

Letter of Support for Dr. Maud Lelièvre – Re-election as IUCN Councillor for Western Europe

Dear IUCN Members,

I am pleased to express my strong support for Dr. Maud Lelièvre in her bid for re-election as IUCN Regional Councillor for Western Europe.

I have known and worked with Maud for many years. She is a dynamic President of the IUCN French Committee and a committed Councillor who, over the past four years, has engaged actively with all components of our Union—including the Patrons of Nature—to advance concrete conservation outcomes.

Throughout her first term, Maud has served the Council with diligence, fostering inclusion and transparency in our processes while strengthening the voice of members. She consistently champions the ocean–climate–biodiversity nexus, advocates for science-based policy and nature-based solutions, and builds bridges that turn shared ambition into practical implementation. Her unwavering dedication to ocean conservation has proven particularly valuable in mobilising partners around evidence-based action.

Maud combines legal expertise, field credibility and a collaborative spirit that unites diverse stakeholders around tangible results.

I wholeheartedly encourage IUCN Members to support Dr. Maud Lelièvre's re-election so that she may continue this important work in service of our Union and of nature.

Yours sincerely,

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Patron of Nature, IUCN

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