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Dear Applicant,

We are delighted that your organisation has decided to join IUCN.

Your application will receive personal attention from the Membership Focal Point in the IUCN Regional Office responsible for your region, with the support of the Membership and Commission Support Unit at IUCN Headquarters in Gland.

Please read the “Help and Instructions” section below that will guide you through the steps involved to complete your application.

As indicated in Article 4 of the IUCN Statutes, there are four categories of Members:

- Category A: States, political and/or economic integration organisations, government agencies, and subnational governments;
- Category B: Non-governmental organisations;
- Category C: Indigenous peoples’ organisations
- Category D: Affiliates

The deadlines to receive applications are: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December of each year. States and Political and/or Economic Integration Organisations can join IUCN at any time.

Please also consult the Member pages of the IUCN website, where you will find the documents you need to consult while completing your application, as well as the application form:

<https://www.iucn.org/about/union/members/how-become-member-iucn>

Your first point of contact for all questions related to the membership application process is the Membership Focal Point in your region. For contact details, please consult our website:

<https://www.iucn.org/our-union/members/membership-support#membership-focal-points>

We look forward to receiving your application file.

The Network of Regional Membership Focal Points  
Membership and Commission Support Unit



## Help and instructions: What do you need to do?

Before completing your application, please refer to the following documents:

- **IUCN's Statutes and Regulations** adopted by IUCN Members: You need to confirm that your organisation shares and supports the objectives of IUCN as set out in the [Statutes and Regulations](#).
- **Benefits for Members:** by joining IUCN, you will benefit from IUCN's scientific credibility, its unsurpassed knowledge base and convening power, extensive networking opportunities and access to high-level political, economic and social decision making. Being a Member of IUCN enables you to both advance your own cause and to strengthen common action in overcoming barriers to a sustainable future.
- **Membership Dues Guide:** A deposit equivalent to the entire current year of membership is payable at the time of submitting the application or the letter of adhesion (for States and Political and/or Economic Integration Organisations). However, if you are admitted as a Member, the membership dues for that year are calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues starting the month following admission. Any surplus will be credited to the following year's dues. The deposit will be reimbursed in full by IUCN if the application is rejected. The [Membership Dues Guide](#) provides all of the necessary information you will need to calculate the amount of your first year's membership dues deposit.
- [The IUCN Programme: Nature 2030](#) approved by IUCN Members.

**Please note that IUCN membership does not expire unless the IUCN Member is withdrawn or expelled from IUCN (see Article 13 of the [IUCN Statutes](#)), or unless the IUCN Member withdraws voluntarily by providing IUCN with written notification of its intention to withdraw its membership. Members withdrawing from the Union must ensure that all outstanding membership dues are paid up to and including the year of the notification of withdrawal.**

### If you wish to join as a State<sup>1</sup> or as a Political and/or Economic Integration Organisation<sup>2</sup> (Category A):

- States and political and/or economic integration organisations become Members of IUCN by notifying the Director General of their adhesion to the IUCN Statutes, effective upon payment of the first year's membership dues. [IUCN Statutes, Article 6]
- The notification of adhesion to the Statutes by a State is to be made by, or on behalf of the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs. [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 3 (a)]  
Draft text:  
***"Notification is hereby given by the Government of <COUNTRY NAME> of its adhesion to the Statutes of IUCN and willingness to become a Member of IUCN.  
The Government of <COUNTRY NAME> designates <NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY> as its liaison with the IUCN Secretariat."***
- The notification of adhesion to the Statutes by a political and/or economic integration organisation shall be made by its duly authorized representative and shall be accompanied by a statement declaring the extent of its competence with respect to the matters provided in the Statutes. [IUCN Statutes, Article 6 and IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 3 (b)].
- For States or political and/or economic integration organisations joining the Union, a payment equivalent to the first year of membership is due at the time of submitting the letter of adhesion. The membership dues for that year will be calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues, starting from the month following receipt of the letter of adhesion. Any surplus will be credited to the following year's dues.

<sup>1</sup>States shall be those which are members of the United Nations or any of its Specialised Agencies, or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or parties to the Statutes of the International Court of Justice" [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (a)].

