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Day 2 (4 September 2024)

Time	Session and Description	Agenda	Session and Description	Agenda
0900-1015	III-a. Nature 2030 Programme Areas: progress towards impact targets and continuing strategic relevance		III-b. Emerging Programme Priorities in Asia for 2026-29	
	Parallel session 1: Water and Wetlands (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 1	Opening: James Dalton, Global Water & Wetlands Team Director, IUCN Water and Wetlands Programme in IUCN Asia - An overview: Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Panel discussion Moderator: Alejandro Iza, Global Environmental Law Team Director, IUCN Ramsar and wetlands conservation- Praon Udomprasert, Director, The Wetland Convention (Ramsar) Subdivision, Department of Water Resources Thailand and IBRRI Chair;	Parallel session 2: Financing conservation (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 2	Opening: Dr Dindo Campilan, Regional Director, IUCN Asia Financing conversation- An overview: Anshuman Saikia, Portfolio Manager Asia and Oceania - Multilateral Finance (GEF, GCF), IUCN Panel discussion Moderator: Jake Brunner, Head, Lower Mekong Sub-region, IUCN Asia Challenges and opportunities for investing in biodiversity and NbS- Hui Hui Zhou, Environmental & Social, Climate, Gender, Biodiversity Officer - Southeast Asia, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Thailand

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		- Youth engagement in water diplomacy- Brinda Kashyap, member of IUCN Meghna Water Futures programme - Rivers, more than water – Paul Sein Twa Director of the Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN) - The importance of cooperation on shared basins - Malik Fida Abdullah Khan, Executive Director, CEGIS and member of the National River Conservation Commission of Bangladesh Q&A Summary and wrap-up		- Use of IUCN Green List to certify conservation financing- Victor Gustaaf Manoppo, DG, Marine Spatial and Ocean Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Indonesia - Community fisheries and sustainable financing in Cambodia- Rasmey Luy, Executive Director, Culture and Environment Preservation Association (CEPA), Cambodia - Tiger Conservation Coalition (TCC), a sustainable financing plan for tiger conservation- Maya Bankova, Director, Middle East & Asia Hub, Panthera Q&A Summary and wrap-up
	Parallel session 3: Species actions (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 3	Opening: ‘We can make a difference’ - Vivek Menon, IUCN Councillor Asia programme- An overview: Alex McWilliam, Senior Programme Officer, Species, IUCN Asia Panel discussion Moderator: Alex McWilliam, Senior Programme Officer, Species, IUCN Asia - Species champions – local engagement and leadership - Hà Thăng Long, Chairman, GreenViet, Viet Nam - Networks and partnerships – enhancing conservation in synergy - Hai Alex Zhang, Secretary General, Eco Foundation Global, China - Balancing priorities – a perspective from Nepal - Bed Kumar Dhakal, Deputy Director General,	Parallel session 4: Reimagining Asian cities (75 mins) Room: Riverside VI and VII	Opening: Radhika Murti, Director, Centre for Societal Transformation, IUCN Asia programme- An overview: Satrio Adi Wicaksono, Programme Officer, Forests, IUCN Asia Panel discussion Moderator: Satrio Adi Wicaksono, Programme Officer, Forests, IUCN Asia - NbS guidelines and tools for mainstreaming urban biodiversity- Jennifer Rae Pierce, Political Ecologist and Urban Biodiversity Planner, Urban Biodiversity Hub & Lead, IUCN CEM Urban Ecosystems Specialist Group - Regional challenges and opportunities, including in relation to capacity-building and financing, for mainstreaming biodiversity and implementing NbS- Sanjeevani Singh, Economic

