LI Hanying	China	CEC
28)	XIE Yan	China	SSC/Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
29)	BAI Yinglan	China	Society of Entrepreneurs & Ecology
30)	CHEN Liangzhong	China	Guangdong Operation Earth Environmental Service Center
31)	CHENG Jingming	China	Mt. Huangshan Scenic Area Administrative Committee
32)	FANG Yuan	China	Mt. Huangshan Scenic Area Administrative Committee
33)	FENG Caiyun	China	Chinese Society of Forestry
34)	IKHUMHEN Harrison	China	China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation
35)	LI Kangxi	China	Eco Foundation Global
36)	LIN Yue	China	Evergreen Center for Sustainable Development
37)	LIU Yinan	China	Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences
38)	LV Cai	China	WCPA/Beijing Forestry University
39)	PENG Bin	China	Division for China-ASEAN Cooperation China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center
40)	WANG Dan	China	Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences
41)	WANG Ning	China	China Wildlife Conservation Association
42)	WU June	China	Mt. Huangshan Scenic Area Administrative Committee
43)	XIN Weihua	China	Evergreen Center for Sustainable Development
44)	YAN Zequn	China	Eco Foundation Global
45)	YANG Dan	China	Friends of Nature
46)	ZHANG Hai	China	Eco Foundation Global
47)	ZHUANG Siting	China	China Mangrove Conservation Network

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-- Promoting nature based solutions in Asia**

Agenda

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Asia plays an important role in responding to the call in the IUCN community and should actively participate in the critical event with a joint effort. In this context, a meeting of the Asia Regional Members Committee will promote Asia members to implement the strategies of IUCN in Asia, with a focus in addressing challenges by nature based resolutions and help members including commission members collaborate with Asia Regional Office. Finally, the regional members' committee is responsible for finding ways to fill the gaps and raise IUCN's visibility in Asia and beyond.

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IUCN China Office

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Kaihua International Hotel
No.1 Jiangdongnan Road, Kaihua County, Zhejiang Province, China

17 September 2017 (Sunday)

Arrival of all participants

18 September 2017 (Monday)

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:40 **Opening (Moderator: Keping Ma)**

- Opening remarks
- Congratulatory Address by Aban Marker Kabraji, Regional Director, Asia
- Congratulatory Address by Masahiko HORIE, Councilor of IUCN

Congratulatory Address by Ruiliang Xiang, Party Secretary of CPC
Kaihua County

- Round of self-introduction
- Introduction to the meeting and its objectives by Keping Ma, Chair,
Asia Regional Members Committee of IUCN
- Agreement on agenda

09:40 – 10:10 **Keynote speech:** Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation: challenges
and opportunities
Prof. Xinsheng Zhang, President for IUCN

10:10 – 10:30 Coffee break and group photo

Presentations continued (Moderator: Youngbae Suh)

10:30 – 10:50 Nature based solutions to environmental and social challenges
Prof. Keping Ma, Chair, Asia Regional Members Committee of IUCN

10:50 – 11:10 Progress report in strengthening the presence of IUCN in Asia
Dr. TP Singh, Deputy Regional Director, IUCN Asia Regional Office

11:10 – 11:20 Progress report of IUCN China Office
Dr. Chunquan Zhu, Country Representative of IUCN China Office

11:20 – 12:00 Review and adoption of minutes of the ARC meeting held in Beijing,
China on 11-13 July 2016
Mr. Yogendra Chitrakar, Secretary for Asia Regional Members
Committee

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 16:30 **Presentations from National Committees and Member
Representatives (Moderator: Masahiko Horie)**

13:30 – 13:40 Bangladesh National Committee
Mrs. Hasna Moudud

13:40 – 13:50 Mlup Baitong (Cambodia)
Mr. Sophana Om

13:50 – 14:00 Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences (China)
Mrs. Yinan Liu

14:00 – 14:10 Ministry of Environment and Forests (India)