<sup>2</sup>"Political and/or economic integration organisations shall be organisations constituted solely by States to which those States have conferred legal competence in respect of matters within the objectives of IUCN" [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (c)].

**If you are a Government agency<sup>33</sup>, Subnational government<sup>4</sup> (Category A), a National<sup>5</sup> or International<sup>6</sup> Non-Governmental Organisation (Category B), an Indigenous peoples' organisation<sup>7</sup> (Category C) or if you wish to apply as an Affiliate<sup>8</sup> (Category D):**

- Contact the IUCN Membership Focal Point in your region who will assist you throughout the process: <https://www.iucn.org/our-union/members/membership-support#membership-focal-points>;
- Complete the application form and have it signed by the Head of your organisation/institution;
- Include all the additional material necessary to complete your application file. Please refer to the requirements detailed on the subsequent pages;
- Pay your membership dues deposit; and
- Send your application to the [IUCN Membership Focal Point in your region](#).
- **Ensure that all the above is completed by [the application deadline](#).**

**What are the main requirements for Government agencies, Subnational governments, National and International Non-Governmental Organisations and Affiliates to become Members of IUCN?**

The IUCN Council must determine that [IUCN Statutes, Article 7]:

- the applicant shares and supports the objectives of IUCN;
- the applicant has as one of its central purposes the achievement of IUCN's objectives and a substantial record of activity in the conservation of nature and natural resources; and
- the objectives and track record of the applicant embody to a substantial extent:
  - (i) the conservation of the integrity and diversity of nature; and, either or both:
  - (ii) the aim to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable;
  - (iii) dedication to influencing, encouraging and assisting societies to meet the objectives of IUCN;
- the applicant does not pursue objectives or carry out activities that conflict with the objectives or activities of IUCN;

### **Government agencies (GAs) and Subnational governments (SNs)**

Government agencies and Subnational governments seeking membership of IUCN shall submit an application for admission to the Director General via the relevant [Membership Focal Point](#). The application must be supported by a statement from the Head of the agency or government, setting forth its competence to adhere to the IUCN Statutes [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 4], and to confirm that this application conforms with the laws of the State where the agency/institution is located. A statement is available for signature on page 16 of this application form.

In addition, **subnational governments**, which are governmental entities at the state, provincial, local, territories or regional level that have been elected must have, according to the requirements of Article 5(c) of the IUCN Statutes:

- competences to adhere to the Statutes of IUCN;
- effective decision-making authority in the field of conservation of nature; and/or
- competences to provide for the equitable and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources

<sup>3</sup> Government agencies shall be organisations, institutions and, when applicable, government departments, which form part of the machinery of government in a State, including those agencies of the components of federal States or of States having an analogous structure [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (b)].

<sup>4</sup> Subnational governments are governmental entities at the state, provincial, local, territories or regional level that have been elected [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (c)].

<sup>5</sup> National non-governmental organisations shall be institutions and associations incorporated within a State [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (e)].

<sup>6</sup> International non-governmental organisations shall be institutions and associations organized in two or more States [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (f)].

<sup>7</sup> Indigenous peoples' organisations shall be institutions and associations established by indigenous peoples for the advancement of indigenous communities [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (g)]

<sup>8</sup> Affiliate Members shall be government agencies, national and international non-governmental organisations, which are not in Categories A or B [IUCN Statutes, Article 5 (h)]. Only Members in Categories A, B and C shall have the right to vote. [IUCN Statutes, Article 30].

## **Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)**

NGOs must comply with the following four main requirements [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 5 (a)]:

- be a not-for-profit entity which conforms with the law of the State where its seat is located;
- have been in existence for at least three years
- have a board that is autonomous and independent<sup>9</sup>; and
- have a governance structure which is transparent, accountable and representative<sup>10</sup>.

