



IUCN membership FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

❖ **What are the benefits of joining IUCN?**

Please click [here](#)

❖ **My organisation wants to apply for IUCN membership. How do we apply?**

Please click on the following [link](#) for information and how to apply for membership.

The IUCN Membership Focal Point (MFP) that is based in your region is also available to help with your membership application. Please click here for [contact details](#).

❖ **Can an individual join IUCN?**

Individuals with conservation expertise are not eligible for IUCN membership but can join one of our [expert Commissions](#).

❖ **Can private companies join IUCN ?**

Companies and businesses are not eligible for consideration as members of IUCN. However, IUCN has a variety of partnerships with businesses in many countries. If your business would like to explore a partnership opportunity with IUCN, please contact the IUCN business engagement unit via email: faridah.ibrahim@iucn.org and ian.gunderson@iucn.org.

❖ **Where can I find the current list of IUCN Members?**

Please click [here](#).

❖ **Where do I find information on the IUCN membership dues?**

Please click [here](#) for the Dues Guide.

❖ **Where do I find my organisation's membership dues invoice?**

Invoices for membership dues and current balance are available in the [Union Portal](#) in the "IUCN Members" tab under your "Membership dues account" section.

❖ **How can I get access to the Union Portal?**

If you are staff of an IUCN Member organisation - and already in our database - you can access the [Union Portal](#) and create your user account.

❖ **Payment of membership dues.**

Payments must be made in Swiss Francs (CHF) by bank transfer (bank account details below) or by credit card (up to CHF 5,000) through the [Union Portal](#) "IUCN Members" tab, in the "Membership dues account" section.

Payments made by credit card will take up to 20 days for the payment to be realised and reflected on your membership dues account on the [Union Portal](#);

Payments made by bank transfer will be reflected on your membership dues account in the [Union Portal](#) once the funds are realised in IUCN's bank account.

Details for payment by bank transfer

- Beneficiary Name: IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
- Bank: UBS Switzerland AG, Place St. Francois 16, CH-1002 Lausanne, Switzerland
- Currency: CHF (Swiss Francs)
- IBAN/Bank Account No.: CH23 0024 3243 3350 3501 W

- SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A

Please note: Member must bear all bank charges. Please quote the invoice number and your Member ID when making payment and inform your Membership Focal Point if the payment is made to the Regional Office directly or through a third party to help with the follow-up.

❖ **Can I make payment in a currency other than the Swiss franc (CHF)?**

Membership dues are payable in Swiss francs. If payment is made in another currency, any shortfall or excess – following the conversion of the payment - will be recorded in your Member account and next year's invoice will be adjusted accordingly.

❖ **I need a receipt for the payment of membership dues. What do I need to do?**

Receipts are issued when funds are realised and are available in the [Union Portal](#) in the "IUCN Members" tab under your "Membership dues account" section. It may take up to 20 days, after payments are processed, for receipts to be available for download.

If you are a new staff – and need to be added to our database – please contact your Membership Focal Point ([MFP](#)) providing him/her with your first and last names, email address, Member name and country/location.

❖ **Category change request**

IUCN Members can choose to transfer from one membership category to another. However, a request for transfer is subject to approval by the IUCN Council which sits 4 times per year. Hence, to begin your category change request, we advise that you contact your [Membership Focal Point](#), to know when next council will meet.

Request shall submitted in advance by written notice by the Members, via completing and returning the [category change request](#) form to the IUCN the [Membership Focal Point](#) of your Region or the [Membership Support Unit](#). The request shall indicate the Membership category the Member wishes to change for, as well as the reasons of the change. Change will only take effect upon the Council's approval at their next meeting and will not be retroactive.

❖ **Withdrawal**

IUCN Members can withdraw voluntarily at any time by submitting a written notice to the Director General. The written notification must be dated and signed by the Head of the organisation and sent to the regional [Membership Focal Point](#) or to the Membership Support Unit. The request shall specify the reasons of the withdrawal and answer IUCN membership exit questions.

Membership withdrawal is not retroactive. Members withdrawing from the Union shall not be entitled to any refund of membership dues paid and must ensure that all outstanding membership dues are paid up to and including the year of the notification of withdrawal.

❖ **Dues re assessment request**

Every four years, the Secretariat undertakes a re-assessment of the due's groups for Members in Category B and C to determine their dues group for the next quadrennial or until a new Dues Guide is approved by Members.

If your organisation's expenses have significantly changed since the last dues reassessment, please provide your [Membership Focal Point](#) with your organisation's financial reports and required declaration of expenses for the last 3 years to enable the re assessment of your membership dues. The dues group will be based on the average of the last 3 years.

Request for membership dues re assessment can be submitted until December 31st, with an open invoice for the running year. No retroactive change will apply.

❖ **I can't find the answer to my question on this page.**

If the answer to your question is not in the list of options above, please check the [IUCN Statutes and Regulations](#) and the [Membership Dues Guide](#). You can also contact the [Membership Focal Point](#) in your region or your [country office](#).