

First Motions Working Group Update

IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025

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Dear Members,

The IUCN Motions Working Group (MWG) sincerely appreciates the efforts of all Members who were able to take the time to prepare and submit motions for consideration at the upcoming World Conservation Congress. We know it is not easy to develop a text in an inclusive manner, across IUCN bodies, and within the framework stipulated by the Statutes. We see the strong level of engagement in this process, which guides our collective work, as a success for the Members, and for the Union as a whole. We recognise and celebrate this robust, enthusiastic engagement, and sincerely thank everyone involved.

The motions process is a fundamental element of IUCN's governance and constitutes a means through which Members set IUCN's general policy, influence conservation priorities, and find support for moving commitments into action. By submitting, discussing, and voting on motions – that after adoption become Resolutions or Recommendations – Members participate in this unique and highly democratic process. Ultimately, all of these decisions, together with the IUCN Programme 2026–2029, pave the way for the work of the Union for the next intersessional period and support the achievement of IUCN's mission.

Among the Terms of Reference for the MWG are mandates to receive the motions presented by Members and Council and determine whether they are consistent with the purpose of motions, as defined in Rule 48*bis* of the IUCN Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, and meet the requirements listed in Rule 54.

In accordance with Rule 49, IUCN Members and the Council proposed motions by the deadline of 15 January 2025. Following the submission of 193 motions by Members and 7 by the Council, we scrutinised all proposed motions at our first meeting from 10 to 15 March 2025.

The motion submissions covered a range of themes and regions, including all eight of the global transformations for nature and people identified in the draft IUCN Programme 2026–2029, as well as all eight of the Statutory Regions, though we note that North America and the Caribbean and West Europe were especially well represented. Thematically, we noted that a great number of motions touched on questions of policy and law, and that an overwhelming majority were global in scope, rather than regional, national, or local.

After careful review of each of the 200 motions submitted, we accepted 109, merged 31 into 15, remitted 10 to the Programme, and rejected 50. These decisions, along with the rationale for each, are appended to this update as Annex I. The resulting 124 motions are now published in their original submission language on the Congress website.

In applying the admissibility criteria to each of the submissions and making determinations as to their eligibility under the Rules of Procedure, we took all decisions by consensus. We noted all conflicts of interest in a separate document, appended here as Annex II, and also as the motions were presented for discussion. When there was a conflict of interest, those members recused themselves from participating in the decisions on those motions.

Of the motions that were rejected, these can be grouped into two broad categories: (1) those that failed to meet the requirements in terms of content, and (2) those that failed to meet the requirements in terms of process and format.

Among those that were deemed to not meet the requirements in terms of content, in our view, many did not propose or modify IUCN's general policy (Rule 54(a)i.), but rather called for support for ongoing processes. Among these, several made requests that were operational in nature, very prescriptive, or better suited to be addressed in the IUCN Programme. We also found that many motions made requests that are very similar to those found in previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations (Rule 54(a)vi.) and that the new elements did not go sufficiently above and beyond IUCN's existing policy. Finally, we found that several motions made very general requests, and were not precise in what they aimed to achieve (Rule 54(a)iv.), while others were focused on local or national issues, but

the sponsors did not provide adequate evidence that the issue had already been addressed at the local or national level (Rule 54(a)vii.).

On the process and format side, we saw that a few of the submissions either did not meet the requirements for co-sponsorship (Rules 49, 49bis, and 54(b)ix.) or did not use the Council-approved template (Rule 54(b)xii.).

It is important to note that with every rejection, the MWG thought about how to strengthen and improve future guidance and processes to better assist Members in submitting successful motions. Ultimately, we want your policy proposals to be seen, discussed, and advanced to Congress.

As we move into the next step in the motions process – the online discussion of accepted and merged motions that will commence the week of 21 April 2025 – we wish to encourage all Members to continue to participate actively in the process and to engage in substantive deliberations around motions, with a view to finding consensus on the issues covered therein. Members will receive guidance on the online discussion, as well as the call to nominate Facilitators, in the coming weeks.

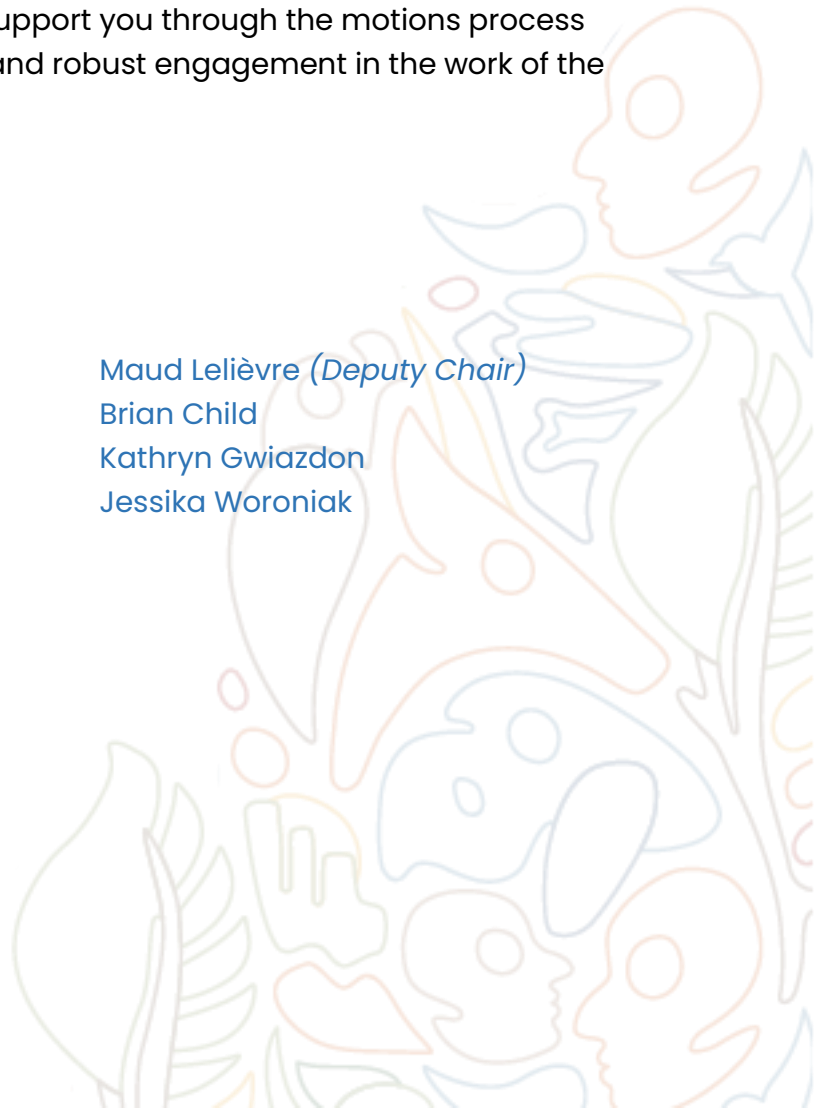
We continue to be available to support you through the motions process and look forward to your active and robust engagement in the work of the Union.

Respectfully,

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Annex I

Decisions of the Motions Working Group on the admissibility of motions submitted for the World Conservation Congress 2025

Motion ID	Title (original language)	Decision	Rationale
S001	Recognizing India's First Dugong Conservation Reserve	Accept as is	
S002	IUCN assessments of critical issues pertaining to the status and trends of nature and natural resources	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the MWG has decided to accept this motion with a few small changes to the operative text, as it was concerned about the objective standards for determining strong biases, and that the timebound request in the final paragraph was overly prescriptive.
S003	OMNIBUS MOTION ON NATURE CRIME	Accept with changes	The Motions Working Group has decided to accept this motion with changes. Most changes were made to clarify and strengthen the operative paragraphs in accordance with Rule 54(a) i. that states that only to the extent necessary, the motion specifies the activities required to implement the policy. It is the view of the Motions Working Group, that some degree of flexibility is warranted, in particular to the process and content of a possible IUCN strategy on nature crime, as well as in the operations of the Secretariat. Further changes were made to the preamble and title.
S004	Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations and making IUCN policy more accessible	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with proposed changes to the preamble to clarify the purpose of the archive and the criteria for archiving Resolutions.
S005	IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation	Accept as is	
S006	Mobilising corporate, civil society and government support for high-integrity Nature Positive contributions aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Merge motions S006 and S090	The MWG recognized significant similarities between these motions and recommended that the proponents merge them to strengthen the operative paragraphs, and to make them more precise in what they aim to achieve, in accordance with Rule 54(a) iv. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merge entitled "Defining a robust Nature Positive for Business framework, to mobilise corporate, civil society and government support for high-integrity Nature Positive contributions aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework", which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S007	Fourth Global Bleaching Event: Urgent action to reduce the risk of catastrophic loss of the world's coral reefs	Accept as is	
S008	Strengthening safe civic spaces to fulfill the Global Biodiversity Framework	Accept as is	
S009	Retorno a la periodicidad anual de las reuniones Ordinarias y Técnicas del Convenio para la Conservación y Manejo de la Vicuña	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the operative paragraphs to align with the convention of referring to the Commission rather than its Specialist Groups.
S010	Strengthening Gender Equality and Addressing Gender-Based Violence in IUCN Conservation Projects: Enhancing Clarity, Transparency, and Financial Accountability	Merge motions S010 and S111	Considering the common topic and complementarities found in these motions, the MWG recommended merging motions S010 and S111, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Mainstreaming gender equality in biodiversity policies, programs, actions and funding" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S011	Confirming the status of the Climate Crisis Commission	Accept as is	