Other requirements:

- NGOs must submit a minimum of two letters of endorsement from IUCN Members in good standing<sup>11</sup> or from IUCN National/Regional Committees, IUCN Councillors or IUCN Honorary Members<sup>12</sup>. All related links are available on page 7 of this form. Letters of endorsement **must address the following questions**, approved by the IUCN Council, in order to confirm that the seconder knows well the applicant organisation and its activities and therefore can confirm to IUCN that the applicant meets all the requirements prescribed in the IUCN Statutes and Regulations to be accepted as an IUCN Member.
- NGOs must submit a copy of their Statutes/Bylaws/Constitution documents and their **latest annual audited financial statements together with a reconciliation (highlight) to the declaration of total expenditure**, which is used to calculate the annual IUCN membership dues. If the organisation is not required to have a statutory audit the **latest annual financial statements** approved by the Board or governing body can be provided. Total expenditure is defined as **all expenditure of the organisation during the year, irrespective of the funding source and including interest costs and taxes**.

In addition to the above requirements, any duly accredited university, similar institution of higher learning, specialized centre(s) and research institute(s), organized within a State, seeking admission in Category B [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 5 (b)] shall be:

- an academic or professional entity of high standing; and
- autonomous in administration and governance<sup>13</sup>.

## **International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs)**

INGOs must comply with the following requirements [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 6]:

- be a not-for-profit entity which conforms with the laws of the State where its seat is located<sup>14</sup>;
- have been in existence for at least three years;
- have a substantial record of activity in two or more States and out posted or country offices reporting back to Headquarters<sup>15</sup>;
- have a governing body open to nationals from at least two States;
- have a governance structure which is transparent, accountable and representative<sup>9</sup>; and

<sup>9</sup> Is deemed to mean a board whose decision-making processes adhere to the provisions contained in the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws and other constitutive institutional instruments, and are not controlled or unduly influenced through financial or other pressures exerted by government agencies or public or private entities.

<sup>10</sup> Is deemed to mean that the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws or other constitutive institutional instruments provide for a governance structure that affords the members of the organisation and/or its Board, fair and adequate participation in the business and governance of the organisation, that require the organisation to be transparent and accountable in its activities, finances and policies, and that such provisions are adhered to in the day-to-day business of the organisation.

<sup>11</sup> In good standing means that the Member is up-to-date in the payment of its IUCN membership dues up to and including the year preceding the membership application request.

<sup>12</sup> When letters of endorsement are submitted by IUCN Councillors or Honorary Members, any formal or informal relationships with the applicant must be detailed and disclosed at the time of endorsement.

<sup>13</sup> Is deemed to mean an organisation whose decision-making processes adhere to the provision contained in the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws and other constitutive institutional instruments, and is not controlled or unduly influenced through financial or other pressures exerted by government agencies or public or private entities.

<sup>14</sup> Membership applications for International NGOs must be received from the organisations' Headquarters" and "if admitted as an IUCN Member, the organisation will be registered in the country in which its HQ is based.

<sup>15</sup> Means that the organisation must operate and have activities (i.e. concrete projects) in two or more States. The organisation must have a Headquarters and two or more offices reporting back to it. Outposted staff based or hosted in partner organisations in other countries cannot be considered as outposted offices.

- have a board that is autonomous and independent<sup>16</sup>.

Other requirements:

- INGOs must submit a minimum of two letters of endorsement from IUCN Members in good standing<sup>17</sup> or from IUCN National/Regional Committees, IUCN Councillors or IUCN Honorary Members<sup>18</sup>. All related links are available on page 7 of this form. Letters of endorsement **must address the following questions**, approved by the IUCN Council, in order to confirm that the seconder knows well the applicant organisation and its activities and therefore can confirm to IUCN that the applicant meets all the requirements prescribed in the IUCN Statutes and Regulations to be accepted as an IUCN Member.
- INGOs must submit a copy of their Statutes/Bylaws/Constitution documents and their **latest annual audited financial statements together with a reconciliation (highlight) to the declaration of operating expenditure**, which is used to calculate the annual IUCN membership dues. **The report must reflect the organisations' total expenditure (i.e. in all countries in which it operates)**. If the organisation is not required to have a statutory audit the **latest annual financial statements** approved by the Board or governing body can be provided. Total expenditure is defined as **all expenditure of the organisation during the year, irrespective of the funding source and including interest costs and taxes**.
- INGOs must submit a report showing the record of their activities in two or more States and a proof of their out posted legally registered offices in States/countries (a minimum of two), which are different from where the main office or Headquarters is located. Out posted staff based or hosted in partner organisations cannot be considered as "out posted or country offices".