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		Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Nepal - Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP) – catalysing and accelerating action for the most threatened species - Nerissa Chao, Director, IUCN Species Survival Commission, Asian Species Action Partnership - Global Species Action Plan (GSAP) – our guide to halt biodiversity loss - Dao Nguyen, Senior Programme Manager, Conservation Action, IUCN Q&A Summary and wrap-up		Affairs Officer, Sustainable Urban Development, UNESCO - Urban-nature integration lessons, highlighting the role of data and technology- Lim Liang Jim, Group Director for Conservation and Senior Director for International Biodiversity Conservation, National Parks Board of Singapore - Policy shifts and multistakeholder partnership to mainstream urban NbS- Pronphrom N.S. Vikitsreth, Adviser to the Governor of Bangkok & Chief Sustainability Officer, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration - Embedding urban NbS into provincial and national plans- Jeeranuch Sakkhamduang, Expert, Thailand Environment Institute - Civil society's role in advocating for sustainable and liveable cities- Sameer Hamid Dodhy, Vice Chair, Shehri: Citizens for a Better Environment Q&A Summary and wrap-up
1015-1045	Networking break (30 mins)			
1045-1200	Parallel session 5: Healthy Lands (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 1	Opening: Theresa Mundita Lim, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity Overview of the Asia programme: Khalid Pasha, Coordinator, Regional Protected and Conserved Areas, IUCN Asia Presentations Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Goal A: Restoring Habitats,	Parallel session 6: NbS for Climate Action (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 2	Opening: Radhika Murti, Director, Centre for Societal Transformation, IUCN Overview: IUCN Asia's NbS for Climate Programme: Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Panel discussion

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		Rewilding and Scaling up effective governance and management for area-based conservation- Trevor Sandwith – Director, IUCN Centre for Conservation Action • Role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) – Act30 and KM-GBF Target-3 - James Hardcastle, Head IUCN Protected and Conserved Areas • Creating Pathways for Securing Healthy Ecosystems – IUCN Green List- Siti Zuraidah Abidin, Senior Manager, Terrestrial Conservation Programme and Lavaniadevi Gopalakrishnan, Senior Programme Officer, Protected Areas, WWF, Malaysia • Restoring and sustaining Asian forest landscapes for Biodiversity and Human well-being - Sheila Wertz, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Q&A Panel discussion on One Health and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Moderator: Dao Nguyen, Senior Programme Manager, Conservation Action, IUCN • Marie-Yon Struecker, Biodiversity & One Health Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) • Kinley Choden, Animal Health Officer, World Organisation for Animal Health • Sudhir Misra, Founder & Managing Partner, TrustLegal		Moderator: Kathryn Bimson, Programme Officer, Water, Wetlands and Nature-based Solutions for Climate, IUCN Asia • Opportunities to mainstream NbS for climate in the Hindu Kush Himalaya - Srijana Joshi Rijal, Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD • Strengthening local governance of NbS in forests and agriculture - Trees4All Initiative funded by Global EbA Fund- David J Ganz, Executive Director, RECOFTC • NbS for climate in China – Luo Ming, Deputy Director of the NbS Asia Hub, Ministry of Natural Resources China • Regional financing for NbS - the Nature Solutions Finance Hub, Anouj Mehta, Country Director, Asian Development Bank Thailand Resident Mission Q&A Summary and wrap-up- Radhika Murti, Director, Centre for Societal Transformation, IUCN

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		James Compton, Thematic Lead, Wildlife Trade and One Health, TRAFFIC and Project Leader, USAID Wildlife TRAPS Q&A Summary and wrap-up		
	Parallel session 7: Healthy Ocean (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 3	Opening: Maeve Nightingale, Senior Programme Officer, Coastal and Marine, IUCN Asia Panel discussion - Achieving Regenerative Blue Economy in Asia- Yingfeng Guo, National Marine Hazard Mitigation Service (NMHMS) of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) of China (TBC); Frank Griffin, Executive Director, The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF), Sakanan Plathong, Prince Songkhla University - Achieving 30x30 in the Marine Realm- Brigitta Maria Andrea Gunawan, Young Explorer and ocean advocate; Dr Balaji Vedharajan Founder OMCAR Foundation - Marine plastic pollution in Asi - Ana Maria Kumarasamy, Associate Programme Officer, Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter Secretariat of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), UNEP Q&A Summary of the session- Tim Badman, World Heritage and Culture Team Director, IUCN	Parallel session 8: Transforming agri-food systems (75 mins) Room: Riverside VI and VII	Opening: Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Director General (TBC) Overview of IUCN's work on agriculture and food systems: Ludovic Larbodière, Senior Expert for Agriculture and Environment, IUCN Panel discussion Moderator: Raquibul Amin, Head, Programme Management, IUCN Asia - Intersection of biodiversity and food security- Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh (TBC) - Sustainability challenges and areas for shared collaboration- Glenn Gregorio, Center Director, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) - Lessons shared by Members on sustainable agriculture approaches - Archana Jagdish Godbole, Director, Applied Environmental Research Foundation, India (TBC) - Vu Thi Bich Hop, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Rural Development Q&A Summary and wrap-up