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S012	Harnessing IUCN's power: driving synergy for Net Zero, Nature Positive, and a Just Energy Transition	Accept with changes	The Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes made to the title, preamble, and operative text in order to clarify and streamline the text, and to ensure the asks address initiatives rather than treaties that do not yet exist.
S013	Task Force on exploring standardized genetic diversity assessments	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes. The Group believes that the final operative paragraph, which calls for the implementation of an active Resolution, is unnecessary since this action should already be taking place.
S014	Strengthening the international legal framework to prevent and combat crimes that affect the environment	Merge motions S014 and S116	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG considered that there was considerable overlap between these motions on crimes that affect the environment. Therefore the MWG recommended to merge these two motions, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Preventing, combatting and strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance to address environmental crimes" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S015	Increasing the participation of subnational governments across and through the Union	Accept as is	
S016	Inscription de la Forêt de Fontainebleau au Patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO	Accept as is	
S017	Improving tree planting practices - Planting the right tree in the right place for the right purpose	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the operative paragraphs to streamline the requests to the IUCN Secretariat through the Director General.
S018	Mobilising the role of wild animals in ecosystems as a climate solution	Accept as is	
S019	Atténuer l'impact des catastrophes naturelles sur la faune sauvage par la mise en place de mesures spécifiques (prévention, secours, restauration)	Accept as is	
S020	S'assurer du maintien et du déploiement d'un réseau d'aires protégées résilient et connecté dans un contexte de changement global	Reject	<p>According to Rules 54(a) i. and Rule 54(a) vi., a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. Unfortunately, the MWG finds that the issues of connectivity and protected areas as nature-based solutions to climate change addressed by this motion are already considered in the Programme of IUCN and the criteria of the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas. The MWG does not consider your motion to be proposing or modifying IUCN's general policy. According to Rules 54(a) i. and Rule 54(a) vi., a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. Unfortunately, the MWG finds that the issues of connectivity and protected areas as nature-based solutions to climate change addressed by this motion are already considered in the Programme of IUCN and the criteria of the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas. The MWG does not consider your motion to be proposing or modifying IUCN's general policy.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you, that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S021	Pour un Pacte international relatif aux droits environnementaux	Reject	<p>The MWG considers that the elements of the Pact are already part of existing IUCN policy, and can be found across many IUCN Resolutions, including those cited in the text. The MWG considers that while the name of the Pact is new, the elements contained therein are not.</p> <p>We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria set out in Rules 54(a) i., and Rule 54(a) vi., which state that a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations.</p>

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S022	Springs under threat: mobilising urgent action for neglected freshwater systems	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to clarify the language in the operative paragraphs to direct the requests to the appropriate bodies.
S023	Pour une protection des glaciers et écosystèmes post-glaciaires	Accept as is	
S024	Development of IUCN Guidelines to effectively control the commercial pet trade in terrestrial wildlife	Accept as is	
S025	Promoting the Protection of Indigenous Languages	Merge motions S025, S124 and S175	<p>The MWG found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG recommended that the proponents focus on the common theme of Indigenous languages and requested the proponents to strengthen the links between Indigenous languages and conservation.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Recognizing the Importance of Indigenous Languages, Knowledge, and Cultural Heritage in Biodiversity Conservation" with minor changes in the preamble and operative paragraphs. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S026	Conservación de los Conocimientos, Usos y Lugares Tradicionales de la Geodiversidad	Remit to Programme	After careful consideration, the MWG decided to remit the above-mentioned motion for Programme consideration in accordance with Rule 51. The MWG believes that this theme is already addressed by Resolution 7.074, but recognises that the subject warrants further attention. As such, it remits the matter to the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft programme.
S027	Conservación de la integridad ambiental del Golfo San Matías en Argentina	Accept as is	
S028	Strengthening the Linkages Between Zoonotic Risks & Conservation Efforts	Merge motions S028, S030, S054 and S069	<p>The MWG has found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged. The MWG recommended the proponents to merge these four motions underscoring the need for a straightforward, streamlined and succinct motion, and requested that the operative paragraphs be precise in what it aims to achieve, in line with IUCN objectives and capabilities.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task at hand and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the arguments presented by the proponents and the resulting merged motions entitled "Advancing the One Health approach for biodiversity, health, and global cooperation" and "Implementation of One Health, from global to local", both of which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S029	Need for Urgent Conservation action to secure remaining population of Javan and Sumatran Rhino in Indonesia	Accept as is	
S030	Advancing biodiversity outcomes through health sector partnerships	Merge motions S028, S030, S054 and S069	<p>The MWG has found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged. The MWG recommended the proponents to merge these four motions underscoring the need for a straightforward, streamlined and succinct motion, and requested that the operative paragraphs be precise in what it aims to achieve, in line with IUCN objectives and capabilities.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task at hand and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the arguments presented by the proponents and the resulting merged motions entitled "Advancing the One Health approach for biodiversity, health, and global cooperation" and "Implementation of One Health, from global to local", both of which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S031	Intégrer le maintien et la reconquête des espèces de la faune et de la flore dans la création et la restauration du bâti	Accept as is	

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S032	Developing a policy on geoengineering	Accept as is	
S033	Accelerating action for nature-positive, sustainable agriculture and food systems	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with small changes to the operative text to redirect the requests to the appropriate constituents of IUCN.
S034	Establishment of a Marine Biodiversity Conservation Area in Macaronesia	Accept as is	
S035	Accompagner l'atteinte de la cible 3 du Cadre Mondial de la Biodiversité	Merge motions S035 and S067	<p>The MWG appreciates the importance of this topic, however the Group had concerns with the coherence of the technical aspects and arguments of each individual motion. The Group also found that the motions were complementary in that one calls for better indicators to demonstrate that Protected and Conserved Areas (PCAs) are effectively protected and managed, and the other calls for resources for evaluate the effectiveness of the management of PCAs. After careful consideration, the MWG decided to merge these motions. In the merge, the MWG brought together elements from both motions and believes that the resulting version addresses redundancies and the shortcomings found within the individual motions.</p> <p>The resulting merged motion entitled "Mobilizing resources and strengthening evaluation to ensure the effective management of Protected and Conserved Areas for global biodiversity goals" will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S036	Developing a unified global definition of peatland and peat	Accept as is	
S037	Addressing the climate and biodiversity crises through fossil fuel supply-side measures and a just transition	Accept as is	
S038	Big cat conservation: Connectivity, coexistence, coordination - an integrated, large-scale approach	Reject	<p>The MWG appreciates the importance of big cat conservation to IUCN as evidenced by past Resolutions (as cited in the submission) and work, including by the SSC Cat Specialist Group. However, the MWG considers that the motion does not propose or modify IUCN existing policy on this matter, and therefore it fails to meet Rule 54(a) i.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you, that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S039	Stratégie mondiale de conservation de la haute mer basée sur les outils de gestion par zone, dont les aires marines protégées	Reject	<p>Recognising the importance of the new BBNJ Agreement in conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, and appreciating the ambitious spirit of the motion, the MWG notes that the agreement has not yet entered into force, and that the operational paragraphs are pre-empting how the implementation will unfold. In addition, the MWG finds that several of the requests of the motion are beyond the scope of IUCN and they would require significant financial resources to be implemented.</p> <p>The MWG considers that the motion does not meet the requirements of Rules 54(a) ii. and Rule 54(a) iii., which state that the contributions called for in the motion from Members and/or components of IUCN need to be reasonable and achievable, and shall contain technically sound and coherent arguments. We therefore regret to inform you, that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S040	Identifying, reporting, monitoring and strengthening OECMs	Reject	<p>According to Rule 54(a) vi., motions do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. Unfortunately, after careful consideration, the MWG finds that the motion is an incremental addition to a process already in place, and repeats large sections of Resolution WCC 2020 Res 080. Therefore, the Group does not consider that a motion is required to advance the process.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you, that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S041	Legal frameworks to recognise and protect environmental human rights defenders	Reject	<p>The MWG finds that the motion repeats the content of Resolution WCC 2020 Res 115 and therefore does not meet Rule 54(a) vi., which states that motions do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>

