



THE IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2020 MOTIONS PROCESS

Electronic Vote Prior to Congress

1. Introduction

This document forms the fourth part of [notes](#) prepared by the IUCN Secretariat on the motions process. It presents the process for the electronic vote of motions prior to the Congress and explains the electronic voting system, providing detailed information on how to use the different features as well as the electronic vote process.

The electronic vote on motions will take place **from 13:00 GMT/UTC on 7 October 2020 to 13:00 GMT/UTC on 21 October 2020**. The **results** will be published **by 4 November 2020 in the form of a Congress document**. In addition, records of all votes of each individual IUCN Member together with any statements in explanation of votes received before 21 October at 13:00 GMT/UTC will be made available to all Members through the Union Portal within two weeks following the close of the electronic vote.

The electronic voting system is based on the IUCN's Statutes, the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress ("Rules of Procedure") and Regulations. In accordance with Regulation 94, the IUCN Legal Adviser, Ms. Sandrine Friedli Cela, monitors and ensures the accuracy of the electronic voting process.



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2. The electronic vote in a nutshell

All IUCN Members in Category A, B and C eligible to vote, i.e. which have paid their membership dues in full up to and including 2019, are strongly encouraged to exercise their Members' rights by participating in this important electronic vote on motions. Through the motions process, the IUCN membership defines the general policy of IUCN. The more Members take part in the electronic vote, the more democratic legitimacy the motions adopted during the vote will acquire.

Note: Members are reminded that participation in the electronic vote is a consideration when allocating sponsorship for Congress.

All motions can be accessed online at <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/assembly/motions>. **Please refer to Annex 1 of this document for a list of all 109 motions submitted by the Motions Working Group to the electronic vote.** This list also indicates whether a motion contains one or more amendment(s) to be voted upon separately.

On 7 October 2020, the 'Authorized vote holder' of each IUCN Member will receive an email including a unique URL. In order to vote, the 'Authorized vote holder' must click the link to access the ballot electronically and cast the votes for her/his organisation/institution. The 'Authorized vote holder' will be invited to cast a vote on each of the motions. In most cases one single question is asked per motion, namely whether the Member adopts the motion. Voting shall be expressed by **YES, NO** or **ABSTAIN**.

In the case that there are amendments to a motion, multiple questions will have to be answered as described below. Amendments are alternative text options which the Motions Working Group (MWG) has decided to put to the vote separately, either because there is little, if any, prospect of reaching agreement among the proponents of the various text options on site, or they were brought forward by IUCN Members at the very end of the electronic discussion. There are **15 motions** with amendments submitted to the vote. After having expressed his/her votes on the motions on behalf of the IUCN Member, the 'Authorized vote holder' must still officially **confirm and submit** her/his votes in order for them to be registered in the electronic system. This takes place at the end of the voting process. Once all the votes are officially cast, no more modifications are possible.



3. “How to” Guide

How do I receive the electronic ballot?

The ‘Authorized vote holder’ of every IUCN Member eligible to vote, will receive an electronic message from IUCN’s secure voting system [noreply@iucn.org] with the subject, **Voting initiated for Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions**, with a unique URL, which will allow them to access the electronic ballot for the IUCN Member they represent.

It will be assumed that on 7 October 2020, all Members have received the message with the unique URL to cast their vote sent to the email address of their ‘Authorized vote holder’. If you do not receive the link at 13:00 GMT/UTC on 7 October, you should first check your junk/spam folder to see if the e-mail is there. If it is not the case, please contact membership@iucn.org immediately.

Voting by proxy

As all IUCN Members eligible to vote will receive by e-mail a URL to access the electronic ballot, voting by proxy **does not apply**. IUCN will accept no responsibility if the ‘Authorized vote holder’ of an IUCN Member transmits his/her Member’s URL to a colleague from within his/her organization/institution or to another Member, to cast their vote.

The electronic ballot

The electronic ballot will identify the IUCN Member voting and will contain a list of all motions put to the electronic vote (including those with amendments).

The screenshot displays the IUCN electronic voting interface. At the top, it identifies the Ministry of Environment and Food, Environmental Protection Agency. The page title is "Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions". A sidebar on the left lists motions from MOTION 001 to MOTION 010, with MOTION 001 selected. The main content area shows the voting form for MOTION 001, titled "Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations meeting retirement criteria, consolidating policy and future reviews?". The form includes instructions, a URL, and radio buttons for "Yes", "No", and "Abstain", along with a "Save" button. A caution message at the bottom states: "CAUTION: You can edit your votes at any time by clicking on a motion, selecting an option and pressing the 'Save' button. You can also edit by clicking the 'Edit my votes' button on the 'Review my votes' page. Your votes will only be valid and registered when you have finally submitted your votes by clicking on the 'Confirm and submit my votes' button. Please note that once you have done so, it will no longer be possible to modify them."



