Election of IUCN Regional Councillors

Action Requested: The World Conservation Congress is invited to:

1. NOTE the report of the Election Officer (Annex 1);
2. CONSIDER the candidates for election as Regional Councillor nominated by IUCN Members (Annex 1, Attachment 1);
3. ELECT 28 Regional Councillors.

MOTION

The IUCN World Conservation Congress,

Elects the following individuals as Regional Councillors:

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. At its 96th Meeting in March 2019, the IUCN Council appointed Professor Denise E. Antolini1, as Election Officer for the World Conservation Congress. Her Terms of Reference can be viewed here.

2. The Report of the Election Officer to the World Conservation Congress is attached hereafter as Annex 1.

3. Annex 1 – Attachment 1 lists, in alphabetical order, from a point in the alphabet chosen at random (Regulation 40), the candidates nominated for each Region.

4. Annex 2 contains brief background information on each candidate provided by the respective candidate and translated into the other official IUCN languages by the IUCN Secretariat.

5. Background details on the role, function and required qualifications for Regional Councillors were approved by the Bureau of the IUCN Council, on 1 July 2019 (decision B/XVI) and can be viewed here. At the same time, the Council also approved the IUCN Council’s Guidance for 2020 Election Candidates.

6. In accordance with Articles 28 and 39 and Regulations 36 to 40 of the IUCN Statutes and Regulations, on 20 August 2019, the Acting Director General invited all Members eligible to vote2 in Categories A, B and C to nominate candidates for election as Regional Councillors through the online platform. In accordance with Regulation 38, the Council determined 11 December 2019, noon GMT/UTC to be the deadline for these

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1 On 23 March 2021, the IUCN Council appointed Dr Nilufer Oral as IUCN World Conservation Congress Elections Officer and Dr Rahmat Mohamad as Deputy Elections Officer, replacing Professor Denise E. Antolini, who resigned in December 2020 (see CGR.2021-4.4/1-Annex 3).
2 IUCN Members in Category A, B or C who have paid their membership dues up to and including 2018 in full.
nominations. A total of forty candidates were validated by the Election Officer as having met the requirements of the IUCN Statutes and Regulations.

7. Pursuant to Article 39 of the IUCN Statutes, the Congress is invited to elect 28 Regional Councillors. The number of elected Regional Councillors for each Region as set forth in Articles 16 and 17 of the IUCN Statutes, is as follows: four (4) for Africa; four (4) for Meso and South America; three (3) for North America and the Caribbean; five (5) for South and East Asia; three (3) for West Asia; three (3) for Oceania; and three (3) from West Europe, and three (3) from East Europe, North and Central Asia.

8. Regional Councillors elected by the World Conservation Congress will serve for the term extending from the close of the World Conservation Congress in Marseille, France until the close of the next ordinary session of the Congress (Article 41).