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S042	Restoring threatened species in the Arabian Peninsula and Sahelo-Saharan Regions	Accept as is	
S043	Renforcement des connaissances et de la protection des écosystèmes de la zone mésophotique océanique	Accept as is	
S044	Mettre en place une gouvernance internationale pour la gestion des algues sargasses dans le bassin caribéen	Accept as is	
S045	Rendre les droits de la nature opérationnels à travers leur mise en œuvre dans les territoires	Accept as is	
S046	Développer la connaissance des enjeux liés à la biodiversité des médias et journalistes généralistes	Accept as is	
S047	Organization of a Global Youth Summit Prior to Each IUCN World Conservation Congress	Accept as is	
S048	Urgent action to address the Asian wild pig crisis caused by African Swine Fever	Accept as is	
S049	Strengthening conservation efforts for fungi and invertebrates	Accept as is	
S050	The role of rangers as essential planetary health workers	Merge motions S050 and S114	After careful consideration, the MWG recommended to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled The role of rangers as essential planetary health workers in particular to achieve the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S051	Recognition of the Rights of Antarctica	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the preamble and operative paragraphs, moving operative paragraph 1 to the preamble, and changing the sequence in the remaining operative paragraphs.
S052	Upholding indigenous peoples and local communities' rights to sustainable use in the face of harmful national and international legislation.	Reject	The MWG appreciates the underlying premise of the motion as it advances existing Resolutions. However, it notes that there are different avenues to obtain similar results to oppose policies that run against IUCN policy, such as petitions to Council or letters to concerned actors. The MWG considers that this motion does not meet Rules 54 (a) i., 54(a) iv., and 54(a) vi., which state respectively that a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, be precise in what it aims to achieve, and does not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.

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S053	Definition and principles of the regenerative blue economy	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the operative paragraphs, to improve the sequencing of the requests - first adopt the definition and then promote it.
S054	Elevating the profile of the One Health approach within, across and beyond IUCN	Merge motions S028, S030, S054 and S069	<p>The MWG has found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged. The MWG recommended the proponents to merge these four motions underscoring the need for a straightforward, streamlined and succinct motion, and requested that the operative paragraphs be precise in what it aims to achieve, in line with IUCN objectives and capabilities.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task at hand and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the arguments presented by the proponents and the resulting merged motions entitled "Advancing the One Health approach for biodiversity, health, and global cooperation" and "Implementation of One Health, from global to local", both of which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S055	Alerte sur l'impact de l'activité aurifère en Amazonie	Reject	The MWG appreciates the importance of IUCN addressing gold mining in the Amazon. However, the Group feels that there is a lack of evidence regarding engagement with key stakeholders, thereby not satisfying the requirements of Rule 54(a) vii, which states that such evidence must be presented at the moment of submission. In addition, the MWG is concerned about technically sound and coherent arguments as required by 54(a)iii., as the facts presented in the preamble do not clarify the reasoning for the operative paragraphs, such as the specification of those four States over any other State also involved in gold mining in the region. Therefore, we regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S056	Advancing an Ethical Human-Ocean Relationship	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with minor changes to the operative text to include subnational governments in the first request, and to fully name the Commissions addressed in the final operative paragraph.
S057	Maintaining, enhancing and restoring ecological integrity in conservation action	Remit to Programme	After careful consideration, the MWG decided to remit the above-mentioned motion for Programme consideration in accordance with Rule 51. The MWG appreciates the importance of ecological integrity to IUCN as evidenced by past policy and Programme, and as such, the Group considers that the aims of this motion can be addressed through existing mechanisms. Therefore, the motion will be remitted to the the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme.
S058	Implementing the Global Species Action Plan to catalyse and scale up species conservation actions	Remit to Programme	The MWG recognises the importance of the Global Species Action Plan for IUCN, as evidenced by its advocacy efforts for its use as a tool to support the implementation of the KMGBF. As such, the Group considers that the aims of this motion can be addressed through existing mechanisms. The motion will be remitted to the the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme, in accordance with Rule 51.
S059	Ensuring conflict-sensitive conservation and protection of the environment in fragile and conflict situations	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the preamble and to the operative paragraphs for greater clarity and strength.
S060	Strengthening the care of live wild animals seized to fight against wildlife trafficking	Merge motions S060 and S061	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG found considerable overlap in many aspects of these motions, as well as an uneven and irregular approach in the purposes and asks of each motion. The Group however found that the two main subjects – trafficking and seizure – complemented one another in such a way that would lead to a stronger motion if merged. Therefore, key language was extracted from each motion and the ordering was revised to strengthen and clarify the overall object and purpose.</p> <p>The resulting merged motion entitled "Addressing wildlife trafficking and the seizure of live wild animals through care, awareness-raising, and training" will be published on the Congress Portal together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S061	Strengthening the fight against wildlife trafficking through awareness-raising and training of all actors	Merge motions S060 and S061	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG found considerable overlap in many aspects of these motions, as well as an uneven and irregular approach in the purposes and asks of each motion. The Group however found that the two main subjects – trafficking and seizure – complemented one another in such a way that would lead to a stronger motion if merged. Therefore, key language was extracted from each motion and the ordering was revised to strengthen and clarify the overall object and purpose.</p> <p>The resulting merged motion entitled "Addressing wildlife trafficking and the seizure of live wild animals through care, awareness-raising, and training" will be published on the Congress Portal together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S062	Defining nature for IUCN's future	Remit to Programme	After careful consideration, the MWG decided to remit the above-mentioned motion for Programme consideration in accordance with Rule 51, as it believes the language should be included in the Programme to ensure that biotic and abiotic aspects of nature are reflected therein.

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S063	Identifying Key Geoheritage Areas for safeguarding geoheritage sites of global significance and move towards a holistic nature conservation	Reject	<p>The MWG supports the work underway on the Key Geoheritage Areas initiative and wishes to see it come to fruition. However, a critical component, the Key Geoheritage Areas guidelines, which the motion is asking to be applied, is missing and therefore the motion does not meet the requirements laid of Rule 54(a) iii., which states that motions shall contain technically sound and coherent arguments.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S064	Nature knows no borders: transboundary cooperation in response to border walls	Reject	<p>The MWG acknowledges the seriousness and severity of the harms due to wall constructions. However, the Group feels that in the operative sections, the requests, in particular operative paragraphs 3 and 4, do not satisfy 54(a) ii. (that contributions from IUCN components are reasonable and achievable) and Rule 54(a) v. (that motions propose aspirational goals that are reasonable), as it is unclear and not reasonable to ask Commissions to "design means of implementation" and "design financial mechanisms for compensation of the natural capital loss".</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S065	Renforcer et développer les forêts urbaines et périurbaines selon le standard des Solutions fondées sur la Nature de l'UICN	Accept as is	
S066	Trails and conservation	Accept as is	
S067	Mobiliser les moyens nécessaires aux exercices d'évaluation de l'efficacité de la gestion des aires protégées et conservées	Merge motions S035 and S067	<p>The MWG appreciates the importance of this topic, however the Group had concerns with the coherence of the technical aspects and arguments of each individual motion. The Group also found that the motions were complementary in that one calls for better indicators to demonstrate that Protected and Conserved Areas (PCAs) are effectively protected and managed, and the other calls for resources for evaluate the effectiveness of the management of PCAs. After careful consideration, the MWG decided to merge these motions. In the merge, the MWG brought together elements from both motions and believes that the resulting version addresses redundancies and the shortcomings found within the individual motions.</p> <p>The resulting merged motion entitled "Mobilizing resources and strengthening evaluation to ensure the effective management of Protected and Conserved Areas for global biodiversity goals" will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S068	Enhancing and Transforming the Management of Migratory and Straddling Marine Biodiversity	Reject	<p>The MWG appreciates the ambitious spirit of the motion and acknowledges the recent and important developments in international ocean governance. The Group believes, however, that the aims in the operative paragraphs are beyond the scope and capabilities of IUCN and are covered by other international agreements and bodies. Further, the resources needed to execute the tasks requested by the motion are well beyond what is available. The MWG considers that the proposed contributions requested from the IUCN components are not reasonable and achievable, and therefore the motion does not meet Rules 54(a) ii. and 54(a) v.</p> <p>We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S069	Mise en oeuvre d'Une seule santé, du local au global	Merge motions S028, S030, S054 and S069	<p>The MWG has found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged. The MWG recommended the proponents to merge these four motions underscoring the need for a straightforward, streamlined and succinct motion, and requested that the operative paragraphs be precise in what it aims to achieve, in line with IUCN objectives and capabilities.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task at hand and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the arguments presented by the proponents and the resulting merged motions entitled "Advancing the One Health approach for biodiversity, health, and global cooperation" and "Implementation of One Health, from global to local", both of which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S070	Halting the chemical pollution by textile industries in the water bodies of Southern and South-eastern Asia	Reject	<p>The MWG carefully considered this motion and finds that it is imprecise in what it aims to achieve, and the contributions asked for in the motion are deemed to be unreasonable as they are beyond the scope of IUCN's competencies.</p> <p>We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes, specifically Rules 54(a) ii. and iv.</p>
S071	Making groundwater visible	Reject	<p>The MWG appreciates the importance of raising the profile of freshwater ecosystems. However, as it is presented, the motion does not satisfy Rule 54(a) iv. as it is not precise in what it aims to achieve - the operative paragraphs are not addressed to any entity. In addition, the guidance for the submission of motions and the use of the provided template were not followed, therefore it did not meet Rule 54(b) xii.</p> <p>We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted on these grounds, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>

