

## **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 biodiversity has declined significantly to the point of a planetary crisis since that time;

MINDFUL of the dire warning in the 2019 Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, that about one million species of plant and animal are threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history, along with other notable scientific publications highlighting the severe risk that the biodiversity crisis gripping the planet poses for all of humanity;

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;

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

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;

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

1. REQUESTS the IUCN Council to:

a. establish a participatory, transparent process, involving Members, to review and consider revising and updating the IUCN Policy Statement on Sustainable Use of Wild Living Resources, harnessing and applying the collective knowledge of IUCN members, Commissions and partners about the conservation and sustainable use of wild species (fauna, flora and fungi) for consideration at the next World Conservation Congress; and

b. 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) and benefit species populations in the wild in the context of the global biodiversity crisis; 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.