Please note that the IUCN Member's URL is unique and can only be used once. Once you have finally **confirmed and submitted your votes on behalf of the Member you represent**, it will be impossible to use the URL to modify any votes as the system will automatically block that URL. However, if **you have not finished the voting process (i.e. at any time in the process but before clicking the 'Confirm and submit my votes' button)** you may use the URL to access the ballot again. The electronic vote platform will save the motions you have voted on.

How do I vote on motions?

For each motion you will be provided with the **ID** of the motion, the **title**, as well as a **link** to the text of the motion in its final version put to the electronic vote. You will be asked whether you adopt that given motion.

In order to vote on a motion or a motion with amendments please follow the following instructions:

1. Select an option - "Yes", "No", "Abstain".
2. Click on the **"Save"** button and you will automatically move to the next motion. To navigate between motions, use the links on the left-hand side of the screen.
3. Once you have voted on all 109 motions, click on the **"Review my Votes"** button at the bottom of the **"Vote statements"** page.
4. Submit your votes by clicking on the **"Confirm and submit my votes"** button at the bottom of the **"Review my votes"** page.

The screenshot displays the 'Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions' interface. On the left, a sidebar lists motions from MOTION 001 to MOTION 010. The main content area shows the details for MOTION 001: 'Do you adopt Motion 001 entitled Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations meeting retirement criteria, consolidating policy and future reviews?'. Below the question, there are three radio button options: 'Yes', 'No', and 'Abstain', with a red box around them and a red '1' next to the 'Yes' option. Below these options is a blue 'Save' button with a red box around it and a red '2' next to it. At the bottom, a light blue caution box states: 'CAUTION: You can edit your votes at any time by clicking on a motion, selecting an option and pressing the "Save" button. You can also edit by clicking the "Edit my votes" button on the "Review my votes" page. Your votes will only be valid and registered when you have finally submitted your votes by clicking on the "Confirm and submit my votes" button. Please note that once you have done so, it will no longer be possible to modify them.'



Ministry of Environment and Food, Environmental Protection Agency

Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions

E-vote start date: 02/10/2020 16:00 E-vote end date: 06/10/2020 18:00 English

Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions

Please use the below field to make any written statement(s) in explanation of vote(s). Clearly indicate the number(s) of the motions(s) that you are making written statements for.

[Save](#) [Review my votes](#) 3

CAUTION: You can edit your votes at any time by clicking on a motion, selecting an option and pressing the "Save" button. You can also edit by clicking the "Edit my votes" button on the "Review my votes" page. Your votes will only be valid and registered when you have finally submitted your votes by clicking on the "Confirm and submit my votes" button. Please note that once you have done so, it will no longer be possible to modify them.

Statement of vote(s)

Please use the below field to make any written statement(s) in explanation of vote(s). Clearly indicate the number(s) of the motions(s) that you are making written statements for.

Your Statement of vote(s):

CAUTION: If you wish to edit your votes, click on the "Edit my votes" button to return to the list of motions and amend your votes. If you are satisfied that you have finished voting, click on the "Confirm and Submit my votes" to validate and register your votes. Note that when you have done so, you will no longer be able to modify them. A vote confirmation screen will be displayed and an email with the record of your votes will automatically be sent to your email address.