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S072	Advancing and tracking global river conservation to meet biodiversity and climate goals	Accept as is	
S073	Scaling Collaborative Action for Threatened Freshwater Fishes Through Ex Situ Conservation	Accept as is	
S074	Advancing Citizen Science to Support and Democratize Conservation	Remit to Programme	After careful consideration, the MWG decided to remit the above-mentioned motion for Programme consideration in accordance with Rule 51. The MWG appreciates the importance of citizen science to IUCN as evidenced by past policy and Programme and as such, the Group considers that the aims of this motion can be addressed through existing mechanisms. Therefore, the motion will be remitted to the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme.
S075	ACTIVATING SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES	Accept as is	
S076	Reconocer inequívocamente y apovar eficazmente el papel crucial de conservación de los territorios de vida y de sus custodios: verdad y reconciliación (1/3)	Reject	The MWG appreciates the importance of the subject of this motion. However, as stated in the submission, the Group understands that it is to be considered as one with motions S077 and S078, and therefore considers that the proponents of these motions did not comply with the template approved by Council, as required by Rule 54(b) xii. We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S077	Reconocer inequívocamente y apovar eficazmente el papel crucial de conservación de los territorios de vida y de sus custodios: colaborar col. CDB (2/3)	Reject	The MWG appreciates the importance of the subject of this motion. However, as stated in the submission, the Group understands that it is to be considered as one with motions S076 and S078, and therefore considers that the proponents of these motions did not comply with the template approved by Council, as required by Rule 54(b) xii. We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S078	Reconocer inequívocamente y apovar eficazmente el papel crucial de conservación de los territorios de vida y de sus custodios: Grupo de trabajo (3/3)	Reject	The MWG appreciates the importance of the subject of this motion. However, as stated in the submission, the Group understands that it is to be considered as one with motions S076 and S077, and therefore considers that the proponents of these motions did not comply with the template approved by Council, as required by Rule 54(b) xii. We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S079	Conserving Temperate Native Grasslands for Conservation at Landscape Scale	Merge motions S079 and S121	Considering the similarities on the subject matter, the MWG recommended the proponents of these two motions to merge them, working on the basis of motion S121 and retaining elements related to temperate native grasslands. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Protection and restoration of diverse native grasslands" with some minor changes in the preamble and to strengthen and clarify the operative paragraphs. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S080	Protecting the Gulf of California (GC) World Heritage Sites of Mexico from industrialisation for liquefied natural gas (LNG) development	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in operative paragraph 5 to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the actors involved in this request.
S081	Save seabirds from plastic pollution	Merge motions S081 and S178	After careful consideration, the MWG has decided to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled Advancing actions to combat plastic pollution to protect human health, biodiversity and the natural environment which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S082	Protecting Seamounts and Other Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems from Destructive Practices	Accept as is	

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S083	Enhancing Youth Participation and Leadership in Conservation Actions	Reject	<p>The MWG recognizes the importance of youth engagement within IUCN. However, the Group considers that the proposed mechanisms to integrate youth into IUCN's governance processes require statutory changes. Amendments to the Statutes are governed by Articles 104 to 106 and cannot be addressed through a motion, which can only propose general policy changes for IUCN. In addition, the Group considers that parts of the motion are unclear or too prescriptive.</p> <p>Therefore, we regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes, specifically Rules 54(a) i., 54(a) iv. and 54(a) v.</p>
S084	Implementing an Aquascape approach to conservation of fresh and saline water ecosystems	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to clarify language in the operative paragraphs to direct the requests to the appropriate bodies.
S085	Nature Conservation Diplomacy: Integrating Conservation, Peace, and Security through International Cooperation	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the preamble and to the operative paragraphs for greater clarity and strength.
S086	Promouvoir les Parcs naturels régionaux ou infra-nationaux comme modèle pour atteindre l'objectif mondial de 30 % d'aires protégées et conservées d'ici 2030	Accept as is	
S087	Strengthening planning for preserving biodiversity through the use of Longevity Conservation approaches	Accept as is	
S088	Logistical and financial support for IUCN National, Regional and Interregional Committees	Reject	The MWG recognizes the relevance of the topic and the importance of the Members' concerns but the motion falls outside of the Statutes (Art 71.b). Further, the Group finds the motion presents discrepancies between the title, operative paragraphs and the explanatory memorandum. The MWG is of the view that the requests presented in this motion are unclear and not precise and therefore we regret to inform you that it was not accepted on account of Rule 54(a) iv. The MWG invites the proponent and co-sponsors to explore other avenues to advance this issue, such as the discussion at the Congress of the 20-year Strategic Vision.
S089	Strengthening the consideration of biodiversity in corporate supply chains	Reject	According to Rule 54(a) iv., motions need to be precise in what they aim to achieve. Unfortunately, the MWG finds that the motion is imprecise in what it aims to achieve as the operative paragraphs are quite broad and vague, leaving much of the interpretation to the reader. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it fails to comply with the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes, specifically Rule 54(a) iv.
S090	Définir un cadre robuste pour l'approche "Positif pour la Nature"	Merge motions S006 and S090	<p>The MWG recognized significant similarities between these motions and recommended that the proponents merge them to strengthen the operative paragraphs, and to make them more precise in what they aim to achieve, in accordance with Rule 54(a) iv.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merge entitled "Defining a robust Nature Positive for Business framework, to mobilise corporate, civil society and government support for high-integrity Nature Positive contributions aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework", which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S091	Enhancing Sustainable Tourism Practices through the Incorporation of Welfare Standards for Wild Animals in Captivity and in the Wild	Accept as is	
S092	Urgent scaling up of investment in amphibian conservation needed to prevent further extinctions	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the operative paragraphs to appropriately align the actors to the requests.
S093	Integrating biodiversity conservation in carbon pricing and trading programs for climate mitigation	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with minor changes to the preamble and operative section to clarify certain terms and references.

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S094	Régulation des impacts environnementaux du surtourisme	Merge motions S094 and S148	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG found that there is a large overlap in the subject matter of these two motions and that they could be merged. The MWG requested the assistance of the proponents to do so and suggested highlighting their complementarity by keeping their respective spirits and the distinct perspective of the subnational governments.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Regulating the Environmental Impacts of Overtourism and Promoting Sustainable Tourism Models for Biodiversity Protection" with some minor changes in the preamble and to strengthen and clarify the operative paragraphs. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S095	Maintenir l'aide publique au développement pour la préservation de la biodiversité transitant par la société civile en cas de crise géopolitique	Accept as is	
S096	Promouvoir la libre évolution et les outils pour la pérenniser	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the operative paragraph 1 to include Commissions.
S097	Promoting IUCN's Freshwater Biodiversity Strategy, and its Science Tools	Reject	The MWG recognises the importance of raising the profile of freshwater biodiversity as evidenced by previous Resolutions and ongoing work. The Group finds, however, that a motion to further this work is not warranted as it fails to modify or add to existing policy, as required by Rule 54(a) i. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it did not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes. We encourage the proponent and co-sponsors to resort to other existing avenues to advance this important issue.
S098	Appeal for global prevention of propeller-inflicted deaths on endangered species	Accept as is	
S099	Safeguarding biodiversity and human rights in energy transition mineral governance	Accept as is	
S100	Actions to avert the extinction of Rice's whale (Balaenoptera ricei)	Accept as is	
S101	Strengthening protective measures for protected areas against unsustainable tourism development	Reject	The MWG considers that proponents do not present enough evidence of sufficient engagement with local authorities on this issue, or that there was sufficient consultation with Members, Commission members, and other stakeholders in the region, as required in Rule 54(a) vii. We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S102	Accelerating Equitable Youth Empowerment Across the Union	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group proposes changes to operative paragraph 5, to recommend the Council to establish a mechanism for youth representation, in order strengthen and clarify its alignment with statutory obligations.
S103	RECOGNIZING THE CRIME OF ECOCIDE TO PROTECT NATURE	Accept as is	

