The Credentials Committee shall be appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President, in accordance with Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress.

Rule 21 states that: “The World Congress shall elect a Credentials Committee, composed of members nominated by the President and including the Director General or the Director General’s representative ex officio. The Credentials Committee shall examine credentials and other matters within its terms of reference as defined by Council, and report to the World Congress. The report shall include the number of votes to be exercised by each delegation in accordance with the Statutes”.

The Terms of Reference of the Committee shall be:

a. to approve the “Guidelines for delegates and observers attending the World Conservation Congress” prepared by the Secretariat;

b. to supervise the accreditation process of Members and Observers in accordance with Rules 5 to 12, 40, 63, 66 and 66bis of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress;

c. to certify to the Congress that only Members whose dues are paid entirely up to and including 2019 are able to exercise their rights in connection with elections, voting and motions, in accordance with Article 13 (a) of the IUCN Statutes1;

d. to refer to the Congress the name of those Members who are two years (2018 and 2019) or more in arrears in the payment of their dues and whose remaining rights may be rescinded on such terms as the Congress may determine, in accordance with Article 13 (a) of the IUCN Statutes;

e. to inform Congress daily of the total number of votes to be exercised by each category of voting Members present (or represented) at the Congress in accordance with Articles 34 and 35 of the IUCN Statutes;

f. to advise the Finance and Audit Committee on the 2021–2024 membership dues and the decision to be put forward to Congress;

g. to advise on Sponsored Members’ requirements, participation and voting;

h. to act as focal point for non-administrative issues of the IUCN membership constituency2;

i. to coordinate as necessary with the Steering Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee, the Election Officer and Governance Committee of Congress; and

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1 Members who are not in order with their dues, are allowed to speak on issues not related to motions, voting and elections only.

2 Members must be informed ahead of Congress.
j. to make recommendations to the next Council for improving the Committee’s role and functioning based on its own evaluation to be made before the end of the 2020 Congress taking into account Council’s guidance for self-evaluation.