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Background information 

1. Does the proposed motion:

Correspond with the purpose of motions as defined in Rule 48bis:

Yes

Propose an amendment to either the draft IUCN Programme 2021-2024:

No

Address issues pertaining to the governance of IUCN?:

No

2. Specify which IUCN constituents (Members or components of IUCN) or third parties (Rule 54 (b) viii.) referred to in the operative paragraph(s) of this motion have:

Been consulted during the development of this motion:

Danmarks Naturfredningsforening (Denmark)

IUCN Secretariat

IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Department of Commerce (United States of America)

Nature Seychelles (Seychelles)

The Pew Charitable Trusts (United States of America)

Wildlife Institute of India (India)

World Wildlife Fund - US (United States of America)

Collaborated in the development of the motion:

IUCN Secretariat

IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Department of Commerce (United States of America)

Nature Seychelles (Seychelles)

Wildlife Institute of India (India)

Provide any additional information about consultations carried out/ collaboration with IUCN constituents in the development of this motion, in particular if consultations had the purpose of identifying solutions that might address the underlying issues. (Rule 54 (b) x.) :

We have consulted broadly--with IUCN members directly as well as with the members of the World Commission on Protected Areas' Management Effectiveness Specialist Group and WCPA-Marine MPA Management Effectiveness Taskforce and staff at UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

3. Before submitting this motion, have you searched the IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations Platform to ensure that this motion does not repeat previously adopted Resolutions or Recommendations?:

Yes

Please specify, what is new, over and above previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations and state which Resolutions / Recommendations:

Four previous resolutions on the need for improved management (1.37 Marine Protected Areas; 2.20 Conservation of marine biodiversity; 4.045 Accelerating progress to establish MPAs and create MPA networks; WCC-2012-Res-076 Accelerating the global pace of establishing MPAs and the certification of their effective management) have addressed MPAs only and not specified the need for assessments. Resolution WCC-2012-Res-042 (Proposing goals for the coverage of protected areas based on management certification and assessment systems) addressed the need for a protected area certification system which is now being achieved through the Green List. These motions have not dealt with the issue of the lack of data available to monitor and assess the quality of protected areas under target 11 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, nor with the need for capacity building and resources for undertaking management effectiveness assessments.

4. Please indicate whether the proposed motion has been discussed in one of the Regional Conservation Fora held in 2019 or - where applicable - in a meeting of the

National Committee(s) of the country(ies) concerned? (Regulation 66ter):

Yes

Please specify in which:

UK National Committee

French National Committee

Colombia National Committee

Italy National Committee

5. Does the motion focus on local, national or regional issues?:

No

6. Does the proposed motion concern issues arising in a State or States outside the proponent's State/Region?:

Yes

Please ensure that the motion is co-sponsored by at least one IUCN Member, eligible to vote, from the Region with which the motion is concerned. (Rule 49bis):

Bhutan

Brazil

China

Colombia

Denmark

France

Mexico

Nepal

Republic of Korea

Seychelles

United Republic of Tanzania

United States of America

Preamble 

The preamble explains in a succinct way the rationale for the motion and substantiates the action(s) called for in the operative part. :

RECOGNIZING the commitment embodied in Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 that protected areas should be "effectively and equitably managed";

INCREASINGLY CONCERNED that biodiversity continues to decline, even within many protected areas, in the face of

anthropogenic impacts;

NOTING both marine and terrestrial studies show that the majority of assessed protected and conserved areas are severely underfunded;

NOTING that there is strong evidence that effectively managed and adequately resourced protected and conserved areas do maintain and restore biodiversity, as well as provide social and economic benefits to local communities;

RECALLING item 4 of the CBD's Programme of Work on Protected Areas which commits the Parties to the Convention to assess and improve the effectiveness of the management of protected areas;

AWARE that only ca. 28,000 of the world's 230,000 protected areas have reported information on management effectiveness and, of these, only a small fraction has provided information on the state and adequacy of management efforts;

WELCOMING, the CBD's decision XIII/2 which invites CBD Parties to undertake more systematic assessments of management effectiveness and biodiversity outcomes of protected areas and provide this information to the Global Database on Protected Areas Management Effectiveness, maintained by the UNEP-WCMC;

WELCOMING the contribution of the UNEP-WCMC in compiling and managing data on protected area management effectiveness;

NOTING that in some cases, governments and others have given greater priority to the establishment of new protected areas without giving adequate attention and financial support to the management of existing protected and conserved areas; and

REITERATING that continued attention to improving the quality of protected areas should be a critical element of future targets for both marine and terrestrial protected areas

Operative paragraphs



The operative section of the motion specifies the position of Members and contains the action(s) that they are agreeing to take.:

1. CALLS UPON IUCN Members, including States, government agencies and non-governmental organizations, to develop and enhance capacity building initiatives for management effectiveness assessment and to develop knowledge sharing mechanisms and tools.
2. REQUESTS IUCN Members, including State, government agency and non-governmental organizations, to work with UNEP-WCMC, and other relevant organizations, to track global, regional, and national progress in assessing the state and adequacy of management processes, inputs, outputs and outcomes of all protected and conserved areas as well as leverage financial support thereof.
4. CALLS UPON IUCN Members, including States, government agencies and non-governmental organizations to work with the CBD to foster agreement among CBD Parties on ambitious and measurable quantitative targets on the effectiveness and performance of protected and conserved areas, that includes the delivery and tracking of enhanced ecological and social outcomes, at the CBD COP 15.
4. REQUESTS IUCN Members, including State, government agency and non-governmental organizations as well as

donors and funding agencies, to make funding available to achieve the effective management of protected and conserved areas to deliver enhanced biodiversity and social outcomes.

