

## **120 Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations and making IUCN policy more accessible**

UNDERLINING that Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by the World Conservation Congresses and the preceding General Assemblies establish the fundamental body of IUCN policy;

NOTING that a large body of IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations has accumulated and that, to date, Members have adopted 1,466 Resolutions, Recommendations and Decisions;

RECALLING Resolution 7.001 *Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations meeting retirement criteria, consolidating policy and future reviews* (Marseille, 2020), which affirms “that IUCN policies adopted by the World Conservation Congress by Resolutions that are subsequently archived remain active and in force, unless and until such policies are superseded, revised or repealed by a Resolution of a subsequent World Conservation Congress” and which requests the Council and the Director General “to recommend to the next Members’ Assembly...a list of Resolutions and Recommendations for retirement and archiving” including those that have been implemented, superseded or become obsolete;

FURTHER RECALLING Resolution 6.001 *Identifying and archiving obsolete Resolutions and Recommendations to strengthen IUCN policy and to enhance implementation of IUCN Resolutions* (Hawai’i, 2016); and

RECOGNISING that recent advances in technology, including of artificial intelligence and large language models, have the potential to make IUCN’s body of policy more accessible;

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

1. ENDORSES the list of Resolutions and Recommendations to be moved to the archive, including the criterion for which each is to be archived, attached herewith as Annex 1, noting that a number of these Resolutions establish and provide the context for formal IUCN policy that remains current;
2. WELCOMES the progress made by the Task Force on Archiving Resolutions on developing an artificial intelligence tool to allow users to query the IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations Platform, in order to better understand what policy is contained therein, and which gaps may remain; and
3. REQUESTS the Council and Director General to continue to work intersessionally to consider the need and modalities for additional reviews and to support IUCN constituents to make use of new tools to better access the policy elements of IUCN’s Resolutions and Recommendations.