



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

114th Meeting of the IUCN Council

Virtual, 16 September 2025

Decisions

Approval of the Agenda

COUNCIL DECISION C114/1

The IUCN Council,
Adopts the Agenda of its 114th Meeting. ([Annexe 1](#))

Amendments to the IUCN Regulations

COUNCIL DECISION C114/2

The IUCN Council,
On the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC),
Modifies its decision C113/7, paragraph 4 by tabling approval in second and final reading at the virtual meeting of Council to be held before the 2025 Congress instead of deferring this decision to the next Council, and
Adopts, in second and final reading, the proposed amendment to Regulation 94 institutionalizing Member e-votes approved by Council in first reading in May 2025 (Decision C113/7, paragraph 4) taking into account the comments received from Members in accordance with Articles 101-103 of the Statutes. ([Annexe 2](#))

Membership applications

COUNCIL DECISION C114/3

The IUCN Council,
On the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC),
Approves the admission of forty-two (42) Members ([Annexe 3](#));
Defers the consideration of the Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust (Zimbabwe) and TA Foundation for Animal Protection (China) until additional information has been received;
Rejects the admission of the Jesuit Foundation for Education (Thailand), Parc Animalier d'Auvergne (France), and Association Internationale des Producteurs de l'Horticulture (Belgium).
Takes note of the name change of the following IUCN Members:

Member ID	Previous name	New name	Country
NG/1140	Pronatura A.C.	Pronatura México A.C.	Mexico
NG/24898	Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association	Zimbabwe Environmental Law Organisation	Zimbabwe
ST/109	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de la Pêche Maritime, du Développement Rural et des Eaux et Forêts	Agence Nationale des Eaux et Forêts	Morocco

Recognition of a National Committee

COUNCIL DECISION C114/4

The IUCN Council,
On the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC),
Recognizes the IUCN National Committee of Albania.

IUCN World Protected and Conserved Areas Congress 2027

COUNCIL DECISION C114/5

The IUCN Council,

Endorses the selection of [...]¹ to host the IUCN World Protected and Conserved Area Congress 2027, subject to the successful negotiation of a Hosting Agreement;

Recommends to the Director-General to proceed with negotiations towards the conclusion of the Hosting Agreement that will permit the detailed planning and resourcing of the IUCN World Protected and Conserved Area Congress 2027 to proceed without delay.

¹ The name of the selected host country will not be published until the negotiation of a hosting agreement will have been successfully concluded.

114th Meeting of the IUCN Council (C114)

Virtual (Zoom), 16 September 2025, midday to 14:00 UTC

Agenda

In this agenda, INF means for information, no discussion/decision required unless Council decides otherwise; DIS means for discussion in view of providing feedback or guidance; DEC means a decision is required

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Update from the Director General The DG will present and update on activities since the last Council meeting. <u>Documents/presentations:</u> C114/2 PPT DG's update to Council 16 Sep 2025
3. Amendments to the Regulations 3.1 <u>Amendments to Regulations 85 and 94</u> Approval in second reading of the proposed amendments to Regulations 85 regarding the Legal Adviser and 94 about institutionalizing intersessional Member e-votes taking into account comments from IUCN Members received by 6 September 2025 and the recommendations from GCC (Council decisions C113/7, paragraph 4 and C113/25) <u>Documents:</u> - C114/3/1 Amendments to Regulations 85 and 94 - See also C114/4/1 GCC22 Outcomes and recommendations to Council 4 September 2025
4. Membership applications Thirty eight (38) new membership applications considered by GCC on 4 September 2025 together with any applications deferred from previous meetings such as GCC 21 held on 15 July 2025. <u>Documents:</u> C114/4/1 GCC22 Outcomes and recommendations to Council 4 September 2025
5. Truth and reconciliation Update from CEESP in consultation with WCPA and the Conservation and Human Rights TF on the future direction of IUCN's approach to truth and reconciliation – as requested by Council decision C113/9. <u>Documents:</u> - C114/5/1 Expanded Evidence, Imperatives, Progress, and Recommendations for an IUCN Truth and Reconciliation Process - C114/5/2 Preliminary Brief - Exploring Indigenous-led & Collaborative Stewardship in the Context of IUCN - C114/5/3 Draft Council decision – Truth and Reconciliation
6. IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 6.1 <u>Updates from the Congress Preparatory Committee and the Director General on Congress preparations</u> <u>Documents/presentations:</u> C114/6.1 PPT CPC Chair's Report 16.09.2025 6.2 <u>Congress Communications</u> Briefing with recommendations for Council members requested by CPC14, 23 July 2025 6.3 <u>Membership of Congress committees</u> Update from CPC14, 23 July 2025