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S104	Enhancing Rights and Science-based decision-making for wolf conservation and protection	Merge motions S104 and S182	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG has decided to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. Considering the dynamic nature of the issue, and latest developments in European legislation, the MWG recommended that the consolidated motion takes this into account.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Integrating Science, Rights-Based Approaches and Harmonious Coexistence with Strategies for Ecological Recovery" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S105	Investing in the knowledge of nature of future generations	Remit to Programme	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG decided to remit the above-mentioned motion for Programme consideration in accordance with Rule 51. The MWG appreciates the importance of future generations' knowledge of nature to IUCN as evidenced by past policy and Programme, and as such the Group considers that the aims of this motion can be addressed through existing mechanisms. Therefore, the motion will be remitted to the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme.</p>
S106	Encourager les pratiques agroforestières et de mycorhization qui favorisent la biodiversité des sols	Accept as is	
S107	Pour un cadre international de préservation des têtes de bassin versant et de renforcement de leur résilience face au changement climatique	Accept as is	
S108	Pour une gestion durable de la ressource en eau douce dans les atolls	Accept as is	
S109	Prioritizing Wetlands Conservation and Restoration to Tackle the Dual Climate and Biodiversity Crises	Merge motions S109 and S140	<p>The MWG found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Prioritizing Wetlands Conservation and Restoration to Tackle the Dual Climate and Biodiversity Crises" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S110	Declaración de interés en la Iniciativa Celebración de las Áreas Protegidas y Conservadas para Latinoamérica y El Caribe	Reject	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG believes that this motion is not precise in what it aims to achieve and does not comply with the template for the submission of motions, as there are not any actions in the operative paragraphs, thereby failing to meet the admissibility criteria set out in Rules 54(a)iv and 54(b)xii. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted. The MWG, however, encourages the proponents to continue to explore additional avenues to scale-up and expand the audience of this initiative among different IUCN constituencies.</p>
S111	Mainstreaming gender equality in biodiversity policies, programs, actions and funding	Merge motions S010 and S111	<p>Considering the common topic and complementarities found in these motions, the MWG recommended merging motions S010 and S111, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Mainstreaming gender equality in biodiversity policies, programs, actions and funding" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S112	Strengthening human-nature connectedness to advance transformative change for nature	Reject	<p>The MWG appreciates the importance of human-nature connectedness to IUCN, and notes that there is already ongoing and active work on the subject matter proposed in this motion (e.g., NatureforAll) as well as active Resolutions including those mentioned in the motion itself. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it does not meet Rule 54(a) i. that stipulates that a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy.</p>
S113	Resolution on Soil Security	Accept with changes	<p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "<i>Mainstreaming gender equality in biodiversity policies, programs, actions and funding</i>" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S114	Contributions of the ranger workforce to achieve the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular target 3	Merge motions S050 and S114	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG recommended to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "The role of rangers as essential planetary health workers in particular to achieve the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>

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S115	Recognize and Strengthen the fundamental role of plant and fungal taxonomy and associated herbaria for the conservation of biodiversity, particularly in Southern countries	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the operative paragraphs to clarify the intended recipients of the requests.
S116	Preventing, combatting and strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance to address environmental crimes	Merge motions S014 and S116	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG considered that there was considerable overlap between these motions on crimes that affect the environment. Therefore the MWG recommended to merge these two motions, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Preventing, combatting and strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance to address environmental crimes" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S117	Supporting Climate Education as a Key Component of IUCN's Nature-Based Solutions (NbS)	Reject	<p>The MWG acknowledges that education is a core component of the work of IUCN. While the submission form was not properly completed, the MWG assumed that the final two preambular paragraphs were intended to be the operative text. However, according to Rules 54(a) i., and 54(a) iv., a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and be precise in what they aim to achieve. Unfortunately, the MWG believes that the requests in this motion do not modify IUCN policy, as this is work that is being carried out by the Commissions, and the motion is not precise in what it aims to achieve.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted, as it does not comply with the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes, specifically those in the abovementioned Rules.</p>
S118	Promoting the establishment of a global carbon credit accreditation and trading platform	Reject	The MWG acknowledges the importance of the topic of this motion, however the Group considers that the requests of the motion would be a duplication of international efforts and negotiations that have been conducted under the UNFCCC for several years now to develop and operationalise Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which focuses on the use of carbon markets. In particular, it would be in conflict with Article 6.4, which has established a new international carbon crediting mechanism. Therefore, the MWG considers that this motion does not present technically sound and coherent arguments as required by Rule 54(a) iii., and we therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted.
S119	Support for the global upscaling of holistic landscape management and restoration (HLMR) for terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems	Reject	<p>The MWG appreciates holistic approaches to biodiversity conservation as evidenced throughout IUCN's policy and Programme. However, the MWG finds that the proponents are asking to move a specific framework/approach that is not clearly defined in the submitted motion, and therefore it does not satisfy Rule 54(a) iii. that specifies that motions shall contain technically sound and coherent arguments.</p> <p>We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S120	Regulate financing mechanisms based on biodiversity certificates and guarantee positive effects on nature	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the operative paragraphs to clarify the intended recipients of the requests.
S121	Protection et restauration des prairies naturelles diversifiées	Merge motions S079 and S121	<p>Considering the similarities on the subject matter, the MWG recommended the proponents of these two motions to merge them, working on the basis of motion S121 and retaining elements related to temperate native grasslands.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Protection and restoration of diverse native grasslands" with some minor changes in the preamble and to strengthen and clarify the operative paragraphs. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S122	Recognising and endorsing the Nanyuki Roadmap: advancing rights and equity in the implementation of Target 3+	Reject	<p>According to Rule 54(a) i., a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy. After careful consideration, the MWG considers that the requests of this motion are already part of existing IUCN policy and work. The MWG considers that the operative paragraphs are distributing the different areas of work of the Nanyuki Roadmap among different IUCN constituents, and not proposing or modifying IUCN policy.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S123	Recognising, identifying and providing sustained political, technical and financial support for conservation in indigenous and traditional territories	Reject	<p>According to Rule 54(a) i., a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy. After careful consideration, the MWG considers that the requests of this motion are already part of existing IUCN policy and work. The motion proposes to strengthen an existing Task Force and disseminate equally existing guidelines.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S124	Supporting and sharing indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge	Merge motions S025, S124 and S175	<p>The MWG found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG recommended that the proponents focus on the common theme of Indigenous languages and requested the proponents to strengthen the links between Indigenous languages and conservation.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Recognizing the Importance of Indigenous Languages, Knowledge, and Cultural Heritage in Biodiversity Conservation" with minor changes in the preamble and operative paragraphs. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>

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S125	Conservation and Sustainable Management of Rangelands and Pastoralism	Accept as is	
S126	Ensuring companies disclose and take action to minimise negative impacts on biodiversity in ways that will achieve the goals of the Global Biodiversity Framework	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts the motion with changes to strengthen the operative paragraphs.
S127	Promoting the conservation and restoration of Latin American mangrove ecosystems through the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) mechanism	Reject	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG notes that some of the tasks requested in this motion are already taking place and therefore fails to meet Rule 54(a) i., in that it does not modify or propose new IUCN policy. Further, there is a considerable focus on Latin America, and the MWG considers that not enough evidence was presented demonstrating that the issue was consulted with concerned regional stakeholders, thereby failing to meet the requirements laid out in Rule 54(a) vii.</p> <p>We therefore regret to inform you, that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.</p>
S128	Accompagner la transformation de l'économie vers une économie de régénération	Accept as is	
S129	Pour un Océan, Bien commun de l'Humanité	Accept as is	
S130	Positioning Conservation Education as a Nature-Based Solution	Reject	The MWG noted that the motion does not have the co-sponsorship of at least five other eligible Members from at least two Regions. We regret to inform you that this motion is rejected as it does not meet Rule 54(b) ix.
S131	Port State Measures Regarding Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported (IUU) Fishing	Accept as is	
S132	Protection of biomes and ecosystems threatened by native vegetation conversion	Accept as is	
S133	Recognition of the International Marine Protected Areas Congress as the global MPA community for effective marine biodiversity conservation organized by a host country, jointly with IUCN and WCPA	Reject	The MWG appreciates the value of this particular Congress which is an important event involving IUCN and IUCN WCPA. However, the Group believed that the motion is not proposing or modifying existing IUCN's general policy, thus we regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it fails to meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes, specifically Rule 54(a) i.
S134	Preventing population impacts of wind energy facilities on bats	Accept as is	
S135	Reaffirming IUCN commitment to sustainable use as a critical conservation tool	Reject	After careful consideration, the MWG found that this motion does not meet Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) vi., which state that a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and does not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. The MWG considers that reaffirming existing policy is not something new - indeed sustainable use is a central aspect of IUCN's policy and work. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it does not modify or propose new elements to IUCN's general policy, and therefore does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.

