Proposed Mandates for IUCN Commissions for the period 2021–2024

**Action Requested:** The World Conservation Congress is invited to APPROVE the Mandates for the IUCN Commissions for the period 2021–2024 proposed by the IUCN Council. (Annexes 1 to 6)

**Background**

1. According to Article 74 of the IUCN Statutes, the “World Congress shall establish Commissions and determine their mandates, which shall be within the IUCN Programme. The Council may propose to the World Congress the creation, abolition, or subdivision of a Commission, or amendment of a Commission’s mandate. [...]”. IUCN Regulation 69 provides that “the mandate of each Commission, including name, mission and terms of reference, shall be established by the World Congress”.

2. In addition, IUCN Regulation 70 states that “[...] Any proposals by an IUCN Member concerning the mission and terms of reference for any Commission shall be communicated to the Members of IUCN at least six months prior to the ordinary session of the World Congress concerned”. To comply with Regulation 70, IUCN Members were invited to post such proposals online in the consultation and discussion space of the Union Portal visible to all Portal users, by 13:00 GMT/UTC on 11 December 2019. The comments and proposals made by IUCN Members, which can be viewed in the relevant section of the Portal, were taken into consideration by the Commissions when developing their proposals to Council for the Mandate of their respective Commission for the next period.

3. The draft mandates for the six IUCN Commissions – attached hereafter as Annexes 1 to 6 – have been approved by Council on the recommendation of the Commission Chairs and establish clear linkages with the Draft IUCN Programme 2021–2024.