### **Indigenous peoples' organisations (IPOs)**

IPOs must comply with the following requirements [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 5 bis]:

- Be a not-for-profit entity which conforms with the law of the State where its seat is located;
- Have been in existence for at least three years;
- Be autonomous in administration and governance<sup>19</sup>; and
- Have, as its primary constituency, indigenous peoples.

Other requirements:

- IPOs must submit a minimum of two letters of endorsement from IUCN Members in good standing<sup>17</sup> or from IUCN National/Regional Committees, IUCN Councillors or IUCN Honorary Members<sup>18</sup>. All related links are available on page 7 of this form. Letters of endorsement **must address the following questions**, approved by the IUCN Council, in order to confirm that the seconder knows the applicant organisation and its activities well and therefore can confirm to IUCN that the applicant meets all the requirements prescribed in the IUCN Statutes and Regulations to be accepted as an IUCN Member.

IPOs must submit a copy of their Statutes/Bylaws/Constitution documents and their **latest annual audited financial statements together with a reconciliation (highlight) to the declaration of total expenditure**, which is used to calculate the annual IUCN membership dues. If the organisation is not required to have a statutory audit the **latest annual financial statements** approved by the Board or governing body can be provided. Total expenditure is defined **all expenditure of the organisation during the year, irrespective of the funding source and including interest costs and taxes**.

### **Affiliates (AF)**

Government agencies, Subnational governments, National/International Non-Governmental Organisations and Indigenous peoples' organisations wishing to apply as Affiliates, are still required to fulfil the requirements of the relative aforementioned membership categories (refer to the above requirements depending on the status of your organisation/institution).

<sup>16</sup> Is deemed to mean a board whose decision-making processes adhere to the provisions contained in the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws and other constitutive institutional instruments, and are not controlled or unduly influenced through financial or other pressures exerted by government agencies or public or private entities.

<sup>17</sup> In good standing means that the Member is up-to-date in the payment of its IUCN membership dues up to and including the year preceding the membership application request.

<sup>18</sup> When letters of endorsement are submitted by IUCN Councillors or Honorary Members, any formal or informal relationships with the applicant must be detailed and disclosed at the time of endorsement.

<sup>19</sup> Is deemed to mean an organisation whose decision-making processes adhere to the provision contained in the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws and other constitutive institutional instruments, and is not controlled or duly influenced through financial or other pressures exerted by government agencies or public or private entities.

All Affiliate Members pay the same rate, as indicated in the [Membership Dues Guide](#), and therefore it is not necessary to provide a copy of your latest annual audited financial report with your application.

Affiliate Members do not have the right to vote, nominate candidates or submit Motions to the World Conservation Congress (Article 12 (b) of IUCN Statutes).

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## What are the main steps of the IUCN Membership application/admission process?

(IUCN Regulations, Articles 12-18, describe the application process.)

- Deadlines for membership applications to be received by the Membership Focal Point are 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December every year. During the admission process, all communications will be undertaken via electronic means (email).
- [The Membership Focal Point in your region](#) will ensure that your application is complete and make a first evaluation of your application based on the requirements of the IUCN Statutes and Regulations. It will then be sent to the Membership & Commissions Support Unit at IUCN Headquarters for final review, consolidation and processing. At the same time, a set of questions related to your application will be sent to the relevant Regional Councillor(s) and National or Regional Committee, as part of the due diligence process.
- The Director General will email notice of the applications, together with the appropriate information on the applicants, to existing IUCN Members.
- Members eligible to vote have the right to object to an application. Any such objection must reach the Director General within four weeks from the Director General's notification referred to in Regulation 14. Such an objection can only be made on the grounds that the applicant does not meet the requirements of Membership provided in the Statutes or prescribed in the Regulations. Any objections need to detail the specific grounds and particulars on which the objection is based.
- The applicant will then be given an opportunity to respond to the objection within three weeks from the Director General's notification of the objection to the applicant. The application and other related documents (except financial information), the objection and the reply from the applicant, may be shared with the relevant IUCN National/Regional Committee and other IUCN constituents as part of the due diligence process. The Membership & Commissions Support Unit will submit the file to the Governance and Constituency Committee of the IUCN Council, which, prior to each Council/Bureau meeting, considers the applications and makes recommendations to the Council/Bureau regarding the admission of applicant Members.
- The Council, and if not in session, the Bureau, shall take a decision on membership applications within a reasonable time following quarterly application deadlines. The Bureau shall seek Council's advice in a case where there is controversy associated with an application.
- Your Membership Focal Point will inform you of the Council/Bureau's decision via email. Please note that if your organisation is admitted as an IUCN Member, all subsequent communications will also be undertaken via electronic means.

