

# IUCN members meeting

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# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. IUCN overview
  - Vision/Mission
  - Governance
  - Membership
  - Commissions
  - World Conservation Congress
  - Current issues
3. WCPA – Oceania
4. ACIUCN
  - Vision & mission
  - Governance
  - Members
  - Areas of work/strategic plan
  - Key initiatives
5. Opportunities to work more closely
6. Q&A



A close-up photograph of an elephant's head, focusing on its thick, wrinkled skin and a portion of its tusk, serving as the background for the 'Our vision' section.

## Our vision

**A just world that values  
and conserves nature.**

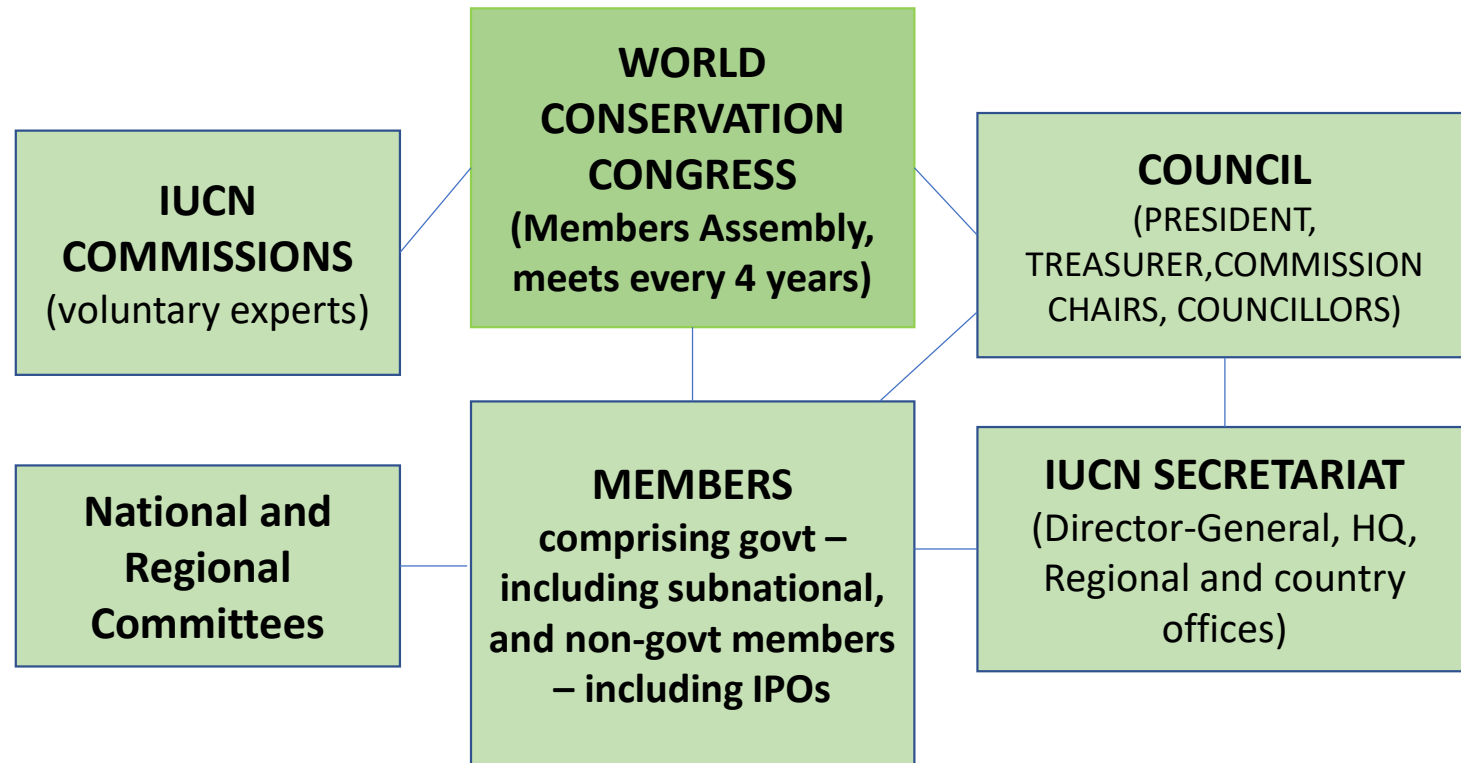
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## Our mission

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to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature  
and ensure that any use of natural resources is  
equitable and ecologically sustainable.



