IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
Gland

Report of the statutory auditor to the Council

on the consolidated financial statements 2019
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As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet, consolidated income and expenditure statement, consolidated funds and reserve statement, consolidated cash flow statement and notes, for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Management’s responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and the consolidation and valuation principles described in the notes. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity’s preparation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 comply with Swiss law, IUCN Statutes, as well as with the consolidation and valuation principles described in the notes.

Report on other legal requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 69b paragraph 3 CC in connection with article 728 CO) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.
In accordance with article 69b paragraph 3 CC in connection with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists which has been designed for the preparation of consolidated financial statements according to the instructions of the Association Management.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

PricewaterhouseCoopers SA

Geneva, 25 May 2020

Enclosure:

- Consolidated financial statements (consolidated balance sheet, consolidated income and expenditure statement, consolidated funds and reserve statement, consolidated cash flow statement and notes)
- Annex A – Core Funds under Framework Agreements