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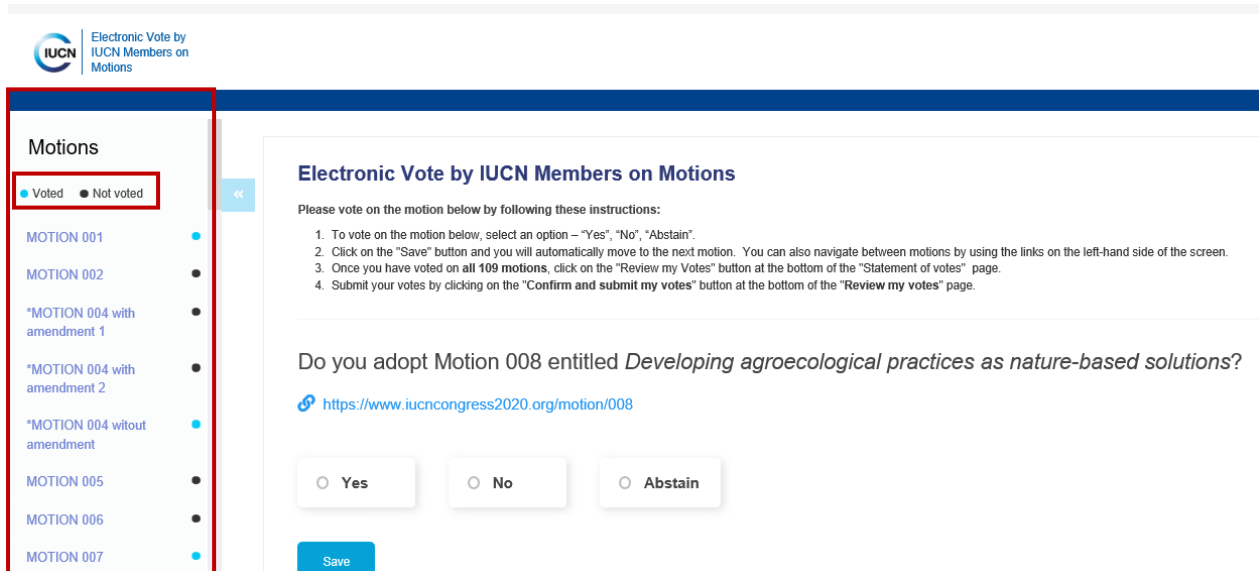
NOTE: You can edit your votes at any time by clicking on a motion, selecting an option and pressing the "Save" button. You can also edit by clicking the "Edit my votes" button on the "Review my votes" page.

Your votes will only be valid and registered when you have finally submitted your votes by clicking on the "Confirm and submit my votes" button. Please note that once you have done so, it will no longer be possible to modify them.

Do I have to vote on every single motion?

No, you do not need to vote on every single motion. **However, you must vote on the first question regarding the date when the motions adopted become effective (more information on this is available below).**

In order to navigate between motions, use the links on the left-hand side of the page.



Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions

Motions

● Voted ● Not voted

MOTION 001 ●

MOTION 002 ●

*MOTION 004 with amendment 1 ●

*MOTION 004 with amendment 2 ●

*MOTION 004 without amendment ●

MOTION 005 ●

MOTION 006 ●

MOTION 007 ●

Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions

Please vote on the motion below by following these instructions:

- To vote on the motion below, select an option – “Yes”, “No”, “Abstain”.
- Click on the “Save” button and you will automatically move to the next motion. You can also navigate between motions by using the links on the left-hand side of the screen.
- Once you have voted on all 109 motions, click on the “Review my Votes” button at the bottom of the “Statement of votes” page.
- Submit your votes by clicking on the “Confirm and submit my votes” button at the bottom of the “Review my votes” page.

Do you adopt Motion 008 entitled *Developing agroecological practices as nature-based solutions?*

<https://www.iucncongress2020.org/motion/008>

Yes No Abstain

Save

At the end of the voting process, before submitting all your votes, you will be able to see the motions you have not voted upon. At this stage, you may still decide to vote on any motions you have not expressed a vote on, or modify your votes on other motions. In order to do so, please click on the “**Edit my votes**” button.

Statement of vote(s)

Please use the below field to make any written statement(s) in explanation of vote(s). Clearly indicate the number(s) of the motion(s) that you are making written statements for.

Your Statement of vote(s):

CAUTION: If you wish to edit your votes, click on the “Edit my votes” button to return to the list of motions and amend your votes. If you are satisfied that you have finished voting, click on the “Confirm and Submit my votes” to validate and register your votes. Note that when you have done so, you will no longer be able to modify them.

A vote confirmation screen will be displayed and an email with the record of your votes will automatically be sent to your email address.

Edit my votes Confirm and Submit my votes

What is the purpose of the first question of this e-vote “Question about the date when the motions adopted become effective”?

Article 62^{septimo} of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress provides that the motions adopted by electronic vote prior to Congress become effective on the date the Members’ Assembly takes the decision to “record” *en bloc* the adoption of the motions through the electronic vote.

This would mean that the motions adopted by the electronic vote closing on 21 October 2020 may have to wait until the Members’ Assembly, now postponed until a later date in 2021 yet to be determined, in order to become effective.

However, Rule 62^{septimo} applies unless IUCN Members decide otherwise.



Therefore, to remove this uncertainty and the - potentially long - period of time between their adoption and their entry into effect, IUCN Members will be asked to decide during the electronic vote whether they agree that the motions adopted during the electronic vote will become effective immediately.

For this purpose, the following question is submitted to the vote: *“Do you accept that, as an exception to Rule 62septimo, the motions adopted by this electronic vote become effective at the close of this electronic vote on motions (i.e. 21 October 2020)?”*.

Please ensure you answer this important question.