6.4 <u>Draft Congress Declaration</u> Update from CPC15, 20 August 2025 <u>Document:</u> • C114/6.4 Abu Dhabi Call to Action – draft – 15 Sep 2025 (circulated to Council members by the Chair of CPC on 15 September for comments by 17 September) 6.5 <u>Update from the Motions Working Group</u> <u>Documents/presentations:</u> • C114/6.5 PPT MWG Update C114 16.09.2025
7. Recommendations from the outgoing to the incoming Council For presentation during the first meeting of the new Council in Abu Dhabi on 16 October.
8. IUCN World Protected and Conserved Areas Congress 2027 The Director General will brief Council on the outcome of the process for selecting the venue of the <i>IUCN World Protected and Conserved Areas Congress 2027</i> (previously called “World Parks Congress”)
9. Any other business 9.1 <u>Objection addressed to the Secretariat and the Election Officer by a candidate for Councillor elected from the Regions against the validation of another candidate for Councillor elected from the Regions</u>

Amendment to the IUCN Regulations

Approved in second reading by Council on 16 September 2025

Existing provisions of the Regulations	Proposed amendments (with track changes)	New text as amended (all track changes 'accepted')
Proposal 2: Clarify the procedure for mail/electronic ballot (Regulation 94)		
Purpose: To institutionalise Member e-votes and plan for them accordingly as an inherent part of IUCN's governance by establishing in advance two dates per year for Member e-votes on any questions raised by Council or by Members in conformity with the Art. 94 of the Statutes, instead of calling for an e-vote on an ad hoc basis whenever an issue arises		
Regulation 94	Regulation 94 [...] <i>(insert new paragraph i.)</i> <u>i. Electronic ballots shall be scheduled to open in the third week of May or in the third week of November, except if urgent circumstances require the Council to determine another date.</u>	Regulation 94 [...] <i>(insert new paragraph i.)</i> i. Electronic ballots shall be scheduled to open in the third week of May or in the third week of November, except if urgent circumstances require the Council to determine another date.
Explanatory note for IUCN Members: The set dates will enable the Secretariat to advise IUCN Members of the six-monthly deadlines for receiving any requests for electronic ballots under Article 94 of the Statutes. Taking into account that the online discussion (Regulation 94, paragraph a.) takes at least four weeks and the second formal notice must be sent at least three weeks before opening the vote, the six-monthly deadlines should fall in mid-February (for the vote opening in May) or in Mid-August (for the vote opening in November). This timing also includes four weeks following the deadline for preparation of the first formal notice and online discussion (incl. translation of proposals on which to vote) and one week between the end of the online discussion and the second formal notice (incl. translation of any amendments to the proposals agreed during the online discussion). The same timeline will be applied for request from e-votes from the Council, noting that in this proposal, the end of the online discussion falls in the period in which the ordinary meeting of the Council is usually held – enabling the Council, as required, to reconsider its own proposals in light of the results of the online discussion.		

