

IUCN Regional Forum meets in Bonn

At the beginning of September, many Members and Commissioners from all over the European region met with the IUCN Director General, Council Members and Secretariat staff over 4 days of in-depth discussion on the draft IUCN Programme 2013-16. This was one of 11 such regional fora taking place around the world as part of the preparations for the World Conservation Congress in Jeju, South Korea in September 2012.

Currently out for consultation until 10th October, this document sets out the IUCN's intent for the next quadrennial period.

Under the forum banner title of "Switch to Action!", delegates brought forward forthright views on the need for a more challenging programme from the world's largest network of environmental experts in order to tackle the scale of issues we face globally and to achieve the IUCN vision of "a just world that values and conserves nature".

In-depth discussions took place around the two core programme areas:

- ❖ valuing and conserving biodiversity
- ❖ sharing nature's benefits fairly and equitably and
- ❖ three thematic programme areas:
 - nature-based solutions to climate change
 - managing ecosystems to improve food security
 - greening the economy

as well as how these objectives could be translated to implementation in a European region programme reflective of the global version.

14 of the 17 European National Committees (NCs) were present at the meeting and representatives from Germany and Ukraine joined the discussions on the future strengthening of National Committees. Voting rights and other powers for National Committees will be reviewed by the IUCN Constituency Committee and IUCN Council.

Notes and presentations from this most constructive meeting can be found on the IUCN Europe website at www.iucn.org/europe



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Diary Dates

Global Business of Biodiversity

2 parallel conferences on the business of biodiversity and the business of forestry
Details at:

www.qbob.co/events/

Registration opens

30th September 2011

Institute of Engineering and Technology, Savoy Place, London

28th November 2011

IUCN National Committee UK ExCo

Bristol Zoo

7th December 2011

'Investing in Peatlands: Demonstrating Success'

Held in collaboration with the British Ecological Society at the University of Bangor
26-28 June 2012

IUCN World Conservation Congress

Jeju, South Korea,
6th - 15th September 2012

IUCN UK Putting Nature on the Map (PNOTM) project



Land and sea areas in the UK where nature and landscape are given priority.

Designed to revise the UK information for the World Database on Protected Areas and encourage the application of IUCN Protected Area categories to UK sites, the first phase of this project nears completion.

After more than a year's work the latest product of the IUCN UK PNOTM project was launched on 27th June at a London meeting attended by government agencies, NGOs and support organisations from National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

As the handbook to assist protected area practitioners reaches its final edit, the next phase of the project involves assisting those wishing to assign IUCN Protected Area Categories to UK sites, data validation and promotion. To assist in the validation of data, it is expected that an IUCN WCPA UK Panel on Protected Area Categorisation (or similar) will shortly be formed.

IUCN UK Peatland Programme

A UK-wide Peatland Hub is to be established to help coordinate activity in peatland policy, science and practice. More information at:

www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org

The proceedings from our 'Investing in Peatlands: Delivering Multiple Benefits', held in Stirling this summer are now available online (you may have to cut and paste links into your browser)



- ❖ conference presentations
www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/2011presentations
- ❖ conference posters
www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/2011posters
- ❖ conference workshop and plenum proceedings
www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/2011proceedings

IUCN UK Commission of Inquiry on Peatlands

The final technical reviews that contributed to the IUCN UK Commission of Inquiry on Peatlands and resulting briefing notes are now available as downloads on our website at

www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/scientificreviews.

The final Commission of Inquiry Assessment report will be published this Autumn 2011, and available to download from our website.

Next years Conference - please note the date

The 2012 IUCN/BES conference 'Investing in Peatlands: Demonstrating Success' is held in collaboration with the British Ecological Society at the University of Bangor on 26-28 June 2012.

More information at

www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/2012conference and
www.britishecologicalsociety.org/meetings/current_future_meetings/2012_annual_symposium/index.php

The IUCN UK Peatland Programme will end in July 2012 but will feature at the World Conservation Congress in Jeju.

Jonathan Hughes would like your support!



A Member representative of the IUCN National Committee for the United Kingdom is seeking support for his nomination as an IUCN Regional Councillor. Jonathan Hughes represents The Wildlife Trusts on the National Committee ExCo and is a member of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management. He was also closely involved in the setting up, and subsequent management of, the IUCN UK Peatland Programme.

Jonathan informed the National Committee ExCo of his intention to stand for election at its last meeting in August. Should your organisation wish to support Jonathan's nomination, please make yourself known to him at jhughes@swt.org.uk and he will send you a completed nomination form for your signature.

Annual General Meeting



The IUCN UK National Committee Annual General Meeting was held on 31st May at the National Brewery Centre in Burton-on-Trent. Members were treated to presentations from Sophie Churchill (National Forest) and Dan Hoare (Butterfly Conservation) as well as updates on IUCN priority projects and the Pan European Programme. The complete list of the participants in the National Committee ExCo for 2011-12 are listed below.

Elected

- ❖ Chris Mahon (Chair and Commission on Education and Communication)
- ❖ Stuart Brooks (Hon. Treasurer and Scottish Environment Link)
- ❖ Martin Spray (Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust)
- ❖ Glyn Davies (WWF-UK)
- ❖ Bryan Carroll (Bristol Zoo)
- ❖ Jonathan Hughes (The Wildlife Trusts)

Government representatives

- ❖ Trevor Salmon/Mark Baxter (Defra)
- ❖ Susan Davies (Scottish Natural Heritage - representing the UK statutory conservation agencies)

Co-opted

- ❖ Mike Pienkowski (UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum)
- ❖ Nigel Dudley (World Commission on Protected Areas)
- ❖ Sue Stolton (World Commission on Protected Areas)
- ❖ Ed Edwards (Wildscreen - Commission on Education and Communication)
- ❖ Joanna Robertson (Hon Archivist)

New IUCN charity in the UK

The decision by IUCN to establish a new charity in the UK prompted an Extraordinary General Meeting at the 2011 AGM. Jane Smart (Global Director, Biodiversity Conservation), Hans Friedrich (Regional Director - Europe) and Simon Stuart (Chair, Species Survival Commission) attended to defend the IUCN's position and explain to concerned members the absence of consultation.

IUCN Members in the UK were reassured that the charity, to be established for a number of legal reasons, would be delivering the IUCN programme that was approved at the WCC in Barcelona and that Members were "sovereign" in this and subsequent approval processes. An apology was received for the poor communications and the Chair of the UK National Committee will in future have a seat on the Board of the new entity.

IUCN intend that the new charity, when established, will be based in Cambridge and will be called 'IUCN UK'. In addition to providing a secure legal entity for IUCN employees working in Cambridge, it will fundraise in support of the work identified in the IUCN Global Programme. In an attempt to avoid confusion between the two separate entities, the national committee will henceforth be known as IUCN National Committee for the United Kingdom

Google Earth

The IUCN Members' layer on Google Earth can be viewed here:

http://intranet.iucn.org/MembersLayer/IUCN_Members.kml

To update your Google Earth data, please contact the nearest Membership Focal Point in your region:

www.iucn.org/about/union/members/contacts/mfp/

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