

**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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**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

Oldest Finland (1969) ↔ Youngest Turkey & Denmark (2005)

European National Committees

Smallest Turkey (5 Members) ↔ Largest France (56 Members)



Creating and managing an IUCN National Committee in Europe
Toolkit

European Coordination Unit, June 2014



half

of the European National Committees implement projects

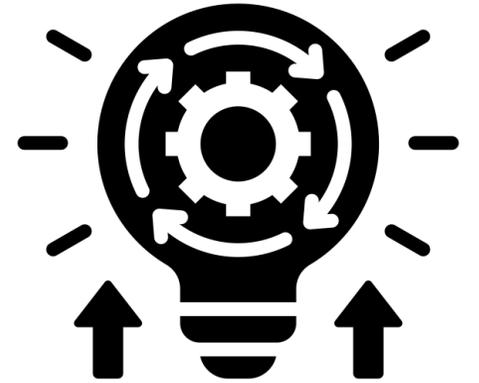
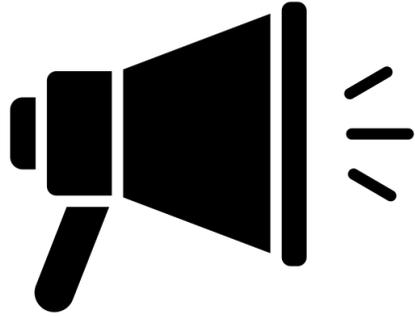
What does it take to become a NC?

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 4th 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 4th 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 4th 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



European National Committees Charter

Objective
The European National Committees Charter is developed to provide the National Committees of IUCN Members in Europe and the IUCN Secretariat an enhanced understanding of their mutual roles and responsibilities in working together, with a view to further strengthening and developing the role of National Committees in the implementation of the IUCN Programme. To that end, the Charter is rooted in the belief that strong cooperation delivers the best results, and is based on the spirit of uniting European National Committees through their commonalities rather than dividing them by their differences.

The IUCN National Committees in Europe
The IUCN European region extends from the far West of Greenland to the Kamchatka peninsula, in the East, and from the Northern shores of the Mediterranean Sea to the Arctic territories. It covers approximately 28,300,000 km² (19% of the Earth's land surface) and represents some 908,000,000 inhabitants (about 13% of the world's population). Statutorily, the IUCN European region includes two statutory regions (Article 16 of the IUCN Statutes):
- West Europe; and
- East Europe, North and Central Asia.

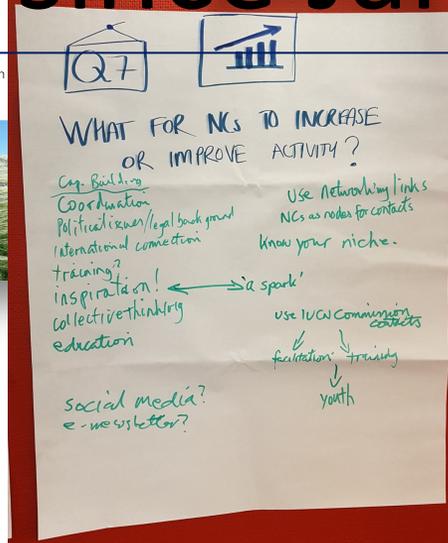
IUCN's present membership in Europe counts a bit more than 400 Institutional Members and 1300 individual members in the six thematic Commissions. As of April 2013, these Members had organised themselves into National Committees in 16 countries.

In agreement with the IUCN Statutes, National Committees are recognised as an integral component of IUCN (Art. 35). The IUCN Statutes also recognise the right of IUCN Members to participate in a National and Regional Committee (Art. 12.2.a) and to organise themselves in Committees, within a State, a Region, or part of a Region, to facilitate cooperation among Members, the coordination of the components of IUCN and the participation of Members in the programme and governance of IUCN (Art. 66).

The **2016 Programme Charter** – developed and adopted by the IUCN Council in 2011 – assigns further responsibilities to National Committees, namely:

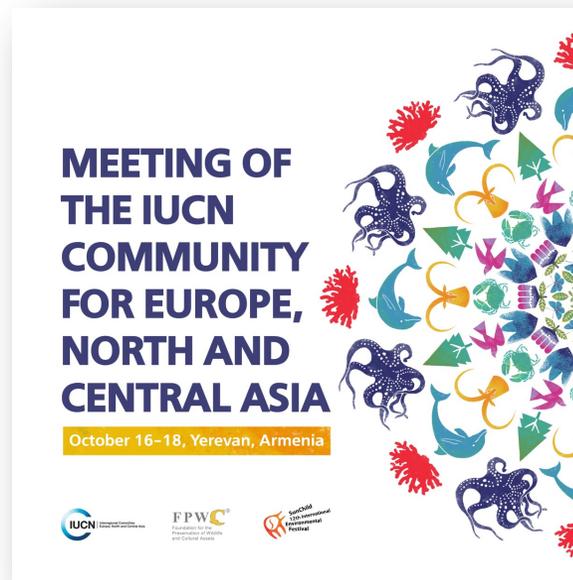
- the identification of expertise and resources which aligns to the Programme;
- the delivery of work with Members and the Secretariat to show the return on investment for IUCN resources used;
- the coordination of fundraising activities with the Secretariat, and the leverage, with Members, of additional financial and human resources to support programme delivery;
- the development, with the Secretariat and the Members, of mechanisms for cooperation and working together;
- the adherence to accountability standards for and reporting on activities which contribute to the Programme.