Membership applications submitted by 30/06/2025

Africa							
Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
Indian Ocean Tortoise Alliance	IOTA	Seychelles	https://www.lotaseychelles.org	NGO	[Member] Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment [Africa]	[Member] ISLAND BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION [Africa]	APPROVE View
Big Life Limited	BLL	Kenya	https://biglife.org/	NGO	[Member] World Land Trust [West Europe]	[Member] Wildlife Research and Training Institute [Africa]	APPROVE View
Civil Alliance for the Environment in Ammelne (ACEA)	ACEA	Morocco	https://allianceammeline.org/	NGO	[Member] Réseau des Associations de la Réserve de Biosphère Arganeraie [Africa]	[Member] Association des Enseignants des Sciences de la Vie et de la Terre [Africa]	APPROVE View
DECENTAS		Cameroon	http://www.decentas.org	NGO	[Member] Cameroun Ecologie [Africa]	[Member] Nature Tropicale [Africa]	APPROVE View
Support Structure for the Development of Local Initiatives in Togo	SADIL-TOGO	Togo	https://www.sadiltogo.org/sadil-togo/	NGO	[Member] AGBO-ZEGUE ONG : Association Togolaise pour la Conservation de la Nature [Africa]	[Member] Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement [Africa]	APPROVE View
Southern Tanzania Elephant Program	STEP	United Republic of Tanzania	https://stzelephants.or.tz/	NGO	[Member] Association pour le Développement des Aires Protégées [West Europe]	[Member] Tanzania National Parks [Africa]	APPROVE View
Tunisian Association For Wildlife	ATVS	Tunisia	https://www.facebook.com/ATVSTUNISIE/?locale=fr_FR	NGO	[Member] Association Tunisienne de Taxonomie [Africa]	[Member] Notre Grand Bleu [Africa]	APPROVE View
The Green Belt Movement	GBM	Kenya	https://www.greenbeltmovement.org/	NGO	[Member] Wildlife Clubs of Kenya [Africa]	[Member] Conservation Alliance of Kenya [Africa]	APPROVE View
Community Leaders Network of Southern Africa	CLN	Namibia	https://www.communityleadersnetwork.org	NGO	[Member] ResourceAfrica South Africa [Africa]	[Member] Jamma International [West Europe]	APPROVE View
East Europe, North and Central Asia							
Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
SunChild Nature and Culture Preservation NGO	SunChild NGO	Armenia	http://sunchild.am	NGO	[Member] Fundación Habitat y Desarrollo [Meso and South America]	[Member] World Land Trust [West Europe]	APPROVE View
Meso and South America							
Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
Municipality of Acatenango	Muni Acatenango	Guatemala	https://www.facebook.com/@municipalidad.acatenango/	SN			APPROVE View
North America and the Caribbean							
Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
Polar Bears International	PBI	United States of America	https://polarbearsinternational.org/	NGO	[Member] Association of Zoos and Aquariums [North America and the Caribbean]	[Member] Wildlife Conservation Society [North America and the Caribbean]	APPROVE View
Families in Nature	FIN	United States of America	https://familiesinnature.org	NGO	[Councillor] Mr Sean SOUTHEY [North America and the Caribbean]	[Member] Wildlife Clubs of Kenya [Africa]	APPROVE View

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Water For People		United States of America	https://www.waterforpeople.org/	INGO - AF	[Member] Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust [Africa]	[Member] Instituto Nacional de Bosques [Meso and South America]	APPROVE	View
Knoxville Zoological Gardens, Inc., dba Zoo Knoxville		United States of America	http://zooknoxville.org	NGO	[Member] Association of Zoos and Aquariums [North America and the Caribbean]	[Member] World Association of Zoos and Aquariums [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
American Prairie Foundation	AP	United States of America	http://americanprairie.org	NGO - AF	[Member] Center for Large Landscape Conservation [North America and the Caribbean]	[Member] Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative [North America and the Caribbean]	APPROVE	View
Oceania								
Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council	
4nature		Australia	http://4nature.org	NGO	[Member] Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute [Oceania]	[Member] TierraMar Ltd [Oceania]	APPROVE	View
Australian Land Conservation Alliance	ALCA	Australia	https://alca.org.au/	NGO	[Committee] Australian National Committee of IUCN Members [Oceania]	[Councillor] Mr Peter COCHRANE [Oceania]	APPROVE	View
Environmental Justice Australia	EIA	Australia	https://envirojustice.org.au	NGO	[Member] Australian Marine Conservation Society [Oceania]	[Member] WWF-Australia [Oceania]	APPROVE	View
South and East Asia								
Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council	
Shenzhen Yantian Ecological Environment Protection Foundation	SZYTEEPF	China		NGO	[Member] China Mangrove Conservation Network (legal name: Putian Green Sprout Coastal Wetlands Research Center) [South and East Asia]	[Member] Guangzhou Green City Environmental and Cultural Development Center [South and East Asia]	APPROVE	View
Sindh Forest Department	SFD	Pakistan	https://sindhforests.gov.pk/	GA			APPROVE	View
Hainan Green Island Tropical Rainforest Public Welfare Foundation	GIWF	China	https://www.hnldjjh.org.cn/	NGO	[Member] China Mangrove Conservation Network (legal name: Putian Green Sprout Coastal Wetlands Research Center) [South and East Asia]	[Member] Guangzhou Green City Environmental and Cultural Development Center [South and East Asia]	APPROVE	View
Association of Mandala Katalika	Manka	Indonesia	https://manka.id	NGO	[Member] Directorate General Ecosystem and Natural Resources Conservation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry [South and East Asia]	[Member] Yayasan Belantara [South and East Asia]	APPROVE	View
West Asia								
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Mohamed Bin Zayed Raptor Conservation Fund LLC		United Arab Emirates	http://www.mbzraptorfund.org	NGO	[Member] International Fund For Houbara Conservation [West Asia]	[Member] Environment Agency Abu Dhabi [West Asia]	APPROVE	View
West Europe								
Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council	
Arcachon Bay Conservation		France	https://zoodubassin-arcachon.com/le-zoo/association-bassin-arcachon	NGO	[Member] Association Française des Parcs Zoologiques [West Europe]	[Member] BIOPARC CONSERVATION [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
Pelargos NATURA A.M.K.E.		Greece	http://www.pelargosnatura.com	NGO	[Member] Elliniki Etairia Meleths kai Prostasias Mesogeiakis Fwkias [West Europe]	[Member] Zoologische Gesellschaft für Arten- und Populationsschutz e.V. [West Europe]	APPROVE	View