## Guidance on filling in the application form

- The application form is structured with 'form fields' which you should fill in to complete the form. These fields are highlighted by their light grey background. To enter your response, please click on the highlighted fields. Some fields restrict the values you can enter (dates, numbers, etc.) depending on the question.
- You can move from one field to another using the tabulation key.
- To select an option, simply click on the corresponding box. A cross will appear in the box to identify your selection. If you make a mistake, click the box again to clear it and then click the appropriate box.
- The text entry sections of the application form have a fixed font and length. Your answers must fit in the spaces provided on the application form.
- The signature boxes are unprotected and allow you to insert your electronic signature. Alternatively, you can print the form, sign it and return it to us by mail, or electronically as a scanned document (PDF format preferred).

## Problems or questions?

Please contact the [IUCN Membership Focal Point](#) in your region who will be happy to answer all your questions.

To learn more about IUCN, visit our public website: [www.iucn.org](http://www.iucn.org)



# Membership Application Form

**Supporting documentation** (for Government agencies, Subnational governments, National and International Non-Governmental Organisations, Indigenous peoples' organisations and Affiliates):

The application form and accompanying documentation must be sent in one of the official IUCN languages: English, Spanish or French.

When submitting your application, please ensure that you have provided all the necessary information:

## Checklist:

(please tick the boxes relevant to your organisation/institution)

**Statutes/Bylaws/Articles of Association/ other statutory document of your organisation**

➤ *This is only required for National/International Non-Governmental Organisations, Indigenous peoples' organisations and NGOs/IPOs applying as Affiliates.*

In order to verify that your organisation complies with IUCN Regulations.

**Latest annual audited financial statements together with a reconciliation (highlight) to the declaration of total expenditure<sup>20</sup>. If the organisation is not required to have a statutory audit the latest annual financial statements approved by the Board or governing body can be provided.**

➤ *This is only required for National, International Non-Governmental Organisations and Indigenous peoples' organisations.*

The dues scale for National, International Non-Governmental Organisations and Indigenous peoples' organisations comprises ten different dues groups. Membership dues for National, International NGOs and IPOs are calculated based on the organisation's total expenditure<sup>19</sup>. Applicant organisations are requested to provide appropriate financial information so that the IUCN Secretariat may determine their dues group.

Please consult the [Membership Dues Guide](#)

NB: Please note that existing Members must inform the IUCN Secretariat of any important changes in their organisation which may affect their organisation's membership of IUCN, such as the category of membership or the dues group. If their Statutes and/or expenses have significantly changed since their organisation joined IUCN, they are requested to provide their [Membership Focal Point](#) with their organisation's most recent Statutes and/or financial report, including the details of their organisation's total expenses.

**Two letters of endorsement from IUCN Members in good standing<sup>21</sup> or from IUCN National/Regional Committees, IUCN Councillors or IUCN Honorary Members<sup>22</sup>.**

➤ *This is only required for National/International Non-Governmental Organisations and Indigenous peoples' organisations, and for NGOs/IPOs applying as Affiliates.*

Please consult: The Members' database: <https://www.iucn.org/our-union/members/iucn-members> -  
Our list of National and Regional Committees: <https://www.iucn.org/our-union/members/national-and-regional-committees> - IUCN Councillors: <https://www.iucn.org/about-iucn/iucn-governance/iucn-president-and-council> -  
Honorary Members : <https://www.iucn.org/our-union/members/honorary-membership-iucn>

**Deposit corresponding to the entire current year of membership**

The membership dues deposit may be paid by bank transfer, by credit card; by cheque. Payment details are given on the last page of this application form. Please consult the [Membership Dues Guide](#).