- Mr. Prasana Kumar Dash
- 14:10 – 14:20 Japan National Committee for IUCN
Mr. Teppei DOHKE
- 14:20 – 14:30 Ministry of Land and Environment Protection (Korea DPR)
Mr. Pok Kwang Il
- 14:30 – 14:40 Seoul National University (Korea RK)
Prof. Youngbae Suh, Chair, Korea National Committee
- 14:40 – 14:50 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inter-Governmental Organizations
Division, Department of International Organizations, Lao PDR
Mr. Phetsamone Keovongvichith
- 14:50 – 15:00 Department of Wildlife and National Parks - Peninsular Malaysia
Mr. Abdul Kadir bin Abu Hashim
- 15:00 – 15:10 Friends of Wildlife (Myanmar)
Mr. Myint Aung
- 15:10 – 15:20 Nepal National Committee
Mr. Yogendra Chitrakar
- 15:20 – 15:30 Pakistan National Committee
Ms. Meher Marker Noshirwani
- 15:30 – 15:40 Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources
(Philippines)
Ms. Maria Belinda E. de la Paz
- 15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

Reports continued (Moderator: Amran Hamzah)

- 16:00 – 16:10 Asia-Pacific Centre for Environment Law (Singapore)
Prof. Koh Kheng Lian
- 16:10 – 16:20 Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (Sri Lanka)
Mr. Korlage Ajith Silva
- 16:20 – 16:30 National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation (Thailand)
Ms. Kantinan Peawsa-ad

- 16:30 – 16:40 Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Viet Nam)
Dr. Hoang Van Thang
- 16:40 – 16:55 ASEAN-China Cooperation on Biodiversity: Status and Prospect
Mr. Bin Peng, Director, Division for China-ASEAN Environmental
Cooperation Center
- 16:55– 18:30 Discussions
- Nature based solutions in Asia: strategies and best practices
 - Asia impacts: Asia has great achievement in both industrialization and urbanization, and also big challenge and success in nature conservation. What should we do to enhance our cooperation in the continent and extend our successful experience to the globe.
 - Reform: What should IUCN change in responding to new challenges and opportunities for a 70-year-old organization in 2018?
 - Member function better: As a Union, how could IUCN Members play their roles better?
- 18:30 – 20:00 Reception (hosted by Government of Kaihua county)

19 September 2017 (Tuesday)

- 09:00 – 10:00 **Presentations from IUCN Commission Representatives (Moderator: Yogendra Chitrakar)**
- 09:00 – 09:15 Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM)
Prof. Shikui Dong, Beijing Normal University
- 09:15 – 09:30 Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)
Ms. Hanying Li
- 09:30 – 09:45 Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP)
Ms. Meher Marker Noshirwani, Trust for Conservation of Coastal Resources
- 09:45 – 10:00 Species Survival Commission (SSC)
Dr. Yan Xie, Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 10:00 – 10:15 World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)
Video Presentation by Prof. Antonio Benjamin
- 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:20 **Presentations on opportunities for IUCN members in Asia**

(Moderator:TP Singh)

- 10:30 – 10:45 Asia Protected Area Partnership and cases for nature based solutions in Japan
Prof. Masahiko Horie, Councilor of IUCN
- 10:45 – 11:00 Introduction of the 2nd tripartite meeting of IUCN members of China, Japan and Korea
Mr. Teppei Dohke, Vice Chair, Japan Committee for IUCN
- 11:00 – 11:20 Mapping Asia Plants
Prof. Keping Ma, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 11:20 –12:00 **Closing (Moderator: Keping Ma)**
- Closing remarks by panelists Malik Amin Aslam, Masahiko Horie, Youngbae Suh and Aban Marker Kabraji
 - Wrap up of the meeting by Prof. Keping Ma, Chair for the Asia Regional Members Committee
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 – 18:00 Excursion - Qianjiangyuan National Park
- 18:30 – 19:30 Dinner
- 19:30 – 21:00 Visit Root Palace Buddhist Cultural Tourism Zone

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Presentation and discussion (Moderator: Keping Ma)

- 09:00 – 09:20 Introduction to Qianjiangyuan National Park
- 09:20 – 09:40 Biodiversity monitoring in Qianjiangyuan National Park
Dr. Xiaoli Shen, Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 09:40 – 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:00 – 11:50 Comments and suggestions on the management and development of Qianjiangyuan National Park
- 11:50 – 12:00 Closing remarks by the Mayor of Kaihua County
- 12:00 – 13:30 Lunch
- 14:00 – 16:00 Departure of participants