# Organisational Structure – the Union







# IUCN Key Components

- **Members** – over 1500 from government, government agencies, subnational governments, NGOs, IPOs
- **6+1 Commissions** – of voluntary experts, total members some 18,000
- **Secretariat** – HQ in Gland, Switzerland, 8 Regional Offices (900 staff in more than 50 countries) headed by the Director General – Dr Bruno Oberle
- **World Conservation Congress – Members Assembly**, meets every 4 years, elects Council, sets quadrennial work programme, sets policy through motions that become resolutions (for IUCN), recommendations (for others)
- **Council** – governing body between Congresses, 28 members elected from the regions, 6 Commission Chairs, President, Treasurer, 1 from Switzerland, 1 appointed; appoints Director-General
- **National and Regional Committees** – e.g., Australian Committee for IUCN

<https://www.iucn.org/>



# IUCN Congress

Every four years, IUCN convenes the [IUCN World Conservation Congress](#) where IUCN Members set the global conservation agenda by voting on recommendations and guide the Secretariat's work by passing resolutions and the IUCN Programme.

137 resolutions and recommendations were considered through the Marseille WCC 2020

The list and voting results are at:

<https://www.iucncongress2020.org/assembly/motions>



Next Congress – currently 3 bids in development to host in 2025:

- Melbourne/Australia
- Budapest/Hungary
- Abu Dhabi/UAE



# IUCN Council

The **IUCN Council** is the principal governing body of IUCN between sessions of the World Conservation Congress. IUCN members elect the President, Treasurer, Commission chairs and nominees (Councillors) from Member organisations to serve four-year terms on the Council.



IUCN President, Razan Al Mubarak



## IUCN Secretariat

The **IUCN Secretariat** supports the Council, and works with Member organisations, IUCN Commissions and other organisations to move IUCN's vision and policies into action. The Secretariat includes 900 staff and projects in over 160 countries



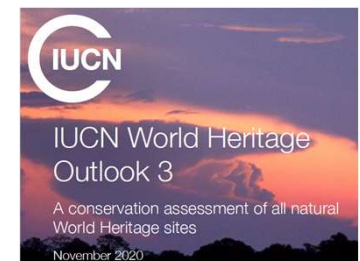
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Dr Bruno Oberle