**Report of activities in two or more States and proof of out posted legally registered offices**

➤ *This is only required for International Non-Governmental Organisations.*

**Statement by the head of the agency setting forth its competence to adhere to the Statutes**

➤ *This is only required for Government agencies and Subnational governments.*

The statement is available for signature on page 16 of this application form.

**We can only process your application if all of the above has been received by the relevant application deadline.**

<sup>20</sup> Total expenditure is defined as all expenditure of the organisation during the year, irrespective of the funding source and including interest costs and taxes

<sup>21</sup> In good standing means that the Member is up-to-date in the payment of its IUCN membership dues.

<sup>22</sup> When letters of endorsement are submitted by IUCN Councillors or Honorary Members, any formal or informal relationships with the applicant must be detailed and disclosed at the time of endorsement.



**Category of IUCN membership applied for:**

*(please tick one of the boxes)*

- Government agency
- Subnational government
- National non-governmental organisation
- International non-governmental organisation
- Indigenous peoples' organisation
- Affiliate (non-voting Member)

**General Information**

*(please enter the text in the frames or tick as appropriate)*

Name of organisation *(in your own language if you use the Roman alphabet)*:

Official translation of your organisation's name into English:

Acronym: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of foundation of your organisation: \_\_\_\_\_ *(dd/mm/yyyy)*

For NGOs, INGOs and IPOs: Please indicate the amount of your organisation's annual total expenditure in US dollars, corresponding to your latest annual audited report: \_\_\_\_\_ USD

Preferred IUCN official language of your organisation:  English  Spanish  French

**Address**

**Street Address:**

Street & Street Nr: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: 

Country code	Area code	Number
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\_\_\_\_\_

Fax: 

Country code	Area code	Number
+		

\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address *(if different from the street address)*:**

Street & Street Nr or \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contacts for relations with IUCN

Please indicate in the sections below the contact details for the staff from your organisation who will be the main contact persons for relations with IUCN. It is important that you inform IUCN on a regular basis of any changes linked to these contacts (eg. staff leaving the organisation, change of e-mail address, etc), so that we can keep our database up-to-date.

#### Primary contact

This person will receive all correspondence from IUCN and is responsible for dissemination within your organisation. If you wish to nominate additional primary contacts, please contact the [Membership Focal Point](#) in your region.

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Country code Area code Number  
+ \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language for receiving correspondence  English  Spanish  French

#### Financial contact

This person will receive the invoice for the payment of membership dues and will be contacted for any membership dues issues. If you wish to nominate additional financial contacts, please contact the [Membership Focal Point](#) in your region. (To be filled in case it is a different person than main contact mentioned above)

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Country code Area code Number  
+ \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language for receiving correspondence  English  Spanish  French  
*N.B. The annual invoice will be sent in the preferred language of your organisation as indicated above.*

## Head of organisation

Please indicate the name of your Head of organisation (CEO/Director General, etc). This person will only be contacted for matters of the highest importance, e.g. to designate the Head of Delegation for Congress, for any electronic ballots, etc. (Please complete this section even if the person is the same as the contacts entered above.)