The screenshot shows the 'Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions' interface. On the left, a list of motions is shown, with 'Question about the date when the motions adopted become effective' highlighted in a red box. The main content area displays the question: 'Do you accept that, as an exception to Rule 62septimo of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, the motions adopted by this electronic vote become effective at the close of this electronic vote on motions (i.e. 21 October 2020)?'. Below the question are three radio buttons: 'Yes', 'No', and 'Abstain'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom left. The top right of the page shows the Ministry of Environment and Food, Environmental Protection Agency logo, the IUCN logo, and the electronic vote start and end dates: 02/10/2020 16:00 and 06/10/2020 18:00. A language dropdown menu is set to 'English'.

How can I access the motion I am voting on?

In order to see the text of the motion you are voting on, please click on the link below the question. You can at any moment chose to see the motion in any of the other two IUCN official language versions by clicking on the language option at the top of the page.

The screenshot shows the 'Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions' interface. On the left, a list of motions is shown, with 'MOTION 001' highlighted in a blue box. The main content area displays the question: 'Do you adopt Motion 001 entitled Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations meeting retirement criteria, consolidating policy and future reviews?'. Below the question is a link: <https://www.iucncongress2020.org/motion/001>, which is highlighted in a red box. Below the link are three radio buttons: 'Yes', 'No', and 'Abstain'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom left. The top right of the page shows the Ministry of Environment and Food, Environmental Protection Agency logo, the IUCN logo, and the electronic vote start and end dates: 30/09/2020 10:00 and 05/10/2020 14:00. A language dropdown menu is set to 'English'.



How can I see the amendment(s) to a motion?

All motions with amendments are clearly identified in the ballot with an asterisk and with the addition of “WITH AMENDMENT xx” in the title. In order to see the amendment(s) to a motion, just follow the link to the motion as outlined above.

The screenshot shows the 'Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions' interface. On the left, a list of motions is shown, with 'MOTION 004 with amendment 1' highlighted in a red box. The main content area displays the question: 'Do you adopt Motion 004 entitled Transforming global food systems through sustainable land management that is aligned to the UN SDGs with amendment 1?'. Below the question are three radio buttons for 'Yes', 'No', and 'Abstain', and a 'Clear' button. A caution message at the bottom states: 'CAUTION: You can edit your votes at any time by clicking on a motion, selecting an option and pressing the "Clear" button. You can also edit by clicking the "Edit my votes" button on the "Review my votes" page. Your votes will only be valid and registered when you have finally submitted your votes by clicking on the "Confirm and submit my votes" button. Please note that once you have done so, it will no longer be possible to modify them.'

How do I vote on motions with amendments?

At Congress the process of voting on amendments and motions takes place in multiple rounds. First, the amendments are voted upon and only thereafter the motion as possibly amended is put to the vote. In cases where there are two amendments to the same part of the motion, the chair puts to the vote first the amendment that differs most from the text of the motion that it seeks to amend. Should this first amendment pass, the second amendment is disregarded (Rule 61). However, should the first amendment not be approved, the second amendment is then put to the vote. Depending on the outcome of this vote, the Chair puts the motion as amended (or not) to the vote. Voting in such a manner is possible on site, because the outcome of each vote on the amendments is known immediately.

However, in the electronic vote prior to Congress the outcome of the vote on each question will only be known when the results of the vote are published after the closing of the voting process. **Thus, the electronic vote must provide results for all eventualities. It is important that you answer all those questions with/without amendments for a given motion, if you decide to vote on that specific motion.** However, the results of the vote on some of these questions will only be taken into account and published if the motion with amendment(s) as submitted with the preceding question(s), is not adopted.

Thus amendments in the electronic vote are handled in a specific manner and guided by specific rules:

1. The vote is not on the amendment, but on the motion as modified by the proposed amendment. The question asked will be: “Do you adopt Motion XYZ with amendment ABC?”
2. The amendments are listed in the order of the paragraphs they refer to in the motion. Where there are amendments to the same part of a motion, the motion with the amendment most different from the text of the motion that it seeks to amend will be voted upon first.



The order in which the amendments (motions with amendments) are tabled for vote (i.e. the order in which the questions are asked) is very important. The motion with amendments will be voted before the motion without amendments. This sequencing is governed by Rule 60 for all types of amendments. In addition Rule 61 provides specific rules for the sequencing between amendments relating to the same part of the motion. This sequencing will have an impact on whether or not the result to the subsequent question will be taken into account. Only the results of the votes which are relevant will be published.