# Some IUCN Flagship products and services



Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories





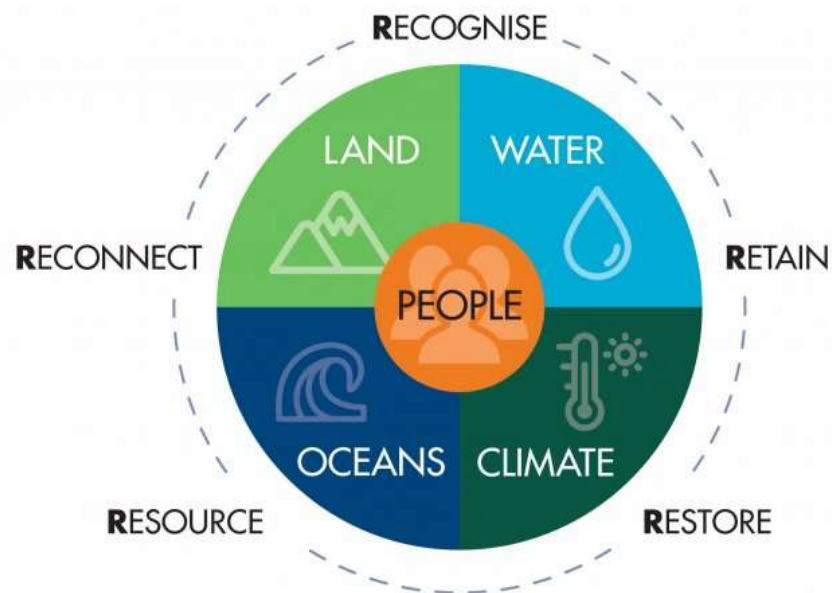
# NATURE 2030

One nature, one future

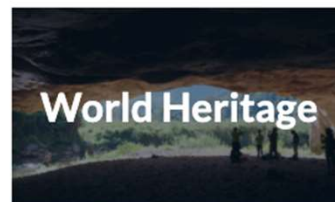
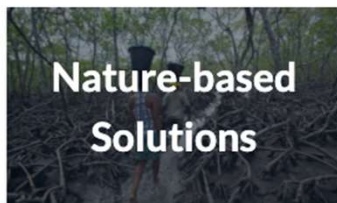
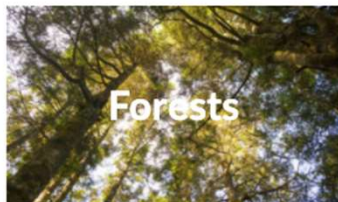
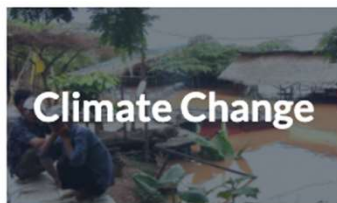


**A Programme  
for the Union  
2021-2024**

IUCN's 4 year work program. In addition to providing a more inclusive and extended vision, the new Programme defines broad areas of work and sets aspirational targets as well as indicators to measure success.



# IUCN's thematic areas of work





# The IUCN Commissions

- Species Survival Commission (SSC)
- World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)
- Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)
- Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP)
- Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM)
- World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)
- Climate Crisis Commission (being established)







# Species Survival Commission

The IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) is a science-based network of thousands of volunteer experts from almost every country of the world, all working together towards achieving the vision of "a just world that values and conserves nature through positive action to reduce the loss of diversity of life on earth".

## How we engage?



The Species Survival Commission's more than 9,000 experts work independently and with the IUCN Global Species Programme to build knowledge on the status of species and threats to them, and to provide advice, develop policies and guidelines and facilitate conservation planning. Through this work, SSC catalyses conservation action and enables IUCN to influence policy and assist societies in biodiversity conservation.





# World Commission on Protected Areas

We are the premier network of 2500 experts from 140 countries that mobilizes action in science, conservation, policy, and engagement to support well managed and connected parks and other protected areas

## How we engage

The Commission develops knowledge based policy, advice and guidance on the full suite of issues surrounding protected areas through the establishment of Specialist Groups and Task Forces. We bring together global experts to find solutions for programme priorities, including global protected area standards and Best Practice Guidelines.





# Commission on Education and Communication

We believe conservation is all about people. When we decide it's good for us -for our homes, families and businesses- nature wins. We win, too. Our job is to mobilize people all over the planet to support action for conservation.



## How we engage

The Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) drives change for the co-creation of sustainable solutions through leading communication, learning and knowledge management in IUCN and the wider conservation community.





# Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy

CEESP generates and disseminates knowledge, mobilizes influence, and promotes actions to harmonize the conservation of nature with the critical social, cultural, environmental, and economic justice concerns of human societies



**CEESP**

## How we engage

The Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) contributes to the IUCN's Mission by generating and disseminating knowledge, mobilising influence, and promoting actions to harmonise the conservation of nature with the critical social, cultural, environmental, and economic justice concerns of human societies.