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Country code Area code Number  
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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language for receiving correspondence  English  Spanish  French

## Authorized vote holder – not required for organisations applying in the Affiliate category

The “Authorized vote holder” is the person who is authorized by the Member to receive the link to the electronic system and to cast the Member’s vote(s) when electronic votes take place. This role will be allocated by default to the person holding the role of “Head of Organisation” for NGOs, and to the person holding the role of “Primary Contact” for States, Government agencies and Subnational governments. If this role should be allocated to someone else, please indicate their contact details below:

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Country code Area code Number  
+ \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred language for receiving correspondence  English  Spanish  French

## Information about your organisation:

➔ *This is only required for national and international NGOs and NGOs applying as Affiliates*

Is your organisation a not-for-profit entity that conforms with the law of the State where its seat is located?  Yes  No

Does your organisation have a transparent, accountable and representative governance structure?<sup>23</sup>  Yes  No

Does your organisation have a board that is autonomous and independent?<sup>24</sup>  Yes  No

Does your organisation have a substantial record of activity in the conservation of nature? Provide concrete examples in the "Achievements" section of this form.  Yes  No

➔ *This is only required for universities or similar institutions:*

Is your organisation autonomous in administration and governance?<sup>25</sup>  Yes  No

➔ *This is only required for International NGOs [IUCN Regulations, Paragraph 6] and for International NGOs applying as Affiliates:*

List the countries in which your organisation has activities:

List the countries in which your organisation has out-posted or country offices reporting back to headquarters<sup>26</sup> (**please submit official documentation attesting the existence of these offices**):

Is the governing body of your organisation open to nationals from at least two States?  Yes  No  
If yes, please specify their nationalities when more than one:

Does your organisation have a substantial record of activity in the conservation of nature? Provide concrete examples in the "Achievements" section of this form.  Yes  No

➔ *This is only required for Indigenous peoples' organisations applying for IPO membership*

Is your organisation a not-for-profit entity that conforms with the law of the State where its seat is located?  Yes  No

Is your organisation autonomous in administration and governance?<sup>24</sup>  Yes  No

Does your organisation have, as its primary constituency, indigenous peoples and is it established by indigenous peoples for the advancement of indigenous communities?  Yes  No

<sup>23</sup> Is deemed to mean that the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws or other constitutive institutional instruments provide for a governance structure that affords the members of the organisation and/or its Board, fair and adequate participation in the business and governance of the organisation, that require the organisation to be transparent and accountable in its activities, finances and policies, and that such provisions are adhered to in the day-to-day business of the organisation.

<sup>24</sup> Is deemed to mean a board whose decision-making processes adhere to the provisions contained in the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws and other constitutive institutional instruments, and are not controlled or unduly influenced through financial or other pressures exerted by government agencies or public or private entities.

<sup>25</sup> Is deemed to mean an organisation whose decision-making processes adhere to the provision contained in the statutes/articles, regulations/bylaws and other constitutive institutional instruments, and is not controlled or duly influenced through financial or other pressures exerted by government agencies or public or private entities.

<sup>26</sup> Means that the organisation must operate and have activities (i.e. concrete projects) in two or more States. The organisation must have a Headquarter and two or more outposted countries offices reporting back to it. Outposted staff based or hosted in partner organisations in other countries cannot be considered as outposted offices.

Does your organisation have a substantial record of activity in the conservation of nature?  
Provide concrete examples in the "Achievements" section of this form.

Yes

No

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# Applicant's Mission, Objectives and Activities

(for all categories)

**As per the Statutes**, "the applicant has as one of its central purposes the achievement of IUCN's objectives and a substantial record of activity in the conservation of nature and natural resources.

The objectives and track record of the applicant<sup>27</sup> embody to a substantial extent:

- (i) the conservation of the integrity and diversity of nature; and, either or both:
- (ii) the aim to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable;
- (iii) dedication to influencing, encouraging and assisting societies to meet the objectives of IUCN"

[Statutes, Article 7 (b) and (c)]

**IMPORTANT:** This section will be used to notify IUCN Members of your application and in the documentation submitted to IUCN Council without editing. Please stick to the maximum number of words indicated for each field otherwise part of your text will be cut.

Name of organisation

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Country:

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Description of your organisation/institution:

Maximum 100 words

Mission/Vision of your organisation/institution:

Maximum 100 words

<sup>27</sup> These can take many forms, including field action, community involvement, research in the natural and social sciences, policy development, advocacy, legal activities, education and public awareness, and fundraising where these are for purposes in line with the mission of IUCN. While determining the relative importance of an activity is necessarily to some extent subjective, it is here considered that "substantial" can be assessed in terms of the applicant's programme and projects, resource allocations, organisational structures and outputs.