5. REQUESTS the IUCN Director General to support capacity building initiatives and the development of knowledge sharing mechanisms for management effectiveness assessment and the tracking thereof.

Proponents and co-sponsors

You are submitting this motion on behalf of:

Wildlife Conservation Society [United States of America]

Co-sponsors:

Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Exactas Físicas y Naturales [Colombia]

Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences [China]

BirdLife International [United Kingdom]

Chengdu Bird Watching Society [China]

China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation [China]

China Mangrove Conservation Network (legal name: Putian Green Sprout Coastal Wetlands Research Center) [China]

Corporación Ecovera [Colombia]

Danmarks Naturfredningsforening [Denmark]

Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation [Nepal]

Fauna & Flora International [United Kingdom]

Federazione Italiana Parchi e Riserve Naturali [Italy]

Fundación Humedales [Colombia]

Fundación Malpelo y Otros Ecosistemas Marinos [Colombia]

Fundación Natura [Colombia]

Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta [Colombia]

Fundação Vitória Amazônica [Brazil]

Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels [France]

Instituto Sinchi [Colombia]

Instituto de Desenvolvimento Sustentável Mamirauá [Brazil]

Korea National Park Service [Korea (RK)]

Ministry of Agriculture and Forests [Bhutan]

Ministry of Environment, Republic of Korea [Korea (RK)]

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Department of Commerce [United States of America]

Nature Seychelles [Seychelles]

Rainforest Trust [United States of America]

Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales [Mexico]

Sociedade Civil Mamiraua [Brazil]

WCS Associação Conservação da Vida Silvestre [Brazil]

Western Indian Ocean Marine Sciences Association [Tanzania]

Zoologisk Have København [Denmark]

Explanatory memorandum



Explanatory memorandum (optional):

Aichi Target 11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which called for the protection of 17% of the Earth and 10% of the oceans, led to rapid expansion of the global network of protected areas. It also required that this network be "effectively and equitably managed", recognising that these areas must deliver real conservation benefits and protect biodiversity whilst respecting the rights and livelihoods of those dependent on an area and its resources. These multiple objectives are proving difficult to meet. Studies across the marine and terrestrial realm show that many sites are severely underfunded and under-resourced, with the levels of funding and quality of management relating directly to the delivery of conservation outcomes. Protected areas need clear objectives, adequate resources, effective management, equitable governance and appropriate monitoring to achieve their objectives.

We thus need significant scaling up in the number of protected areas undertaking assessments of their effectiveness on a regular basis, with the results of assessments being (1) used to improve management and increase conservation success at a site or within a network and (2) contributing to initiatives to assess worldwide progress, notably global datasets on Protected Area Management Effectiveness. This requires several urgent measures, which this Motion is aimed at encouraging IUCN members (and others?) to put in place.

At the level of individual protected areas and networks of protected areas we need: further commitment to manage protected areas effectively and share experiences; extensive capacity-building so that protected area staff understand the value of making management effectiveness assessments part of routine operations and the need to use the results of these to improve performance; increased resources and funding to underpin the roll-out of adaptive management mechanisms at all sites; and development of best practice guidance and knowledge sharing mechanisms to facilitate local, national and regional efforts.

At the wider level there is an urgent need to improve mechanisms for tracking progress and building a sound evidence base that will demonstrate how effective and equitable management can lead to successful biodiversity conservation combined with enhanced ecological and social outcomes. Sites must be encouraged to report on management effectiveness assessments to UNEP-WCMC, through official CBD national reporting and on an ad-hoc basis.

To provide an incentive for, and encouragement for the uptake of, the above measure, protected area management effectiveness must become a measurable element of the post-2020 biodiversity targets. SMART (Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Relevant, Time-bound) targets on this element of work must be agreed for the next decade.

Information required for the implementation of the motion ∨

1. Provide:

a) An overview of the activities and estimated resources needed to implement the motion (these can be human or other resources, but expressed in USD). Also include an estimation of the resources pledged (in USD), including by the proponent, co-sponsors, or third parties.:

Activity	Estimated financial resources required (USD)	Estimated financial resources pledged (USD)
Field activities		
Scientific activities	350000	
Education/ communication/ raising awareness		
Fundraising		
Policy influencing	50000	50000
Convening stakeholders/ networking	30000	
Capacity building		
Other		
Total	430000	50000

Rate here to which degree the resources required for the implementation of the motion have been estimated and committed. During the online discussion of motions, proponents of motions will be able to update this information and rating, while IUCN Members will be able to pledge or commit their contribution to the implementation of a motion.:

D: Motion can be implemented within the regular budget and resources available to the Member or component of IUCN (Secretariat, Commission, etc.) which is called upon to implement the motion.

