

**MEETING OF THE IUCN COMMUNITY  
FOR EUROPE, NORTH AND CENTRAL ASIA**

October 16–18, Yerevan, Armenia



# National Committee and Focal Point Development



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**75**  
YEARS

**2**

**Statutory  
regions**

**West  
Europe**

**East  
Europe,  
North  
and  
Central  
Asia**

# Some statistics

## **398 Members**

**1 IPO**

**280 NGO**

**48 INGO**

**26 State**

**42 Government agencies**

**10 Subnational governments**

**27 Affiliates**

**European Members  
represents**

**27%**

**IUCN Membership**

**5**

**Country  
Focal  
Points**

**Belgium  
Czech Republic  
Ireland  
Norway  
Slovakia**

**13**

**National  
Committees**

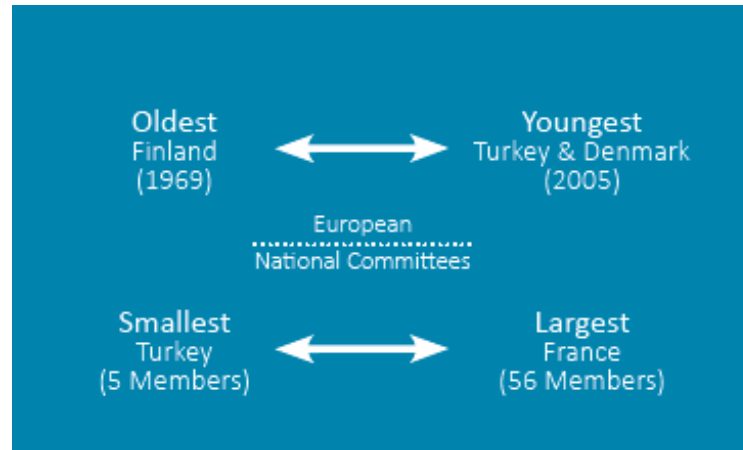
**Denmark  
Finland  
France  
Hungary  
Israel  
Italy  
Poland  
Russia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Netherlands  
Turkey  
United Kingdom**

# A diverse bunch

**4** European National Committees are funded through a membership fee

**4** European National Committees have a legal status

**6** European National Committees have full-time paid staff



Creating and managing  
an IUCN National Committee in Europe  
Toolkit

European Coordination Unit, June 2014



half  
of the European  
National  
Committees  
implement projects



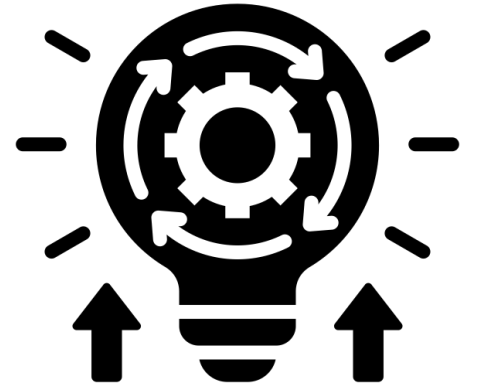
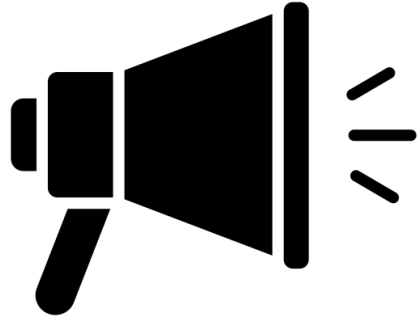
# What does it take to become a NC?

A constitution act and corresponding by-laws and internal procedures.

A Chair (or equivalent) should be elected by all members of the Committee.

No minimum number of IUCN Members required, but all IUCN Members in the country should be invited

# What do National Committees do?



# NC Development History



## IUCN World Conservation Congress Barcelona 2008

### 4.001 Strengthening the links between IUCN members, Commissions and Secretariat

BEING AWARE of the Global Survey of IUCN members undertaken in 2007 (*The Voices of Members: Global Survey of IUCN Members*, IUCN Office of Performance Assessment, November 2007);

ALSO BEING AWARE of the External Review of IUCN undertaken in 2007 (*External Review of IUCN*, January 2008);

NOTING that these reports confirmed that members strongly believe in the concept and Mission of IUCN and reaffirm its importance in today's world;

FURTHER NOTING that the reports demonstrated that there is a gap between members' expectations and their actual experience;

