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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:

Comité national de l'IUCN, France

Collaborated in the development of the motion:

Comité national de l'UICN, France

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.) :

Consultation des membres et des experts du Comité national de l'UICN, France

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:

La motion formule de nouvelles propositions par rapports aux résolutions et aux recommandations antérieures car les progrès obtenus ne sont pas suffisants.

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:

Congrès français de la Nature 2019 du Comité français de l'UICN

Forum Régional Européen de la Nature 2019

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):

Australia

Bangladesh

Benin

Burkina Faso

Cameroon

Côte d'Ivoire

Democratic Republic of the Congo

France

Italy
Panama
Spain
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. :

CONSIDERING the importance of coral communities for marine life, the conservation of which is a great responsibility for humanity, and aware of their essential role for the socio-economic and cultural well-being of more than half a billion people in the world;

NOTING that the health of coral communities continues to decline due to direct (fishing, tourism, maritime traffic, etc.) and indirect (land-based pollution etc.) pressures, and that this ecosystem is one of the most immediately threatened by the impacts of climate change;

ALARMED by the 2018 IPCC report, which predicts a 70-90% decline in coral reefs under a scenario of a 1.5°C temperature increase, and over 99% at +2°C;

EMPHASIZING that healthy coral communities - more resilient to the impacts of climate change - involve an ecological balance between corals and algae, within which herbivory, and particularly that of herbivorous fish, is one of the keys;

NOTING that overfishing of herbivorous fish affects the resilience of coral communities, particularly in the Caribbean region due to the use of fishing techniques such as spearfishing, traps and nets;

RECALLING the recommendation of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) on The Decline in the Health of Coral Reefs in the Greater Caribbean Region: the Catch of Parrot Fish and Other Coral Herbivores adopted at the 28th ICRI General Assembly in 2013;

COMMENDING those countries that have already taken regulatory measures to protect herbivorous populations (parrotfish in the Bahamas, Bermuda, Belize, Turks and Caicos, the Dutch island of Bonaire and the French island of St-Barthélemy, regulation of herbivorous fish fisheries and coastal protection in French Polynesia);

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. URGES governments to adopt conservation and sustainable fisheries management strategies that lead to the recovery of herbivorous fish populations, including a range of measures that can be adapted to local contexts to restore the balance between algae and corals - a feature of healthy coral reefs (e.g. prohibition of the use of some fishing techniques, minimum catch sizes, fishing quotas);
2. REQUESTS that these management strategies be accompanied by necessary resources for outreach, compliance and enforcement, and by the examination of alternative livelihoods for fishers affected by catch restrictions;
3. ENCOURAGES regional fisheries forums to address the problem of reef herbivory;
4. REQUESTS the inclusion of relevant species in CITES appendices; and
5. REQUESTS, for the Caribbean region, the inscription of the species *Scarus coeruleus*, *Scarus coelestinus* and *Scarus guacamaia* in Appendix 2 of the SPAW Protocol to the Cartagena Convention, and all other herbivorous Scaridae and Acanthuridae fish species in Appendix 3 of the Protocol.

Proponents and co-sponsors



You are submitting this motion on behalf of:

Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international [France]

Co-sponsors:

Association Beauval Nature pour la Conservation et la Recherche [France]

Association Française Interprofessionnelle des Ecologues [France]

Association Française des Parcs Zoologiques [France]

Association Les Eco Maires [France]

Association intervillageoise de Gestion des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune de la Comoé-Léraba [Burkina Faso]

Associazione Italiana per il World Wildlife Fund (WWF-Italy) [Italy]

Awely, des animaux et des hommes [France]

Benin Environment and Education Society [Benin]

Cameroon Environmental Watch [Cameroon]

Centre Régional de Recherche et d` Education pour un Développement Intégré [Benin]

Centre international de droit comparé de l`environnement [France]
 Coastal Area Resource Development and Management Association [Bangladesh]
 Conservation des Espèces Marines [Côte d'Ivoire]
 Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche [Italy]
 Environment and Rural Development Foundation [Cameroon]
 Fondation d'Entreprise Biotope pour la Biodiversité [France]
 Fondation pour la Nature et l'Homme [France]
 Forêts pour le Développement Intégral [Congo (DROC)]
 Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels [France]
 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Queensland [Australia]
 Humanité et Biodiversité [France]
 Istituto Pangea -Onlus- Istituto Europeo per l`Educazione e la Formazione Professionale per l`Ambiente [Italy]
 Loro Parque Fundación [Spain]
 Ministerio de Ambiente [Panama]
 Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle [France]
 Nature Tropicale [Benin]
 Réseau pour la conservation et la réhabilitation des écosystèmes forestiers du Nord-Kivu [Congo (DROC)]
 SYLVIA EARLE ALLIANCE (DBA MISSION BLUE) [United States of America]
 US Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs [United States of America]

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		
Education/ communication/ raising awareness		
Fundraising		
Policy influencing		

Activity	Estimated financial resources required (USD)	Estimated financial resources pledged (USD)
Convening stakeholders/ networking	20 000	20 000
Capacity building		
Other		
Total	20000	20000

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.:

B: Motion submitted with realistic pledge(s) or commitment(s) of funds or other resources to implement the motion in part. Commitments should be recorded in section b) below.

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.:

Engagement forfaitaire de 5 000 euros USD par an sur quatre ans, soit 20 000 USD, de la part du Comité français de l'UICN pour la mise en œuvre de la motion. Des ressources financières complémentaires sont à estimer plus précisément et à trouver pour la mise en œuvre complète de la motion.

Co-sponsors:

Association Beauval Nature pour la Conservation et la Recherche (France)

Association Française Interprofessionnelle des Ecologues [France]

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Fondation Nature et Découvertes (France)

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US Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (USA)

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

Proponent ▼
<p>IUCN Member: Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international [France]</p> <p>Proposed actions: Convene stakeholders/networking</p>

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: Anne

Surname: Caillaud

Institution: Comité français de l'UICN

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?:

Not applicable

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.:

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Scope 

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

Healthy Oceans

Indicate the geographic scope of the implementation of this motion:

Global

Keywords **Region:**

- Global

Nature and biodiversity:

- Marine & Coastal
- Fishes

Sustainable Development Goals:

- Goal 14 - life below water

Threats and Drivers:

- Climate change & severe weather
- Fisheries & harvesting aquatic resources
- Pollution

Type of response / intervention:

- Ecosystems management
- Institution building / reform
- Natural resources management (land, water etc.)

Congress themes:

- Restoring ocean health (/programme/congress-themes/oceans)

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