# Commission on Ecosystem Management

A network of professionals whose mission is to act as a source of advice on the environmental, economic, social and cultural factors that affect natural resources and biological diversity



## How we engage

The Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) promotes ecosystem-based approaches for the management of landscapes and seascapes, provides guidance and support for ecosystem-based management and promotes resilient socio-ecological systems to address global challenges.





# World Commission on Environmental Law

*A Volunteer Global Environmental Law Network*



World Commission  
on Environmental Law

Commission Mondiale de  
Droit de l'Environnement | Comisión Mundial  
de Derecho Ambiental

## How we engage

The World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) advances environmental law around the globe by providing specialized knowledge and assistance to strengthen the legal foundations of the conservation of nature and sustainable development through the conceptual advancement of environmental principles, norms, and laws, and by building the capacity of communities to benefit from the environmental rule of law.





# Climate Crisis Commission

In the process of being established (following Resolution 110 at the Marseilles World Conservation Congress [WCC-2021-Res-110](#))

Interim Commission Chair appointed – Manuel Pulgar-Vidal

Interim Steering Committee members being considered (Sep)

Terms of reference and mandate to be drafted (Oct)



# Examples of Commission knowledge products

SSC - IUCN Red List,  
Green Status of Species

WCPA – Protected area  
Categories, Green List  
Standard

CEC – Nature for All  
campaign, Vital Sites,  
Connecting with Nature

CEESP – equity, gender,  
First Nations,  
community  
conservation

CEM – Nature-Based  
Solutions – Global  
Standard, Typology of  
Ecosystems, Red List of  
Ecosystems

WCEL – Water Justice,  
Global Judicial Institute  
on the Environment,  
environmental law



# IUCN Commission members - Oceania

Country	Total #	CEC	WCPA	SSC	CEM	WCEL	CEESP
Australia	<b>1108</b>	63	369	432	96	82	66
Cook Is	<b>11</b>		3	2	4	1	1
Fiji	<b>51</b>	7	13	10	4	5	12
Kiribati	<b>1</b>		1				
FSM	<b>4</b>			1		2	1
NZ	<b>234</b>	13	49	118	13	23	18
RMI	<b>1</b>						1
Palau	<b>2</b>		1				1
PNG	<b>17</b>	1	2	12			2
Samoa	<b>14</b>		9	3	1		1
Solomon Is	<b>9</b>		1	3	3	2	
Tonga	<b>1</b>		1				
Vanuatu	<b>6</b>			2	1	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1460</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>103</b>

# Some of the current priority issues in Council

- Climate change and biodiversity loss –linking these in policy and action
- Global Biodiversity Framework – seeking ambitious outcomes of CBD COP15 <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/motion/040>
- Nature-based solutions – embedded in convention language (UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD) and other agencies (UNEP), maintain standard
- A 20 year strategic vision, financial plan for IUCN <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/motion/J>
- Addressing criticisms of aspects of the Marseilles WCC (motions process, member engagement and participation) <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/motion/N>
- Funding and finances
- Establishment of the Climate Crisis Commission







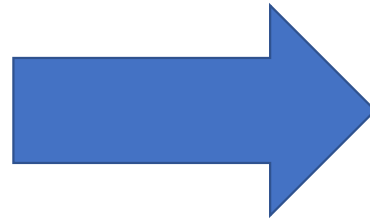
# IUCN in Australia

## IUCN Vision

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## IUCN Mission

*To influence, encourage and assist societies through the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of the natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.*



## ACIUCN Mission

*To bring together Australian members of IUCN in collaborative and inclusive partnerships to further IUCN's mission*



# National Committees

IUCN Members within a country or region may choose to organise themselves into National and Regional Committees to support the participation of Members in the Programme and governance of IUCN.