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Branfere Nature School	ENB	France	https://ecole.branfere.com/	NGO	[Member] Association Française des Parcs Zoologiques [West Europe]	[Member] BIOPARC CONSERVATION [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
Adventure Zoo Hannover	EZH	Germany	https://www.zoo-hannover.de/	NGO - AF	[Member] Zoo Leipzig GmbH [West Europe]	[Member] Zoologischer Garten Berlin AG [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
Aquarium-Muséum Universitaire de Liège	AqMu ASBL	Belgium	http://www.aquarium-museum.be	NGO	[Member] Association Française des Parcs Zoologiques [West Europe]	[Member] Association Beauval Nature pour la Conservation et la Recherche [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
Ecosystem Restoration Foundation	ERF	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	https://www.ecosystemrestorationcommunities.org/	NGO	[Member] Commonland [West Europe]	[Member] Rewilding Europe [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
National Forest Office	ONF	France	https://www.onf.fr/	GA - AF			APPROVE	View
Fota Wildlife Park		Ireland	https://www.fotawildlife.ie	NGO	[Member] British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums [West Europe]	[Member] European Association of Zoos and Aquaria [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
CERZA Conservation		France	https://www.cerza.com/	NGO	[Committee] Comité national de l'UICN, France [West Europe]	[Member] BIOPARC CONSERVATION [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
Renewables Grid Initiative	RGI	Germany	https://renewables-grid.eu/	NGO	[Member] BirdLife International [West Europe]	[Member] Royal Society for the Protection of Birds [West Europe]	APPROVE	View
Forest & Nature	F&N	Belgium	http://foret-naturalite.be	NGO	[Member] Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland [West Europe]	[Member] World Wide Fund for Nature - Belgium [West Europe]	APPROVE	View

Membership Applications deferred by GCC 21, and approved by GCC 22

East Europe, North and Central Asia						
Organisation	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	Armenia	https://ace.aua.am/	NGO	[Member] HH GAA A. TAKHTAJYANI ANVAN BUSABANUTYAN INSTITUT [East Europe, North and Central Asia]	[Member] Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets [East Europe, North and Central Asia]	APPROVE
Oceania						
Organisation	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
Minderoo	Australia	https://www.minderoo.org/	NGO	[Member] The Pew Charitable Trusts [North America and the Caribbean]	[Member] Western Indian Ocean Marine Sciences Association [Africa]	APPROVE
South and East Asia						
Organisation	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
Association for Humanitarian Development	Pakistan	http://www.ahdpak.org/	NGO	[Member] Health and Nutrition Development Society [South and East Asia]	[Member] Human Resource Development Network [South and East Asia]	APPROVE
National Disability & Development Forum (NDF)	Pakistan	https://ndfpakistan.org	NGO	[Member] Azat Foundation [South and East Asia]	[Member] Baanhn Beli [South and East Asia]	APPROVE
West Asia						
Organisation	Statutory state	Website	Category	Endorser name 1	Endorser name 2	GCC recommendation to Council
Hikumeta Herema Kurdistan	Iraq	https://gov.krd/english/	SN			APPROVE
West Europe						
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European Sustainable Use Group	Belgium	http://esug.sycl.net	NGO	[Councillor] Dr Hilde Eggermont [West Europe]	[Member] International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey [West Europe]	APPROVE
AUTORIDAD PORTUARIA DE CARTAGENA - DEPARTAMENTO SOSTENIBILIDAD	Spain	http://www.apc.es/	GA (affiliate)			APPROVE