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S136	Préserver les sols forestiers et leur biodiversité	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the operative paragraphs to clarify the intended recipients of the requests.
S137	Renforcer la protection de la posidonie en Méditerranée : législations, suivi et renforcement des capacités	Accept as is	
S138	Reconocimiento y fortalecimiento del Corredor Biológico Transfronterizo del Oeste Ibérico como modelo de conectividad ecológica y desarrollo sostenible	Reject	After careful consideration, the MWG considers that previous Resolutions provide a framework and a basis to advance this motion, and encourages proponents to mobilise existing networks and the Director General in this regard. We regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted, as the Group feels that the motion does not meet Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) vi., which state that a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations.
S139	Conservación integral de ecosistemas estratégicos: Selva Paranaense y Reservas Privadas	Reject	The MWG acknowledges the importance of recognising the Parana Forest as a particular critical area for biodiversity. However the operative paragraphs go beyond that recognition and the scope of IUCN. For example, the MWG considers it unreasonable to ask IUCN to guarantee specific technical and financial resources, and therefore considers that the motion does not meet Rule 54(a) ii., which requires that the contributions of components of IUCN are reasonable and achievable. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted.
S140	Promoting the Freshwater Challenge	Merge motions S109 and S140	The MWG found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Prioritizing Wetlands Conservation and Restoration to Tackle the Dual Climate and Biodiversity Crises" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S141	Recognise and Support Community Stewardship of Natural Resources through Dedicated Funding	Accept as is	
S142	The HIMEK Alliance proposal for mitigation of climate change in the Himalayas and the Mekong Region through forest land restoration and reduction in Emissions of Black Carbon and GHGs	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with a minor change to the operative paragraphs to align with the established convention for addressing requests to any part of the IUCN Secretariat.
S143	Reducing the impacts of forest biomass energy on climate and biodiversity	Accept as is	
S144	Promotion of Collaborative Marine Spatial Planning and Sensitivity Maps for Sustainable Offshore Wind Energy Development	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to strengthen and clarify the operative paragraphs.
S145	Strengthening Gibbon Conservation through Collaboration and Synergy	Accept as is	
S146	Estrategia global para la restauración de la oscuridad natural: protección de hábitats clave y mitigación de la contaminación lumínica	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to strengthen and streamline the operative paragraphs.

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S147	Promotion of the Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment in Nature Conservation	Reject	After careful consideration, the MWG is of the view that Hawai'i Resolution WCC 2016 Res 081 provides the foundation for the issue brought forward by this motion, with the last paragraph of this Resolution entrusting the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law to monitor and support on this issue. Further, the MWG recalls that the UN Human Rights Council Resolution 48/13 (2021) was endorsed by a statement by the Director General. According to Rule 54(a) vi., motions do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. Unfortunately, the MWG considers that the motion does not meet this Rule, and therefore the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes, and regrets to inform you that the motion was not accepted. Members are invited, however, to engage with the Commission on this matter.
S148	Promotion of sustainable tourism models to protect biodiversity and natural resources in areas with high tourism pressure	Merge motions S094 and S148	After careful consideration, the MWG found that there is a large overlap in the subject matter of these two motions and that they could be merged. The MWG requested the assistance of the proponents to do so and suggested highlighting their complementarity by keeping their respective spirits and the distinct perspective of the subnational governments. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Regulating the Environmental Impacts of Overtourism and Promoting Sustainable Tourism Models for Biodiversity Protection" with some minor changes in the preamble and to strengthen and clarify the operative paragraphs. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S149	Delivering Equitable Accountability and Means of Implementation for International Forest Protection Goals	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the operative paragraphs, to make a clear distinction between the technical and political aspects of the motion and to clarify the roles of the different stakeholders.
S150	Renforcer la prévention des risques associés aux bioagresseurs exotiques envahissants des forêts	Accept as is	
S151	Antarctic and Southern Ocean Resolution	Remit to Programme	The MWG acknowledges the extensive existing body of policy on this topic, and recognises that the work on Antarctica and the Southern Ocean is being addressed within the draft Programme 2026-29. In accordance with Rule 51, the MWG decides to remit this motion to the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme.
S152	Promotion of Social Inclusion and Universal Accessibility in IUCN Practices and in the Management of Natural Areas, Parks and Green Spaces	Accept as is	
S153	Nature and Mental Health	Remit to Programme	The MWG appreciates the importance of mental health and nature conservation to IUCN, as evidenced by past and ongoing work in the Commissions, and the Nature 2030 Programme. The Group therefore considers that the aims of this motion can be addressed through existing mechanisms. The motion will be remitted to the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme, in accordance with Rule 51.
S154	Advancing the Sustainable Management, Use and Trade of Wild Species	Merge motions S154 and S165	After careful consideration, the MWG has decided to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Advancing the Sustainable Management, Use and Trade of Wild Species" with changes in the operative paragraphs to clarify the intended recipients of the requests. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S155	Urgent action to prevent illegal succulent plant trade	Accept as is	
S156	Establishing Mechanisms for Engagement with IUCN Members Involved in Armed Conflict, Wars, and Occupation	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the preamble and to the operative paragraphs for greater clarity and strength.

Motion ID	Title (original language)	Decision	Rationale
S157	IUCN Knowledge Product Solvency through Voluntary, Member-facilitated Private-sector Engagement	Reject	The MWG acknowledges the relevance of this issue but considers that the requests of this motion could be addressed by other means and encourages the proponent and co-sponsors to explore alternative paths to advance their concerns, such as engaging with the Red List Partnership or the IUCN Council. The MWG believes that this motion does not advance IUCN's biodiversity conservation policy, and regrets to inform you that this motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes, specifically Rule 54(a) i., which states that a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy.
S158	Promotion of Strategic and Spatial Planning of Electric Grids to Minimize Impacts on Nature	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the operative paragraphs to clarify the requests directed at the various actors and entities referenced in the motion.
S159	Strengthening Business Engagement in Climate Adaptation For Preservation Of Biodiversity And Ecosystems	Reject	The MWG appreciates the importance of the subject matter of this motion, as evidenced by the large number of past Resolutions, publications, Commission engagement, etc. and the recognition of the role of the private sector in IUCN position papers. According to Rule 54(a) i. and Rule 54(a) vi., however, a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and does not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. Unfortunately, after careful consideration, the MWG does not consider your motion to be proposing or modifying IUCN's general policy. We regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted as it fails to meet the admissibility criteria laid out in Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) vi.
S160	Integrating Nature-based Education with traditional knowledge and sustainable practices for planetary health and well-being	Reject	According to Rule 54(a) i. and Rule 54(a) vi., a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and does not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. The MWG acknowledges that education is a core component of the work of IUCN as evidenced by the existence of the Commission on Education and Communication and its current work, as well as Resolutions WCC-2020-Res-062 and WCC-2016-Res-084. The MWG considers that the activities proposed in the motion fall under mandate of the Commission. We regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria set out by Rules 54(a) i. and 54 (a) vi.
S161	Advancing the IUCN Green List of protected and conserved areas to enhance effective and equitable in situ conservation	Accept as is	
S162	Promotion of National Social Participation Bodies for the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework	Reject	After careful consideration, the MWG is of the view that the motion is not clear in what it aims to achieve, nor does it specify how IUCN would contribute to its achievement, thus failing to meet the criteria set out in Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) iv. For example, the concept of National Social Participation Bodies is not clear, and would benefit from a formal definition first, before asking for additional steps, such as the development of guidelines on the matter. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S163	Planificación estratégica de las energías renovables: la conservación de la Naturaleza en el centro	Reject	The MWG recognizes that the recent developments in European Law may have prompted the submission of this motion, however the MWG considers that the subject of the motion, spatial planning and renewable energies, and its requests, do not modify or propose new IUCN policy, as required in Rule 54(a) i. Concerning the request in paragraph 2d, the MWG considers that it can be channeled through different means in IUCN, for example through the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, the World Commission on Environmental Law, the Secretariat or the Council. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria set out in Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) iv.
S164	Updating the IUCN Policy on the Sustainable Use of Wild Living Resources	Accept as is	
S165	Reinforcing IUCN's commitment to sustainable use for the conservation of aquatic wildlife	Merge motions S154 and S165	After careful consideration, the MWG has decided to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Advancing the Sustainable Management, Use and Trade of Wild Species" with changes in the operative paragraphs to clarify the intended recipients of the requests. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S166	Living in Harmony with Rivers Through the Rights of Nature and Ecocentric Law	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the preamble and operative paragraph, moving operative paragraph 1 to the preamble, and making small editorial changes, and other changes to follow the previously agreed convention of requesting contributions from IUCN Commissions rather than from their task forces or specialist groups.
S167	Gestión y restauración de áreas afectadas por monocultivos de eucaliptos en regiones fuera de su distribución natural	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with minor changes in the operative paragraph for more precision in the requests.