Come together to:

- coordinate and strengthen their conservation actions at national level
- better prepared and organised to participate in and influence broader IUCN processes such as the World Conservation Congress and its Motions process
- the development and support implementation of the IUCN Programme





# Australian Committee for IUCN (ACIUCN)

- Founded in 1979
- Incorporated Association under *NSW Incorporations Act*
- A registered charity under *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission*

Governed by a Board

- 2 x non-government member organisations
- 2 x government member organisations
- IUCN Councillor
- Public Officer & Treasurer
- ACIUCN Commission Liaison Officer





# ACIUCN Members and Associates

ACIUCN is made up of over 40 organisations and individuals:

- 9 Government Members (voting)
- 13 Non-Government Members (voting)
- 2 Associate organisations (Government, non-voting)
- 18 Associate organisations (Non-Government, non-voting)
- 6 Individual members

To be a voting member of ACIUCN you must also be a member of IUCN





## GOVERNMENT MEMBERS



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture,  
Water and the Environment**

*Australian Government Department of  
Agriculture, Water and the Environment*



*NSW National Parks & Wildlife  
Services*



*WA Department of Biodiversity,  
Conservation and Attractions*



**Government of South Australia**  
Department of Environment,  
Water and Natural Resources

*SA Department of Environment,  
Water and Natural Resources*



**Queensland  
Government**

*QLD Department of  
Environment and Science*



**Environment,  
Land, Water  
and Planning**

*VIC Department of Environment,  
Land, Water and Planning*



**Australian Government**

**Great Barrier Reef  
Marine Park Authority**

*Australian Government Great Barrier Reef  
Marine Authority*



*Parks Victoria*



*Zoos Victoria*

## NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION MEMBERS



## ASSOCIATES





# Our Board

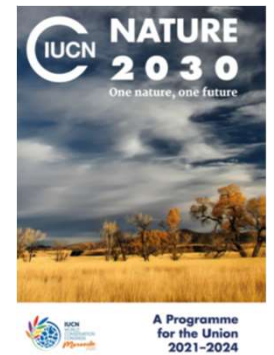


From left to right: Peter Cochrane, Fleur Downard, Ted Plummer, Basha Stasek, Jo Wilson, Bláthnaid Byrne, Jo Hopkins

# ACIUCN Strategic Plan 2021 - 2025

## Key Strategic Goals

1. Facilitate improved environmental outcomes in Australia by bringing together ACIUCN members and diverse partners in an inclusive platform to build capacity, share knowledge and stimulate cooperation across sectors.
2. Strengthen and build the membership and profile of ACIUCN and IUCN networks across Australia.
3. Ensure ACIUCN's long-term sustainability.
4. Implementation and review.



# Nature 2030: IUCN Programme 2021-2024

## Five Priority Areas\*



\*Each Priority areas has three Impact Targets



Figure 4. IUCN's Nature 2030 Programme Framework



A large dark grey arrow pointing to the right, with the word 'Ocean' written in white in the center.

# Ocean

## Each Priority Includes 3 Impact Targets

1

The loss of marine species and decline of marine ecosystem integrity is halted, and restoration initiated.

2

Uses of marine natural resources generate overall positive biodiversity outcomes and sustain livelihood benefits for coastal communities.

3

Ocean and coastal processes are maintained as a key foundation for planetary stability.

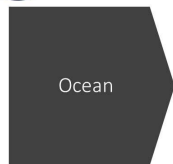
# How does ACIUCN set its priorities?

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- Aligns with IUCN 2021-2024 Plan
- Member priorities, interests and capacity
- National and State priorities / initiatives
- Urgency / Need
- Historical engagement (follow through)
- Likelihood of Success / Traction / Impact / Outcomes



# Translating IUCN's Ocean Priority in Australia



## Each Priority Includes 3 Impact Targets

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- 3 Ocean and coastal processes are maintained as a key foundation for planetary stability.