Comments on the estimated resources required and rating above, including the main actions and timeline, as well as the strategy for mobilising additional resources in the case that they are not pledged.:

Governments, NGOs, IGOs, IUCN Commissions, and the IUCN Secretariat have already agreed to manage their protected areas effectively and make this information available for the reporting towards the Strategic Plan for

Biodiversity 2011-2020. This motion highlights the need to commit the resources needed for the next decades to come. While recognising that individual studies are under way, there are currently no good estimates for what the amount would be to manage the global protected area estate - collating that data through improved assessments of management across a larger proportion of the world protected and conserved areas is part of the motivation for this motion. We include concrete estimates for scientific activities, policy influencing, and Convening stakeholders/networking. These reflect estimates linked to concrete grant applications currently submitted to private foundations to develop tools to better capture, store and analyse data from management effectiveness assessments and as well as the time and resourced committed by by the WCS and members of WCPA to help with developing flexible frameworks for comparing different assessment-tools deployed on the ground.

b) Description of the contributions which proponent and co-sponsors intend to make towards the implementation of the motion: (Rule 54 (b) viii.)

Proponent 

IUCN Member:

Wildlife Conservation Society [United States of America]

Proposed actions:

Capacity building

Field activities

Policy influencing/advocacy

Scientific/technical activities

Description:

WCS through its field programs and collaborative work with Governments will provide capacity building and assist in management effectiveness assessments for protected areas. WCS will provide technical support to link management effectiveness assessments with conservation outcomes and work toward ensuring PA management effectiveness assessments and ecological outcomes are incorporated into the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Co-sponsors 

Co-sponsor:

Korea Forest Service [Korea (RK)]

Proposed actions:

Field activities

Policy influencing/advocacy

Co-sponsor:

Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences [China]

Proposed actions:

Policy influencing/advocacy

Co-sponsor:

Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation [Nepal]

Proposed actions:

Capacity building

Field activities

Co-sponsor:

Ministry of Agriculture and Forests [Bhutan]

Proposed actions:

Capacity building

Field activities

Policy influencing/advocacy

Co-sponsor:

Western Indian Ocean Marine Sciences Association [Tanzania]

Proposed actions:

Capacity building

Policy influencing/advocacy

Co-sponsor:

BirdLife International [United Kingdom]

Proposed actions:

Capacity building

Scientific/technical activities

Co-sponsor:

Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels [France]

Proposed actions:

Policy influencing/advocacy

Co-sponsor:

Nature Seychelles [Seychelles]

Proposed actions:

Policy influencing/advocacy

Scientific/technical activities

Co-sponsor:

Fundação Vitória Amazônica [Brazil]

Proposed actions:

Policy influencing/advocacy

Co-sponsor:

Fundación Natura [Colombia]

Proposed actions:

Capacity building

Policy influencing/advocacy

2. Provide here the name of a focal point who would be in charge of reporting annually on the follow-up and implementation of the motion if adopted:

Name: Jonas

Surname: Geldmann

Institution: University of Cambridge

3. If the operative paragraph(s) of this motion is/are directly related to the mandate and work of one or more IUCN Commission(s), has the Steering Committee of the relevant Commission(s) committed to oversee implementation and assist in the gathering of data on the implementation of the Resolutions involved?:

Yes

Specify which Commission(s):

World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)

4. As required by WCC-2016-Res-001, please indicate when the motion automatically ceases to be effective and will be moved to the Resolutions and Recommendations Archive. This can be either when a stated period has elapsed or when an objective has been achieved.:

It ceases to be effective after the end of the strategic plan agreed at the CBD Cop 15 - currently believed to be 2030.

Scope

**Please specify to which area of the draft IUCN Programme 2021-2024 this motion is related:**

Healthy Lands and Waters

Indicate the geographic scope of the implementation of this motion:

Global

Keywords

**Region:**

- Global

Nature and biodiversity:

- Forests
- Grassland
- Marine & Coastal

Sustainable Development Goals:

- Goal 13 - climate action
- Goal 14 - life below water
- Goal 15 - life on land

Threats and Drivers:

- Human intrusions & disturbance
- Logging & wood harvesting
- Natural system modifications

Type of response / intervention:

- Capacity building
- Ecosystems management
- Monitoring / Evaluation

Congress themes:

- [Managing landscapes for nature and people \(/programme/congress-themes/landscapes\)](/programme/congress-themes/landscapes)
- [Restoring ocean health \(/programme/congress-themes/oceans\)](/programme/congress-themes/oceans)

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