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S168	Emergency Action to Restore 80% of ecological integrity in Amazonia by 2030 preventing cascading tipping points	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the preamble and operative paragraphs to align the language with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
S169	Protection of mesopelagic ecosystem integrity	Accept as is	
S170	Addressing the Direct Exploitation of Wild Species	Reject	According to Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) vi., a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and does not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. Unfortunately, after careful consideration, the MWG concluded that the requests in the first 4 operative paragraphs of the motion are already covered by existing work. Additionally, the MWG considers that the operative paragraph 5 is addressed by Resolution WCC-2020-Res-131. We regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted as it does not meet the admissibility criteria set out in Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) vi.
S171	Affirming and endorsing safeguards for the rights of Indigenous Peoples as approved in the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework	Remit to Programme	After careful consideration, the MWG decided to remit the above-mentioned motion for Programme consideration in accordance with Rule 51. The MWG believes that operative paragraphs 1 and 2 are already being addressed by IUCN, but that operative paragraph 3 merits attention in the Programme, and therefore the motion will be remitted to the Programme and Policy Committee of Council for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme.
S172	Core Human Rights Principles for Private Conservation Organizations and Funders	Accept as is	
S173	Conservation of the critically endangered scalloped hammerhead shark (Sphyrna lewini) and its look-a-like species the smooth hammerhead shark (S. zygaena) and great hammerhead (S. mokaran).	Accept as is	
S174	Facilitating Synergistic Delivery of Multilateral Commitments on Conserving Coastal Ecosystems	Accept as is	
S175	Enhancing the communication of conservation with IP & LCs: languages, visual tools and decision support	Merge motions S025, S124 and S175	<p>The MWG found that the abovementioned motions cover similar topics and could be merged, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. The MWG recommended that the proponents focus on the common theme of Indigenous languages and requested the proponents to strengthen the links between Indigenous languages and conservation.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Recognizing the Importance of Indigenous Languages, Knowledge, and Cultural Heritage in Biodiversity Conservation" with minor changes in the preamble and operative paragraphs. The motion will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>
S176	Strengthening Mechanisms for Public Participation in Environmental Policymaking	Reject	The MWG acknowledges the importance of this topic as evidenced by the large existing body of work on this matter but considers that the motion does not add new elements to the existing policies and programmes, such as Resolution WCC 2020 Res 051. According to Rules 54(a) i. and Rule 54(a) vi., motions need to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. Unfortunately, the MWG concluded that the motion does not meet the admissibility criteria set out in these Rules, and therefore the motion was not accepted.
S177	A moratorium on genetically engineering wild species in natural ecosystems	Reject	The MWG notes that there are at present, two active Resolutions on this topic - 6.086 and 7.123 - that provide a framework for synthetic biology in IUCN. This has yielded inclusive and participatory discussions and consultations resulting in a draft policy on the topic, for the consideration by Members at the upcoming World Conservation Congress. In this regard, the MWG considers there is significant overlap with the abovementioned Resolutions and therefore the motion does not satisfy Rule 54(a) vi, which states that motions do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. The MWG rejects the motion on these grounds but encourages the proponent and co-sponsors to engage in the ongoing and future discussions on the subject matter, including in the run-up to Congress.
S178	Advancing actions to combat plastic pollution to protect human and environmental health	Merge motions S081 and S178	<p>After careful consideration, the MWG has decided to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so.</p> <p>The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled Advancing actions to combat plastic pollution to protect human health, biodiversity and the natural environment which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.</p>

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S179	Promoting hedgerows in agriculture to foster biodiversity, strengthen ecosystem resilience and mitigate climate change	Accept as is	
S180	Developing a circular and sustainable bioeconomy for sustainable food and agriculture	Accept as is	
S181	Democracia, Paz y Conservación	Reject	The MWG acknowledges the fundamental importance of democracy, peace and conservation to IUCN, as evidenced by our founding, policies and programmes. Unfortunately, after careful consideration, the MWG concluded that the motion fails to comply with Rules 54(a)ii. and 54(a) iv., which state that the contributions called for in the motion from Members and/or components of IUCN need to be reasonable and achievable, and that motions need to be precise in what they aim to achieve. Indeed, in its operative section, actions are not addressed to any IUCN constituent part or any other entity. Therefore, we regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria set out in the IUCN Statutes.
S182	Promoción de la coexistencia entre actividades humanas y especies protegidas en Europa	Merge motions S104 and S182	After careful consideration, the MWG has decided to merge these motions which cover similar topics, and requested the assistance of the proponents to do so. Considering the dynamic nature of the issue, and latest developments in European legislation, the MWG recommended that the consolidated motion takes this into account. The MWG sincerely appreciates the collaborative spirit shown by the proponents and their support in this process, acknowledging the complexity of the task and the limited time available to complete it. The MWG accepts the resulting merged motion entitled "Integrating Science, Rights-Based Approaches and Harmonious Coexistence with Strategies for Ecological Recovery" which will be published on the Congress website together with the list of accepted motions.
S183	Calling for a United Nations Decade of Island Resilience	Accept as is	
S184	Recognising and Reporting Ecological Corridors	Reject	The MWG recognises the robust history of ecological connectivity and corridors in IUCN, and considers that the requests of this motion are already able to be advanced within the existing frameworks. In this sense, the motion does not meet the requirements under Rules 54(a)i. and 54(a) vi. According to Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) vi., motions need to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted, as it does not satisfy the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S185	Declaración sobre la urgente preservación de los humedales de alta montaña en Latinoamérica	Accept as is	
S186	Primary Forests at the Next World Conservation Congress	Accept as is	
S187	Conservation of clouded leopards (Neofelis nebulosa, Neofelis diardi) (IUCN VU) as a top priority umbrella species for south and southeast Asia	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the operative paragraphs to clarify the intended recipients of the requests.
S188	Opposing Harmful Bans on Products of Wild Harvested Species that are Abundant and Highly Regulated and Support Human Livelihoods, Ways of Life, and Biodiversity	Reject	The MWG finds that this motion lacks clarity regarding the intended recipients of its operative clauses, does not contain specific requests, and does not amend IUCN's general policy. Consequently, the motion does not meet Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) iv., which state respectively that a motion needs to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and be precise in what it aims to achieve. We therefore regret to inform you that your motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria in the IUCN Statutes.
S189	Effective Implementation of Ethics Across IUCN	Reject	The MWG considers that the implementation of the Ethics mechanism, as required for in Resolution WCC-2012-Res-004, should be pursued. However, a motion on this very important topic is not required and the MWG invites the proponent and co-sponsors to consider alternative mechanisms, such as a letter to the Council and relevant Commission Chairs. The MWG considers that the motion does not meet Rule 54(a) vi., which states that motions do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations and, and regrets to inform you that the motion is not accepted on that basis.