3. For every motion with one or more amendments, the last the question asked will be; “Do you adopt Motion XYZ without amendment(s)?” The result of this vote will only be taken into account and published, if the motion was not adopted with any of the amendments proposed in the previous question(s).
4. For amendments related to the same part of a motion, the results of the vote on the motion with amendment (s) will only be taken into account and published if the motion with amendment(s) as submitted with the preceding question(s) is not adopted. For example, if there are two amendments related to the same part of a motion and the motion with the first amendment passes, the results of the vote on the question regarding the second amendment and on the question regarding the motion without amendments will neither be taken into account nor made public. However, if there are two amendments related to the same part of a motion, and the motion with the first amendment is not adopted but the second one is, then the results of the vote on the motion with the first amendment together with the result of the vote on the motion with the second amendment will be taken into account and published. In that case, the result of the vote on the motion without amendments will NOT be published.
5. The consecutive adoption of the same motion each time with amendments proposed to different parts of the motion will result in the adoption of the motion as modified by all those amendments. Each time the motion with a certain amendment is not adopted, the amendment concerned will not be part of the final adopted motion.

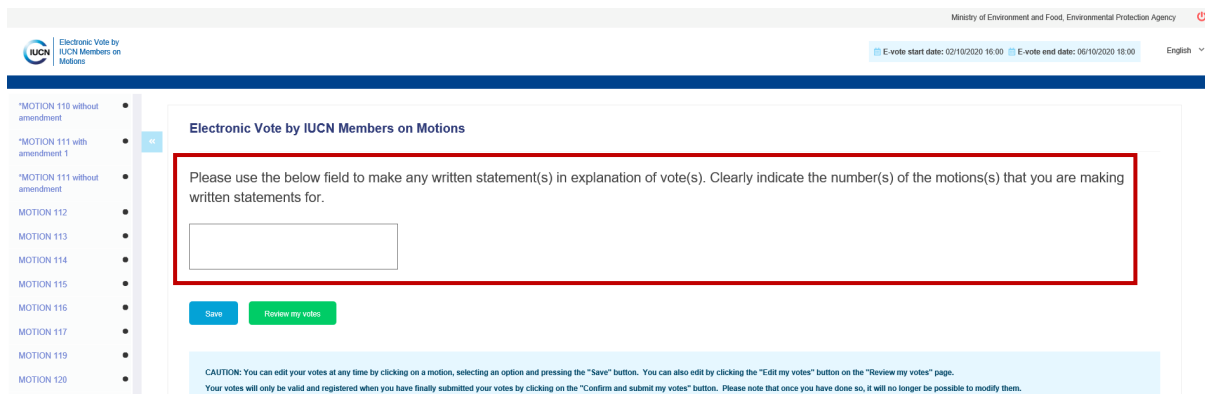
In consideration of the above, if you do not like any of the amendments proposed to the text of any given motion, it is best to vote “NO” to all those questions asking about the adoption of the motion with amendments and only vote “YES” on the motion without amendment.

Can I make a statement in explanation of my votes?

It is possible to submit a written statement in explanation of your votes. There is space provided in the last question of the electronic ballot. You may also submit such statements by email to motions@iucn.org by **13:00 GMT/UTC on 21 October 2020** at the latest. The Director General will keep a register of all explanations of vote received in accordance with Rule 72, which will be made public together with the results of the electronic vote and will be included in the publication of Resolutions and Recommendations of the 2020 IUCN World Conservation Congress.



Statements in explanation of vote can be made by Members to support and explain why they have voted in a particular way on a motion. The explanation should be technical in nature and not just to say that they have completed voting. See below for details and examples.



Examples of statements

WCC-2016-Rec-102: “The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC) has long recognized the value of protected areas as one of the tools in managing fisheries, when such areas are designated using a transparent, science-based process. We also support the use of selective fishing gear to minimize ecosystem impacts, as demonstrated by our track record of prohibiting drift gillnets, bottom trawls and other potentially destructive gear types in the 1980s.

WPRFMC initially did not support this motion due to the lack of a clear definition for the term “environmentally damaging industrial scale activities” and in particular, whether fisheries are considered to be one of those activities. Further, the IUCN Protected Areas Categories include “Habitat/species management area” which may be compatible with certain types of extractive uses.

These issues were clarified in the Contact Group discussions, and the amended text reflected those clarifications. However, we remain concerned that the motion does not explicitly exclude managed commercial fisheries from the definition of environmentally damaging or industrial activities.

We strongly believe that the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable commercial fishing are compatible. For this reason, we are not able to support this motion at this time.”

