

Letter of Support for the Candidacy of Craig Bennett for IUCN Councillor for West Europe

To whom it may concern,

BirdLife International is delighted to endorse the candidacy of Craig Bennett for IUCN Councillor for West Europe. Craig is currently the CEO of The Wildlife Trust in the UK, where he is a powerful advocate for nature in the national conversation.

Craig has extensive knowledge of conservation and sustainability in his more than 25-year career. This knowledge spans from the practical conservation and restoration interventions required to heal nature, to policy dialogue and negotiation with private, NGO and government bodies.

Since his appointment as CEO five years ago, he has led an increase of over 100,000 new members to the Wildlife Trust, demonstrating that his public leadership in nature and climate issues resonates widely.

He leads a diverse federation of forty-six individual Wildlife Trusts, giving him clear insight into the complexity of the governance requirements of widespread and independent organisations coming together for a common cause. This gives Craig a valuable and experienced voice in representing members of the IUCN as it seeks to implement an ambitious strategy. Craig is already active in IUCN processes as an elected member for the IUCN Committee of the UK.

BirdLife International invites IUCN members to support Craig in the upcoming election.

Yours sincerely



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