Motion ID	Title (original language)	Decision	Rationale
S190	Amplifying the role of businesses in achieving a nature positive world	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts the motion with changes to strengthen and clarify the operative paragraphs.
S191	Wild Plant Conservation to Ensure the Future of SIDS	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the operative paragraphs to align in-situ and ex-situ conservation.
S192	Advancing biodiversity finance with a human-rights-based approach	Reject	The MWG acknowledges the importance of the obstacles to equitable financing, however the Group finds that the operative paragraphs lack sufficient specificity and precision as required by Rule 54 (a) iv., which states that motions must be precise in what they aim to achieve. We therefore regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted, as it does not meet the admissibility criteria set out in the IUCN Statutes.
S193	"Gestión Sostenible del Turismo en Áreas Naturales Protegidas en El Salvador como Estrategia para Mitigar Impactos Ambientales y Sociales"	Remit to Programme	After careful consideration, the MWG decided to remit the above-mentioned motion for Programme consideration in accordance with Rule 51. The MWG appreciates the importance of sustainable tourism for IUCN, as evidenced by past and ongoing work, including in the Commissions, in particular by the WCPA TAPAS. The Group therefore considers that the aims of this motion can be addressed through existing mechanisms. The motion will be remitted to the PPC for its consideration in finalising the draft Programme.
S194	Building sustainable judicial capacity development by strengthening the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE)	Reject	The MWG considers that this motion does not propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and there are a number of Resolutions that address the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment and its strengthening, such as Resolutions WCC-2016-Res-071 and WCC-2020-Res-037. Further, the proposed actions are a continuation of ongoing work of the GJIE. The MWG therefore concludes that the motion does not meet Rules 54(a) i. and 54(a) vi., which state respectively that motions need to propose or modify IUCN's general policy, and do not merely repeat the content of previously adopted Resolutions and Recommendations. We regret to inform you that the motion was not accepted on this basis.
S195	Members are the Heart of IUCN: strengthening global conservation by strengthening the institutional governance of the world's oldest, largest international conservation organization	Accept with changes	The Motions Working Group recognises the importance of the subject matter. However, it recommends to accept this motion with changes in the preamble and operative paragraphs to enhance its clarity, and to reduce prescriptive language.
S196	RECOGNIZING THE MODEL FOREST ACT TO ENHANCE FOREST PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes in the preamble to recognize the role of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law.
S197	Setting area-based targets on scientific evidence and reversing historic injustices	Accept as is	
S198	Scaling-up Indigenous leadership in the protection of biodiversity and the sacred	Accept with changes	After careful consideration, the Motions Working Group accepts this motion with changes to the operative paragraphs to clarify the intended recipients of the requests.
S199	Mainstreaming mentorship for young ecological stewards to enhance conservation efforts	Accept as is	
S200	Protecting the Sápmi forest: safeguarding biodiversity and Indigenous livelihoods	Reject	The MWG recognises the importance of this issue. However, the Group considers that internal consultations with relevant stakeholders have not been fully exhausted prior to bringing this matter before the World Conservation Congress. The MWG regrets to inform you that this motion was not accepted as it does not meet the requirements set by Rule 54(a) vii., which requires that the proponent provide this information at the moment of submission.

Annex II

Declarations of conflicts of interest of the Motions Working Group



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Declaration of conflicts of interest

I, Jon Paul Rodríguez confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining these particular motions.

- (a) S002, IUCN assessments of critical issues pertaining to the status and trends of nature and natural resources
- (b) S009, Retorno a la periodicidad anual de las reuniones Ordinarias y Técnicas del Convenio para la Conservación y Manejo de la Vicuña
- (c) S084, Implementing an Aquascape approach to conservation of fresh and saline water ecosystems
- (d) S092, Urgent scaling up of investment in amphibian conservation needed to prevent further extinctions
- (e) S111, Mainstreaming gender equality in biodiversity policies, programs, actions and funding
- (f) S119, Support for the global upscaling of holistic landscape management and restoration (HLMR) for terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems
- (g) S168, Emergency Action to Restore 80% of ecological integrity in Amazonia by 2030 preventing cascading tipping points
- (h) S181, Democracia, Paz y Conservación
- (i) S186, Primary Forests at the Next World Conservation Congress

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Date: 9 March 2025



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Declaration of conflicts of interest

I, **Maud Lelièvre** confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining these particular motions.

- (a) S044 - Mettre en place une gouvernance internationale pour la gestion des algues sargasses dans le bassin caribéen
- (b) S045 - Rendre les droits de la nature opérationnels à travers leur mise en œuvre dans les territoires
- (c) SO94 - Régulation des impacts environnementaux du surtourisme

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Date: 5 of February, 2025





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- (c) SO94 - Régulation des impacts environnementaux du surtourisme

- (d) S003 - OMNIBUS MOTION ON NATURE CRIME
- (e) S010 - Strengthening Gender Equality and Addressing Gender-Based Violence in IUCN Conservation Projects: Enhancing Clarity, Transparency, and Financial Accountability
- (f) S021 - Pour un Pacte international relatif aux droits environnementaux
- (g) S031 - Intégrer le maintien et la reconquête des espèces de la faune et de la flore dans la création et la restauration du bâti
- (h) S047 - Organization of a Global Youth Summit Prior to Each IUCN World Conservation Congress
- (i) S056 - Advancing an Ethical Human-Ocean Relationship
- (j) S058 - Implementing the Global Species Action Plan to catalyse and scale up species conservation actions
- (k) S060 - Strengthening the care of live wild animals seized to fight against wildlife trafficking
- (l) S061 - Strengthening the fight against wildlife trafficking through awareness-raising and training of all actors
- (m) S063 - Identifying Key Geoheritage Areas for safeguarding geoheritage sites of global significance and move towards a holistic nature conservation
- (n) S065 - Renforcer et développer les forêts urbaines et périurbaines selon le standard des Solutions fondées sur la Nature de l’UICN
- (o) S069 - Mise en oeuvre d’Une seule santé, du local au global
- (p) S086 - Promouvoir les Parcs naturels régionaux ou infra-nationaux comme modèle pour atteindre l’objectif mondial de 30 % d’aires protégées et conservées d’ici 2030
- (q) S129 - Pour un Océan, Bien commun de l’Humanité



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- (r) S145 - Strengthening Gibbon Conservation through Collaboration and Synergy
- (s) S148 - Promotion of sustainable tourism models to protect biodiversity and natural resources in areas with high tourism pressure
- (t) S174 - Facilitating Synergistic Delivery of Multilateral Commitments on Conserving Coastal Ecosystems
- (u) S178 - Advancing actions to combat plastic pollution to protect human and environmental health
- (v) S189 - Effective Implementation of Ethics Across IUCN
- (w) S177 - A moratorium on genetically engineering wild species in natural ecosystems.

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Date: 5 of February, 2025

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Declaration of conflicts of interest

I, Ana Di Pangracio confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining to these particular motions.

- (a) S027 Conservación de la integridad ambiental del Golfo San Matías en Argentina
- (b) S185 Declaración Sobre La Urgente Preservación de Los Humedales de Alta Montaña En Latinoamérica
- (c) S009 Retorno a la periodicidad anual de las reuniones Ordinarias y Técnicas del Convenio para la Conservación y Manejo de la Vicuña
- (d) S099 Safeguarding biodiversity and human rights in energy transition mineral governance
- (e) S111 Mainstreaming gender equality in biodiversity policies, programs, actions and funding
- (f) S040 Identifying, reporting, monitoring and strengthening OECMs
- (g) S102 Accelerating Equitable Youth Empowerment Across the Union

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Date: 6 March 2025



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Declaration of conflicts of interest

I, Brian Child confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining to these particular motions.

- (a) 009
- (b) 052
- (c) 135
- (d) 188
- (e)

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Date: 15 March 2025



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Declaration of conflicts of interest

I, Samad John Smaranda confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining to these particular motions.

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Declaration of conflicts of interest

I, Kathryn Gwiazdon, Executive Director of IUCN NGO Center for Environmental Ethics and Law and Chair of the IUCN WCEL Ethics Specialist Group, confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining to these particular motions.

*unclear if recusal is required, will rely on past practice/rules re Secretariat, Commission, Specialist Group, or National/Regional Committee consultations re technical capabilities of the body.

- (a) S189 – Effective Implementation of Ethics Across IUCN – NGO is sponsor/cosponsor
- (b) S 195 – Members are the Heart of IUCN: strengthening global conservation by strengthening the institutional governance of the world's oldest, largest international conservation organization – NGO is sponsor/cosponsor
- (c) S198 – Scaling-up Indigenous Leadership In The Protection of Biodiversity and The Sacred – NGO is sponsor/cosponsor
- (d) S113 – Resolution on Soil Security – NGO is sponsor/cosponsor
- (e) S 056 – Advancing an Ethical Human-Ocean Relationship – IUCN WCEL Ethics Specialist Group (ESG) was consulted and supported motion
- (f) *S177 – A Moratorium On Genetically Engineering Wild Species In Natural Ecosystems – IUCN WCEL Ethics Specialist Group (ESG) was consulted re technical ability of ESG to satisfy operative paragraphs

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I, Jan Olov Vesterberg confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining these particular motions.

- (a) S200
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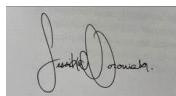
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I, Jessika Woroniak confirm that I have a conflict of interest with the motions listed below. I have therefore recused myself from engaging in the decisions pertaining these particular motions.

- (a) S112 Strengthening human-nature connectedness to advance transformative change for nature
- (b) S015 Increasing the participation of subnational governments across and through the Union
- (c) S190 Amplifying the role of businesses in achieving a nature positive world

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Jessika Woroniak
member of the Motions Working Group

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Date: March 10, 2025