

066 Updating the IUCN Policy on the Sustainable Use of Wild Living Resources

RECALLING IUCN General Assembly Recommendation 18.24 *Conservation of Wildlife through Wise Use as a Renewable Natural Resource* (Perth, 1990) and Recommendation 19.54 *Sustainability of Non-consumptive and Consumptive Uses of Wild Species* (Buenos Aires, 1994), along with Resolution 1.39 *Sustainable Use Initiative* (Montreal, 1996);

AWARE that the World Conservation Congress adopted Resolution 2.29 *IUCN Policy Statement on Sustainable Use of Wild Living Resources* (Amman, 2000) 25 years ago, and that, since that time, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services has released two reports, one in 2019 warning that over a million species are threatened with extinction in the coming decades, and one in 2022 asserting the significance of the sustainable use of over 50,000 wild species to people all over the world;

NOTING the Addendum to the IUCN Programme 2021–2024, *Impacts and implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and health on the IUCN Programme Nature 2030*, highlighting the emerging issue of the risk of pathogen spillover from harvest and use of and trade in wildlife, along with subsequent scientific reports and assessments produced by IUCN and other State and global scientific authorities;

RECOGNISING Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Decision CBD/COP/DEC/15/4 Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

REAFFIRMING the IUCN mission to influence, encourage and assist societies to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature, and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable;

AWARE ALSO that, over the last 25 years, a large number of complicated social, political, economic, ethical, legal, cultural, health-related and technical factors, both direct and indirect, have surfaced and, with significant new science in the last 25 years, should influence decisions about how to assess the sustainability of use of wild species; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to work with Indigenous peoples in support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025, at its session in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates:

1. REQUESTS the IUCN Council to establish a participatory, transparent process, involving Members and harnessing and applying the collective knowledge of IUCN Members, Commissions and partners about the conservation and sustainable use of wild species (fauna, fungi and flora), to:

a. consider the need for a revision and update of the IUCN Policy Statement on Sustainable Use of Wild Living Resources;

b. if deemed necessary, review, revise and update the Policy Statement for consideration at the next World Conservation Congress; and

c. review existing IUCN structures and collaborative efforts to ensure that they contribute to enhancing the ecological sustainability of uses of wild species (fauna, fungi and flora), maintaining biodiversity's potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations, and benefiting species populations in the wild, in the context of the global biodiversity crisis, for consideration at the next World Conservation Congress; and

2. REQUESTS the Director General to use existing resources as well as fundraising efforts to provide the necessary financial and administrative support necessary to implement the actions in paragraph 1.