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**Summary of your organisation's/institution's objectives as they appear in your Statutes / Bylaws / Articles of Association / other statutory document:**

*Maximum 300 words*

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**Achievements:** Describe your organisation's/institution's main achievements over the last three years, in conservation, and indicate any IUCN projects, involving IUCN Members or not, in which your organisation has been involved (i.e. projects which have already been implemented, etc).

*Maximum 500 words*

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**Additional questions:**

Provide concrete examples of how your organisation contributes to conserving the integrity and diversity of nature:

Does your organisation carry out any activities that could be seen as conflicting with the conservation of the integrity and the diversity of nature and the sustainable use of resources? If so, please specify.

Is your organisation committed to engage in a respectful and collegial way with other Members of IUCN?

**Map the activities of your organisation against the [The IUCN Programme 2021-2024](#)<sup>28</sup> results that IUCN Programme Areas aim to have a positive impact on:**

- 1: People**  
*The activities of your organisation address the (global) challenges – with regard to People.*
- 2: Land**  
*The activities of your organisation address the (global) challenges – with regard to Land.*
- 3: Water**  
*The activities of your organisation address the (global) challenges – with regard to Water.*
- 4: Oceans**  
*The activities of your organisation address the (global) challenges – with regard to Oceans.*
- 5: Climate**  
*The activities of your organisation address the (global) challenges – with regard to Climate.*

<sup>28</sup> The [Nature 2030 IUCN Programme](#), for the first time, sets its ambition in a decadal timeframe (2021–2030) and is a call for mobilisation to the entire Union, through a high-level, strategic document that includes and invites contributions from the IUCN Members, Commissions and Secretariat. In addition to providing a more inclusive and extended vision, the new Programme defines broad areas of work and sets aspirational targets as well as indicators to measure success. It will help the Union deliver concrete and tangible positive impacts to People, Land, Water, Oceans and Climate using five pathways to transformative change: RECOGNISE, RETAIN, RESTORE, RESOURCE and RECONNECT.

**Please indicate your organisation's main areas of Expertise (multiple choices are possible):**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine, coastal and polar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical Gardens                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Biodiversity                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature-based solutions    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Protected areas           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystem Management                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Species management        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water management          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forests                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> World Heritage            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender  | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance and Rights                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoos and aquariums        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous People and Traditional Communities |  |

**Reason for joining IUCN**

- To share knowledge
- To network/establish partnerships
- To influence environmental policy
- To be a part of the collective voice
- Other:

Maximum 50 words



## AUTHORIZATION

➤ ***This page must be completed by the duly authorized Head of agency/organisation/institution.***

**As Head of the agency/organisation/institution I hereby confirm that the information contained in this application is correct and that** (name of organisation/institution) **shares and supports the objectives of IUCN, as required by Regulation 9 of the IUCN Statutes.**

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Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional signature (if required by your organisation):**

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ ***This is only required for Government agencies and Government agencies applying as Affiliates.***

**As Head of the agency/institution, I hereby confirm that** (name of agency/institution) **is competent to adhere to IUCN Statutes, as required by Regulation 4 of IUCN Statutes** and that this application conforms with the laws of the State in which the agency/institution is located.

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

➔ **This is only required for Subnational governments to confirm requirements from Article 5(c) and Regulation 4 of the IUCN Statutes.**

**As Head of the agency/institution, I hereby confirm that** \_\_\_\_\_ (name of agency/institution) is a governmental entity at the \_\_\_\_\_ (state, provincial, local, territories or regional) level that has been **elected** in accordance with the rules in force in \_\_\_\_\_ (State/country) and is **autonomous in any decision-making process**, i.e that its decisions are not governed by the government/State of \_\_\_\_\_ (State/country). This confirms that we have:

- i. Competences to adhere to the Statutes of IUCN
- ii. Effective decision-making authority in the field of conservation of nature; and/or
- iii. Competences to provide for the equitable and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources

I confirm that this application conforms with the laws of the State in which the agency/institution is located.

Title: (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Dr/ Prof /Other) \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

