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TO ALL MEMBERS OF IUCN
IN CATEGORIES A AND B
IN THE OCEANIA REGION
By electronic mail

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Dear Colleague,

Replacement of IUCN Regional Councillor for Oceania

I am writing to inform you that Mr Lionel Gibson, elected by the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona in October 2008 as IUCN Regional Councillor for Oceania, has resigned from the IUCN Council due to his current work commitments.

In a message to Lionel, IUCN President Ashok Khosla emphasized that IUCN has been fortunate to benefit from his dedication and knowledge, and thanked him, on behalf of IUCN's Council, for his invaluable contributions to the Conservation Movement.

The Council, in accordance with the provisions of the IUCN Statutes (Article 43), is now proceeding to fill the vacant position for the balance of the current term.

I have pleasure in inviting IUCN Members in the Oceania Region eligible to vote, to nominate candidates from the Region for this vacancy. The role, functions and qualifications of Regional Councillors are set out in the Council Handbook, in particular on pages 7 to 12 and 54 to 67. [See the web links to the Members' Portal or the IUCN website at the end of my letter.]

Nominations are to be submitted to the Nominating Committee, c/o Mr. Luc De Wever, Governance Officer, at IUCN Headquarters, Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland, Switzerland, or luc.dewever@iucn.org, for receipt at the latest on 25 July 2009.

All nominations shall be submitted together with an abbreviated curriculum vitae for each candidate, supplied by that candidate. Each candidate shall declare in writing – by letter or email to the Nominating Committee c/o Luc De Wever, Governance Officer, luc.dewever@iucn.org - a willingness to serve if elected, and subscribe to the Code of Conduct for Councillors and the Performance Commitment for IUCN Councillors as laid down in the Council Handbook.

The Vice-Presidents of IUCN, acting as the Nominating Committee, will nominate one or more candidates for election to Council from the nominations they receive from IUCN Members. The Nominating Committee will be guided by the criteria established in the Council Handbook.

Candidates for election as Regional Councilors shall be nationals of a State in the Oceania Region, and shall be resident in the Region. The list of States of the Oceania Region can be found in the Annex to the IUCN Statutes at the following link: http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/statutes_en.pdf

While there is no restriction on nominating more than one candidate from a particular country, not more than one Regional Councillor may be elected from any one State. (Statutes, Article 40) In light of the fact that the two serving Regional Councillors come from Australia and New Zealand respectively, nominations from these countries cannot be considered on this occasion.

In identifying potential candidates, Members will be well aware of the crucial role of the Council in guiding the development and implementation of the Union's policies between sessions of the Congress. Nominees should be individuals able to contribute to the direction and oversight of IUCN and the

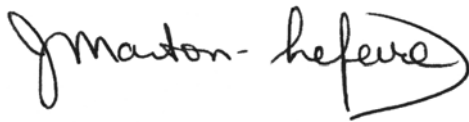
implementation of its policies and priorities. While each Council member is expected to take a global view of the role of the Union in achieving its mission, it is important that Regional Councillors also be able to reflect the perspective of their own region.

Service on the IUCN Council involves preparation for and attendance at IUCN Headquarters for at least one, and normally two meetings in each calendar year, each lasting (with travel) for practically a full week. In addition, Regional Councillors are involved in an increasing range of activities in their own regions, including active participation in Members' meetings, and the work of Regional and National Committees, and other Members' fora. Members should nominate only candidates who have confirmed their availability and their willingness to give the required time to the business of IUCN and to working with its Members.

For ease of reference, I have posted this letter and a copy of the Handbook on the Members' Portal: under the section "Notices from Council": <http://members.almlet.net/index.php?module=pagesetter&func=viewpub&tid=4&pid=19> as well as on the Oceania section of IUCN's public website: <http://www.iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/oceania/> .

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Marton-Lefèvre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Julia Marton-Lefèvre
Director General

CC: IUCN Vice-Presidents
Taholo Kami, Regional Director, Oceania