Or

“WCC-2016-Res-057: The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (WPRFMC) supports science-based management measures that address existing or potential threats to marine resources. We also strongly believe that the conservation of biological diversity and sustainable commercial fishing are compatible. With regard to this motion, we are concerned about the focus and over-reliance of marine protected areas designated and promoted by high-level international groups as a primary response for climate change mitigation and adaptation.



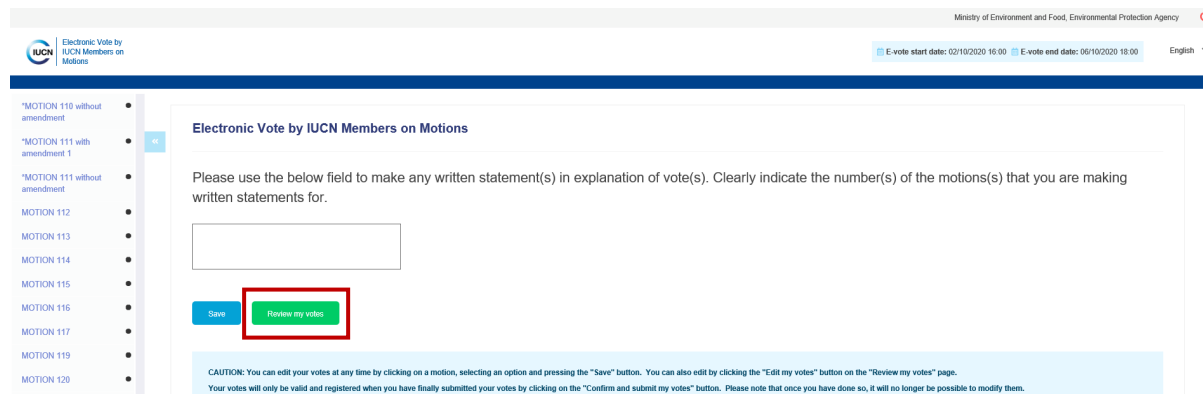
For these reasons, among others, WPRFMC is unable to support this motion at this time, but looks forward to future discussion that is focused directly on local community engagement rather than a proposal that supports high-level international groups.”

The following are examples of what not to put in a statement in explanation of vote:

“Solid motion”, “Excellent motion”, “I have voted on the 99 motions” or “I have completed the whole voting”.

Do I need to confirm my votes?

The system automatically saves your progress the moment you click “**Save**” for a specific vote selection. You can log out and log in again at any time, using the URL from the e-mail received on 7 October, to continue your vote provided that you complete and submit your votes **before 21 October at 13:00 GMT/UTC**. In order for your votes to be taken into account you **must complete the process and confirm all your votes** once you have finished voting. To do so, click the “**Review my votes**” button below the statement in explanation of votes box.



The list of motions and how you have voted on them will be displayed. At this point in time, you still have the opportunity to change any of your votes, including those on motions you had not chosen to vote on, by clicking the "**Edit my votes**" button **(1)** at the end of the "Review my votes" page.

Once you are satisfied that you have finished voting, you must confirm your votes by clicking on the “**Confirm and submit my votes**” button **(2)** at the bottom of the “**Review my votes**” page. Once you have done so, **it will no longer be possible to amend your votes**.

A confirmation screen will be displayed and your voting receipt will be emailed to you.



Ministry of Environment and Food, Environmental Protection Agency

Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions

E-vote start date: 02/10/2020 18:00 E-vote end date: 06/10/2020 18:00

Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions

Review my votes

Please review your votes and click on the "Confirm and Submit my votes" button at the bottom of the page to validate and register your votes. If you wish to edit your votes, click on the "Edit my votes" button at the bottom of this page, to return to the list of motions and amend your votes.

You have voted for the below questions:

Question about the date when the motions adopted become effective

Do you accept that, as an exception to Rule 62septimo of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, the motions adopted by this electronic vote become effective at the close of this electronic vote on motions (i.e. 21 October 2020)?

Your vote: **Yes**

10/03/2020 04:12 pm

MOTION 001

Do you adopt Motion 001 entitled *Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations meeting retirement criteria, consolidating policy and future review*?

Your vote: **No**

10/03/2020 04:12 pm

MOTION 128

Do you adopt Motion 128 entitled *increasing funding for biodiversity in developing countries*?

Your vote: **Abstain**

10/03/2020 05:46 pm

Statement of vote(s)

Please use the below field to make any written statement(s) in explanation of vote(s). Clearly indicate the number(s) of the motion(s) that you are making written statements for.

Your Statement of vote(s): Motion 001:

10/03/2020 05:47 pm

CAUTION: If you wish to edit your votes, click on the "Edit my votes" button to return to the list of motions and amend your votes. If you are satisfied that you have finished voting, click on the "Confirm and Submit my votes" to validate and register your votes. Note that when you have done so, you will no longer be able to modify them.
A vote confirmation screen will be displayed and an email with the record of your votes will automatically be sent to your email address.

