

HAJOST, Scott A. (USA)

Current employment and position/title:

Forest Carbon, Markets and Communities (FCMC) Program
Chief of Party (COP)

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

I am an international lawyer by training and am well versed in all aspects of conservation and environment, marine and terrestrial as well as related social and development issues. I have worked on every area of the IUCN Programme and in all relevant international institutions including the UN, the World Bank and the GEF, as well as the full range of international environmental agreements including the CBD, the UNFCCC and marine instruments. I am familiar with conservation science. I also have a variety of experiences on non-profit boards, including being Treasurer of IUCN-US and other advisory capacities. I am currently Treasurer and Board Executive Committee Member of ASOC; Board Member of the TARA Foundation for Marine Research, Board Member of Solar Household Energy (SHE), Senior Advisor to GLISPA, Advisory Board Member of CIEL. Affiliate, Natural Heritage Institute.

I have worked on policy issues at all levels; have significant private sector engagement experience and have worked across the globe. I have worked as a senior government official, an NGO in an international organization, a consultant and now a manager of a large development cooperation conservation programme. I have worked on major conferences relating to environment and development starting with Rio and including the WSSD and the 2005 Millennium Summit. I have considerable experience working on trade and the environment. I have additionally worked extensively on linking on the ground activities to international policy. I also have considerable experience in working in conservation coalitions and partnerships.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

I have had substantial experience working with IUCN since early in my career. I have been part of an IUCN Member organization, a Commission member, a senior staff member and am an IUCN-US Board Member. I am a long standing member of CEL, a member of CEM serving as Senior Counsel and Policy Coordinator and on the Executive Committee of CEM North America/Caribbean, am a member of WCPA, including WCPA Marine and the WCPA High Seas Task Force, am a CEC member, helped coordinate the IUCN Inter-Commission Gulf of Mexico Working Group. I am a former Executive Director of the IUCN USA Multilateral Office, and IUCN-US and served on the central senior management of IUCN. During my time at IUCN, I regularly attended IUCN Council Meetings and attended all IUCN Congresses since the Montreal Congress. I helped secure IUCN UNGA Permanent Observer Status and helped set up and manage IUCN's UN Mission. I have substantial experience in fundraising, finance, management and constituency engagement. In this regard I helped develop the first IUCN Membership Strategy. I also helped develop the original IUCN Private Sector Strategy and played a significant role in initiating IUCN's work on climate change. I helped manage original partnership agreements of IUCN with the World Bank, UNDP and the GEF. I assisted in the launch of the Mangroves for the Future initiative with President Clinton when he was Secretary General Special Envoy for the Asian tsunami response. I know all aspects of the structure of IUCN including programmes and regions and how the Council operates and should relate to Members.