



Joint workshop and meetings – IUCN Interregional Committee for Europe, North and Central Asia (ICENCA) with the Working Group for National Committee Development, Europe North and Central Asia (WGNCD) and the European Policy Advisory Group (EUPAG)

09.00 – 18.00 Wednesday 28th September 2022

Museo Alborania (Palmeral de las Sorpresas Muelle 2), in the centre of Málaga, Andalucía, Spain

Draft Programme (9)

Morning session

09.00 Welcomes: Antonio Troya IUCN Regional Director, Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Deputy Director General, Roberto Lozano, Chair, IUCN National Committee for Spain, Sonia Castañeda Rial, IUCN Councillor Elected from the Regions for West Europe, Chris Mahon, ICENCA Co-Chair,

09.15 Keynote speaker IUCN Vice-President Imen Meliane

09.30 Getting to know our region - an introductory overview and regional context on nature conservation issues in the Mediterranean region and the contributions of National Committees to Mediterranean nature conservation

Speakers:

Mr Maher Mahjoub, Regional Programme Coordinator, IUCN Mediterranean Cooperation Center

Dr. Jesús Bellido, Technical Officer, IUCN National Committee for Spain

Dr. Brahim Haddane, Coordinator, IUCN National Committee for Morocco

Mr. Hedi Aissa, Member, IUCN National Committee for Tunisia

Mr. Emad Adly, President, Arab Office for Youth and Environment, Arab Network for Environment and Development, Egypt

Mr. Fadi Ghanem, President, IUCN National Committee for Lebanon

Mr. Corrado Teofili, Secretary, IUCN National Committee for Italy (Via Zoom from Italy)

10.45 Tea/Coffee break

11.00 IUCN in action: Monitoring workshop: the implementation of Regional Work Plans, Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Head of Policy and Programme, EURO

During this session we will explore ways to enhance joint action among IUCN Members, especially through National Committees, in monitoring the implementation of the IUCN Europe Work Plan 2021-2024. Based on the preliminary exercise conducted by the IUCN Spanish Committee, participants will have the opportunity to discuss and jointly shape this innovative collaboration mechanism. This will include a focus placed on the relations between the work plan thematic areas and relevant IUCN resolutions from the latest World Conservation Congress. IUCN members from all regions (including East Europe and North Africa) are welcome to join this discussion. The outcomes are expected to enhance ownership of the IUCN Nature 2030 Programme, respond to IUCN's Europe commitment to monitor the implementation and actions in the region, and support an increased coordination of IUCN action in the region overall.

12.30 Contributions for Nature Platform - Sarah Over, IUCN Senior Membership Engagement Manager (via Zoom from Switzerland)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch and networking

Afternoon session

Open meetings to share and understand how these entities work, who with and the subjects covered

14.00 ICENCA business – all welcome and/or closed session if required

- Introduction to ICENCA
- ICENCA actions to take forward implementation of regional plans

15.00 WGNCD business – all welcome and/or closed session if required

- Introduction to WGNCD
- WGNCD actions to take forward implementation of regional plans

16.00 EUPAG business – all welcome and/or closed session if required

- Introduction to EUPAG
- WGNCD actions to take forward implementation of regional plans

17.00 Plenary session - Strategic approaches to regional advances for each of the groups and summary of actions agreed from the day, with general Q&A.

18.00 Close of proceedings followed by informal networking and evening meal (at own expense) arrangements.