- 1986 - Australia's Marine and Estuarine Areas - A Policy for Protection
- 1994 - Towards a strategy for the conservation of Australia's marine environment.
- 1998 - Conserving Australia's oceans : development of an oceans policy for Australia.
- 2013 – Developments in Global Oceans Governance and Conservation
- 2013 - Conserving Australia's Marine Environment. Key Directions Statement.
- 2013 - Australia's Marine Environment: Progress, Challenges and Opportunities
- 2018 - Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction: Australia's continuing role
- 2022 + Sustainable Oceans Plan...



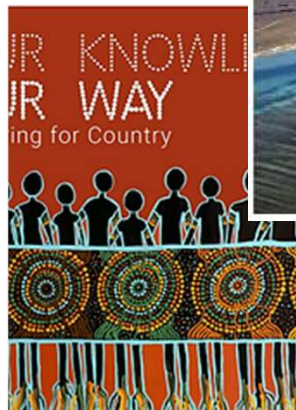
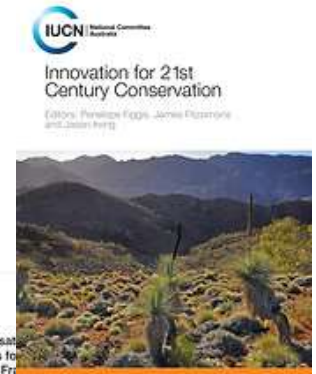


# ACIUCN – Publications



Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Workshop: Australia

Workshop Report & Analysis





## ACIUCN - Activities

- [Symposia](#) – e.g., Priorities for the Post- 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework & (2019/20); Healthy People in a Healthy Environment (2019)
- [Webinars](#) – Bushfire Response Forum (2020); Nature Risk – with Pollination, RIAA (2021)
- [Publications](#) – Symposia proceedings and recommendations, Key Directions Statements
- [Collaborative products](#) – e.g. Our Knowledge Our Way Guidelines
- [Liaison](#) with Oceania Regional Office, Secretariat, other National Committees



# Upcoming Events 2022

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- **1. Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Webinar - (Sept/Oct)**
  - Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) to provide a debrief after Nairobi and priorities going forward for Montreal
  - + Member and Guest presentations
- 2. Sustainable Ocean Plan (Scoping webinar)**
  - What will it look like? Outcomes?
- 2. ACIUCN AGM (Dec)**



# Upcoming event 2022

## Reimagining Conservation – Working together for Healthy Country

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Forum will provide a unique opportunity to:

- Discuss what whole-of-country Indigenous-led management of cultural landscapes looks like.
- Reimagining land and sea management based on an understanding of cultural landscapes.
- Participate in the development of success measures to benchmark effective management for conservation on country based on cultural values and ‘western’ science.
- Amplify the voice of First Nation Australians to identify successful models of co-management for shared environmental and cultural outcomes.



# What is happening in 2023+

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- Global Biodiversity Framework (COP15 Outcomes)
- 30by30 / OECMs
- Reimagining Conservation – follow up
- EPBC review & EPA
- World Conservation Congress 2025 Australia bid - (Melb)
- Sustainable Ocean Plan by 2025
- World Urban Parks Congress (Adelaide)
- Members directed ... open to ideas and partnerships...







**WCPC**  
WORLD COMMISSION  
ON PROTECTED AREAS

# Asia Parks Congress , Kota Kinabalu - May 2022

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- Asian Context for IUCN
- Climate Change Implications
- Urban Conservation
- Green Financing
- Population Growth
- Linear Infrastructure - Covid Stimulus Outcomes
- Marine Conservation



# WCPA - Strategic Planning Workshop , Kinabalu Park - May 2022

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- Global Biodiversity Framework
- "30 by 30" ( Climate Change I as our biggest Opportunity)
- Other Effective Conservation Measures ( OECMs)
- Nature Based Solutions
- Equitable Future
- Nature Positive by 2030
- Green List
- Capacity and Capability





## Discussions and Questions