RECOGNIZING that members do not feel sufficiently involved in the work of IUCN's Regional and Global Thematic Programmes, projects or policy process, but tend to be satisfied when they are involved;

NOTING that members reported low levels of involvement with the Commissions, but a high interest in becoming more involved;



### WCC-2012-Res-005-EN

#### Strengthening of the IUCN National and Regional Committees and the use of the three official languages in documents for internal and external communication by IUCN and its Members

BEARING IN MIND Resolution 4.001 *Strengthening links between IUCN members, Commissions and Secretariat*, adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008), which reveals the results of the global survey of IUCN Members carried out in 2007, and which recognizes the value of National and Regional Committees;

RECALLING Resolution 4.003 *Strengthening IUCN's National and Regional Committees* also adopted at the 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008), which recognizes that committees are important instruments for involving Members in carrying out IUCN's mission;

BEARING IN MIND the report drawn up by the Spain National Committee of IUCN Members, "Diagnosis and Assessment of the Status of Implementation of the Resolutions and Recommendations of IUCN Approved in the 4<sup>th</sup> World Conservation Congress in Barcelona 2008" prepared in December 2011 in collaboration with the Spanish and Latin American Members, the Secretariat and the IUCN Commissions;

STRESSING that the report underlines the important role National and Regional Committees play as a linchpin between the Secretariat and the Union's constituencies, as well as contributing to the efficient mapping of Members, thereby avoiding the overlapping of actions by Members and the Secretariat;

CONSIDERING that the National Committees receive no financial support from the IUCN Secretariat;

BEARING IN MIND the Members' great potential to make a significant impact in the field of conservation if cooperation with them is strengthened;



# Working Group for National Committee Development

Copenhagen Rome

2013

Stockholm

2014



2019



2021

Malaga

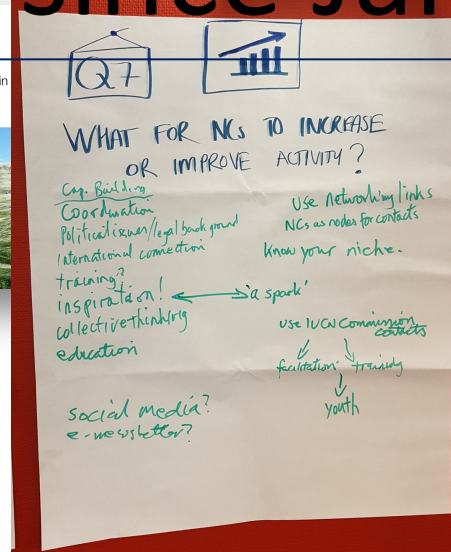
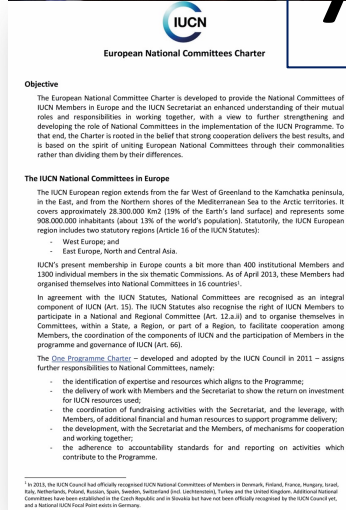
2022