Edit my votes **Confirm and Submit my votes**

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Will my votes be made public?

Yes. Records of all votes of each individual IUCN Member together with any statements in explanation of votes, received **before 21 October at 13:00 GMT/UTC** will be made public on the Union Portal by 4 November 2020, in line with Regulation 94 (g).

Can I still see the comments made during the online discussion, as well as older versions of the motion, during the e-vote?

Yes. All of the comments from the online discussion are visible and Members can view and compare older versions of a motion.

Do motions adopted by electronic vote have the same status as motions adopted by in-person vote at the Members' Assembly?

Yes. Regardless of whether the motions are voted on electronically prior to the Congress or during the Congress, all those that are adopted will become Resolutions or Recommendations, and will enjoy the same value and status. In principle, the Members' Assembly will formally 'record' the adoption of the motions adopted by electronic vote prior to the Congress without re-opening discussions. However, depending on the result of the first question of this e-vote, about the date when the motions adopted will become effective, the motions may become effective immediately.



More information on this is available in this section of the Guide “**What is the purpose of the first question of this e-vote “Question about the date when the motions adopted become effective”?**”

4. Troubleshooting

For any other questions and inquiries, not related to the motions, please contact membership@iucn.org.

What if a Member’s ‘Authorized vote holder’ does not receive the email from IUCN with the URL on 7 October?

If an ‘Authorized vote holder’ does not receive the electronic message of 7 October 2020 from noreply@iucn.org with the subject line ‘**Voting initiated for Electronic Vote by IUCN Members on Motions**’, please immediately notify the IUCN Secretariat (membership@iucn.org) or, if urgent, by telephone +41 22 999 0336 from 9 AM to 5 PM CET/local time in Switzerland) during working days only (Monday to Friday). Members are encouraged to ensure that the message sent from noreply@iucn.org is not blocked by their spam filter first.

What if you are unable to open the link (URL) in the message of 7 October 2020?

Any Member who is unable to log in and cast its vote, e.g. because the ‘Authorized vote holder’ is not available or his/her electronic mail box is not operational or there is a problem accessing the Internet, may contact the Secretariat for assistance via electronic communication (membership@iucn.org) no later than **20 October 2020 at 13:00 GMT/UTC**. The message should come from a representative of the Member organisation/institution known to IUCN, i.e. the ‘Authorized vote holder’, the ‘Head of Organisation’ or the ‘Primary Contact’ / ‘Additional primary contact(s)’ of the Member concerned. In accordance with Regulation 94 (d), the Secretariat will subsequently send to the Member, via electronic communication, an electronic ballot form, which the Member may use to cast its vote. This electronic ballot form must be returned via electronic communication to membership@iucn.org before **13:00 GMT/UTC on 21 October 2020**.

Once a Member has chosen to vote by returning a ballot form via electronic mail, the Member renounces by doing so to the possibility to vote via the electronic system. The URL to cast the votes will be deactivated upon request of a ballot form via electronic mail and any votes registered in the electronic voting system will be discarded.