In 2013, the IUCN Council had officially recognised IUCN National Committees of Members in Denmark, Ireland, France, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Czech, Luxembourg, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Additional National Committees have been established for each of these countries and in Slovakia but have not been officially recognised by the IUCN Council and, as a result, IUCN Council funds have not been allocated to them.

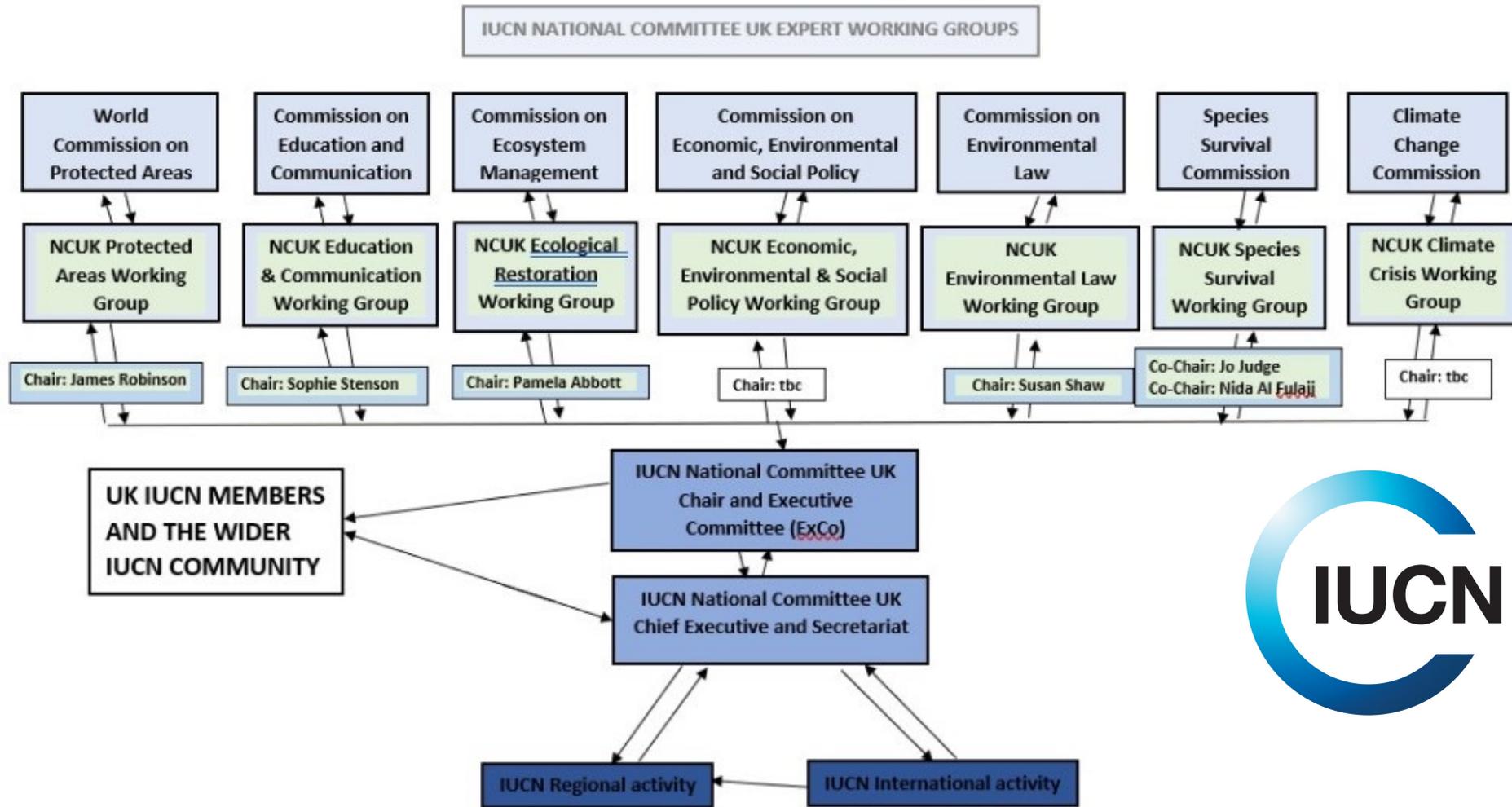


9 meeting of ICENCA Steering Committee

1st meeting of ICENCA Community



A few examples...



FLOW DIAGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF IUCN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS (TOOLS, STANDARDS, GUIDANCE AND STRATEGY) FOR UK APPLICATION BY IUCN MEMBERS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY VIA THE IUCN NATIONAL COMMITTEE UK



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





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IUCN Belgian members day

14 Members

116 Commission Experts



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Danish IUCN day

13th Oct 2022

9 members
60 commission experts

IUCN Belgian Members Day



8th May 2023

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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