**IUCN Programme 2021–2024**

**Action Requested:** In accordance with Article 20 (e) of the Statutes, the IUCN World Conservation Congress is invited to CONSIDER and APPROVE the IUCN Programme 2021–2024 on the proposal of the Director General with the approval of the IUCN Council. (Annex 1 hereafter).

**DRAFT MOTION**

The IUCN World Conservation Congress,

*On the proposal of the IUCN Director General and with the approval of the Council in accordance with Article 88 (e) of the Statutes,*

**Approves** the IUCN Programme 2021–2024.

**Background**

1. During the IUCN Congress 2016 in Hawai‘i, Members adopted an amendment to the Statutes to ensure that Members would be consulted from the beginning of the Programme’s development process.

2. The first phase of this consultation started in December 2018 and ended in January 2019, when Members were asked to comment on the basic building blocks of the next Programme. Based on these inputs, the IUCN Secretariat drafted a first version of the 2021–2024 Programme in March 2019, with guidance from the IUCN Council’s Programme and Policy Committee and approval from the Council for the purpose of consultation with IUCN Members.

3. The second phase of a five-month consultation process started on 7 May 2019 and ended on 30 September 2019. Members were asked to review the Draft IUCN Programme (2021–2024) presented during all the Regional Conservation Forums (RCF) and provide their input to help shape the Programme that will eventually be carried out by IUCN Members, Commissions and the IUCN Secretariat up to 2024.

4. A large body of comments was received on the draft Programme, which included reports from 11 RCFs, 70 submissions online and 11 submissions sent in writing to the Secretariat from various Members, National and Regional Committees and Commissions groups. A brief summary of the comments can be found in the documents of the 97th Meeting the IUCN Council (October 2019): document (pp. 93–95).

5. From 13 to 16 January 2020 a Programme ‘Writing’ Workshop was convened with participation from the Secretariat, the Commissions and the Council, in particular its Programme and Policy Committee, in order to prepare the second draft taking into account the feedback received.
6. After review by the IUCN Council, and on the advice of its Programme and Policy Committee, the IUCN Council approved the Draft IUCN Programme 2021–2024 in February 2020 for the purpose of submitting it to the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 for adoption.