2023



74th meetings since January 2013



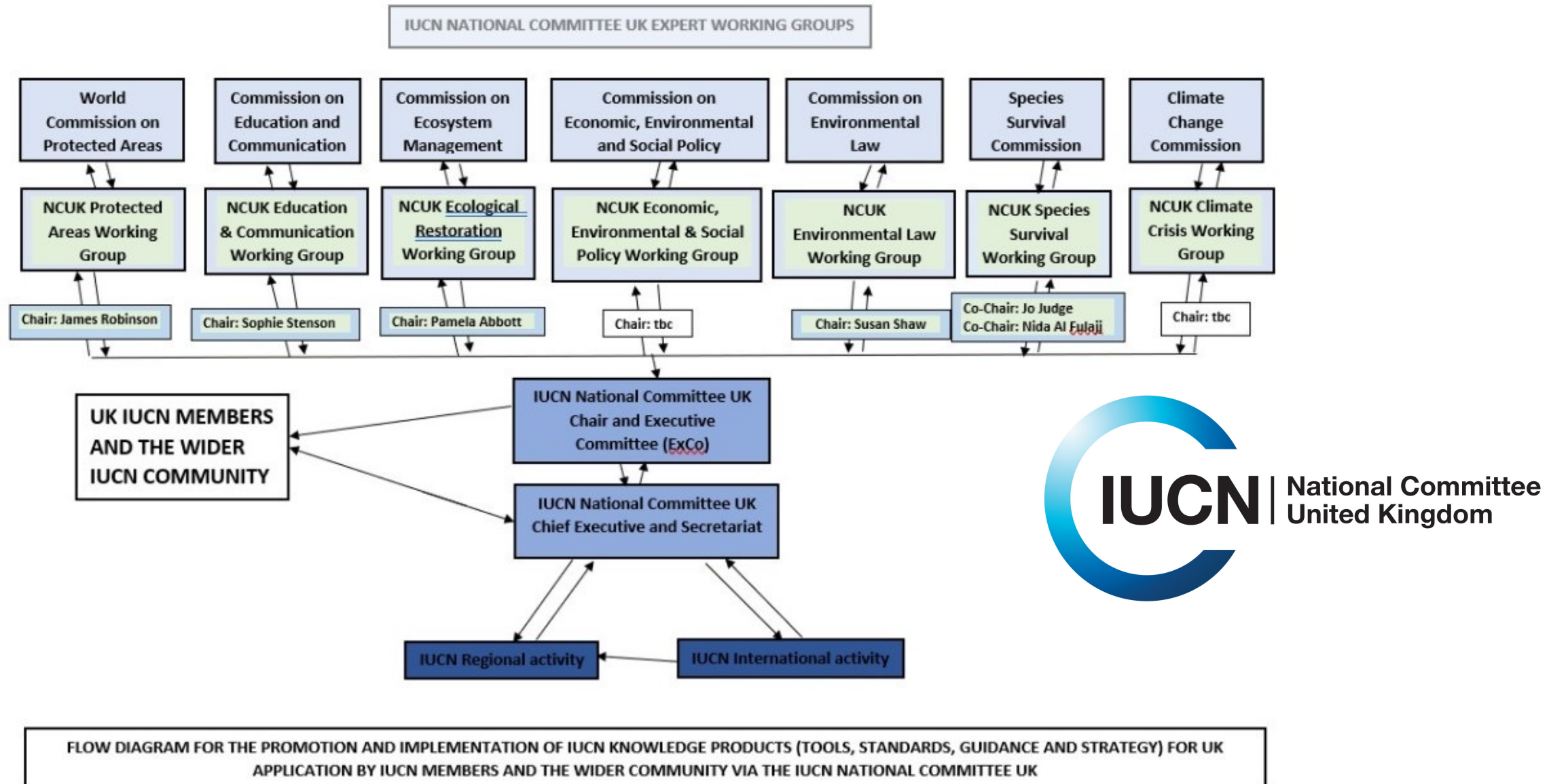
## 9 meeting of ICENCA Steering Committee

## 1st meeting of ICENCA Community





# A few examples...





## **Youth Engagement in Practice with Chester Zoo**

**Where is Wildlife Conservation  
going? Do Zoos have any part of  
it?**

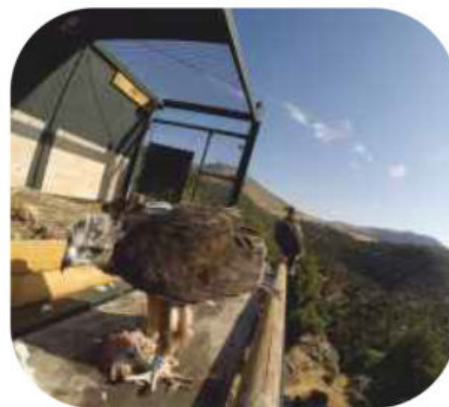
**Conserving Conservationists**

## ECWG Webinar Series



**Nature Education for Sustainability**  
webinar recording links [HERE](#) and  
presentation slides below

# Nature Based Solutions Manual



## Manual de Buenas Prácticas en Conservación de la Naturaleza







# IUCN Belgian members day

**14 Members**

**116 Commission Experts**



# Danish IUCN day

**13th Oct 2022**

**9 members  
60 commission experts**



8th May 2023

Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences



IUCN-Temadag d. 13. oktober 2022  
Auditoriet i Zoologisk Have København

## Program

- 13:00 Velkommen og intro til IUCN, formand Ann-Katrine Garn (ZOO)
- 13:10 IUCN Nationalkomitéens historie, Jan Eriksen (tidligere formand)
- 13:20 Hvorfor giver det mening at være medlem af IUCN? Sebastian Jonshøj (Danmarks)