Annex 1 – List of motions submitted to electronic vote by IUCN Members

Motion Number	Motion Name	Amendments
001	Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations meeting retirement criteria, consolidating policy and future reviews	
002	Strengthened institutional inclusion concerning indigenous peoples	
004	Transforming global food systems through sustainable land management that is aligned to the UN SDGs	Yes - 2
005	Urgent action against the grass <i>Cortaderia selloana</i> outside of its natural distribution range	
006	Promoting harmony between cranes – flagships for biodiversity – and agriculture	
007	Declaration of priority for the conservation of tropical dry forests in South America	
008	Developing agroecological practices as nature-based solutions	
009	Protecting rivers and their associated ecosystems as corridors in a changing climate	Yes - 1
010	Protecting and restoring endangered grassland and savannah ecosystems	
011	Preventing conflicts of interest related to chemicals and plant protection products	
012	The fight against imported deforestation	
014	Aquatic biodiversity conservation of shallow marine and freshwater systems	
015	Supporting the Lower Mekong Basin countries with the transboundary management of water resources, ecosystems and biodiversity	
016	The importance of a cross-border approach to prioritise biodiversity conservation, adaptation to climate change and risk management in the Río de la Plata Basin	
017	Cooperation on transboundary fresh waters to ensure ecosystem conservation, climate resilience and sustainable development	Yes - 1
018	Conservation of spring ecosystems in the Mediterranean region	
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025	Halting biodiversity loss in the insular Caribbean	
026	Establishment of a mid-frequency active (MFA – 1 to 10 KHz) sonar moratorium for maritime military exercises conducted in Macaronesia	
027	Reducing impacts of incidental capture on threatened marine species	
028	For an improved management of drifting fish aggregating devices (FADs) in purse seine fisheries	
029	Ecosystem conservation, restoration and remediation in the ocean	
030	International cooperation on marine pollution from sunken vessels	
031	Seascapes working for biodiversity conservation	
032	Updating of the legislation to stop the pollution of oceans caused by the discharging of wastewater by ships	Yes - 1
033	For the urgent global management of marine and coastal sand resources	
035	Enhancing the resilience of coastal areas in the face of climate change, biodiversity crisis and rapid coastal development	
036	The implementation of nature-based solutions in the Mediterranean Basin	
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042	Promoting IUCN leadership in the implementation of the UN Decade on Restoration 2021–2030	
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053	Enhancing implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity through National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)	
054	Climate crisis legal toolkit	
055	Global Indigenous Network for Aquaculture (GINA)	
056	Creation of the Ombudsperson for Future Generations	
057	Law enforcement regarding commercial trade in tigers and tiger parts	
058	Contributions of the Conservation-enabling Hierarchy to the post-2020 CBD framework	
059	Mainstreaming the Cerrado in international cooperation and global environmental funds	
060	Measuring the effectiveness of environmental law using legal indicators	Yes - 2
061	Regional agreement on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean	
063	Dams in the Alto Paraguay River Basin, the Pantanal and the Paraguay-Paraná Wetland System	
064	Promoting sustainable and ethical mining practices in Africa	Yes - 1
065	Engaging the private sector to combat wildlife trafficking	Yes - 2
066	Guidance to identify industrial fishing incompatible with protected areas	
068	Biodiversity financing	
070	Accounting for biodiversity: encompassing ecosystems, species and genetic diversity	
071	Safeguarding coral reefs from harmful chemicals in sunscreen	
072	Combatting the illegal trade in lion body parts and derivatives	
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077	Urgent call to share and use primary biodiversity in situ data	
078	Promoting conservation through behaviour-centred solutions	
079	Enhancing knowledge of natural resource conservation and alternative sustainable energy models through faith-based organisation networks	Yes - 2
080	Generalising alternative practices and techniques to the use of synthetic pesticides	
081	Amendment 1 [Call for Nature in Cities agendas and] Strengthening the IUCN Urban Alliance	Yes - 1
082	Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area	
083	Eliminate plastic pollution in protected areas, with priority action on single-use plastic products	
085	Combatting soil degradation and artificialisation	
086	Wildlife-friendly linear infrastructure	Yes - 2
087	Importance for the conservation of nature of removing barriers to rights-based voluntary family planning	
088	Ecological connectivity conservation in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework: from local to international levels	
089	Geoheritage and protected areas	
090	Transboundary cooperation for conservation of big cats in Northeast Asia	
091	Building and strengthening wildlife economies in Eastern and Southern Africa	Yes - 1
092	Effects of the increase in the use of paper as a substitute for plastic on plantations of timber species	Yes - 1
093	Conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems	
094	Linking in situ and ex situ efforts to save threatened species	
095	Recognising, reporting and supporting other effective area-based conservation measures	
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103	Urgent measures to safeguard the globally important Atewa Forest, Ghana	
104	Conservation of the natural diversity and natural heritage in mining environments	
105	Preventing the extinction of the Great Indian Bustard (<i>Ardeotis nigriceps</i>) in India	
106	Continental conservation priority for the jaguar (<i>Panthera onca</i>)	
107	Global Conservation of rhino rays (<i>Rhinidae</i> , <i>Glaucostegidae</i> , <i>Rhinobatidae</i>)	
108	Adapting traditional medicine to achieve social and environmental sustainability	Yes - 3
109	A call for increased consideration of genetic diversity in IUCN planning and actions	
110	Safeguarding the Endangered narrow-ridged finless porpoise (<i>Neophocaena asiaeorientalis</i>) in the Yellow Sea	Yes - 1
111	Conservation of seahorses, pipefishes and seadragons (family <i>Syngnathidae</i>)	Yes - 1
112	Maximising return on conservation investments and sustainable development: eradicating invasive alien species (IAS) to conserve island biodiversity and benefit society	
113	National Plan for the Sustainable Management of the Guanaco in Argentina	
114	Saving the world's otters	
115	Strengthening great ape conservation across countries, in and outside of protected areas, involving local actors	
116	Building Madagascar's capacity to counter the threat from invasive species	
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