

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, of which 695 are active, and 771 are archived;

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Congress by Resolutions that are subsequently archived remain active and in force, unless and until such policies are superseded, revised or repealed by a Resolution of a subsequent World Conservation Congress” and which requests the Council and the Director General “to recommend to the next Members’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list of Resolutions and Recommendations for retirement and archiving” including those that have been implemented, superseded or become obsolete;

ALSO RECALLING that the criteria used for retiring and archiving Resolutions and Recommendations, adopted as an annex to Resolution 7.001, remain valid and are the basis for the current list of Resolutions and Recommendations to be moved to the archive;

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.

Annex 1: List of Resolutions and Recommendations to be archived

Nr	Code	WCC / GA	Title	Criteria
1.	WCC 2020 Res 001	2020 Marseille	Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations meeting retirement criteria, consolidating policy and future reviews	Superseded
	WCC 2020 Res 030	2020 Marseille	Enhancing the resilience of coastal areas in the face of climate change, biodiversity crisis and rapid coastal development	Implemented
2.	WCC 2020 Res 034	2020 Marseille	Ecological integrity in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework	Implemented
	WCC 2020 Res 035	2020 Marseille	Promoting IUCN leadership in the implementation of the UN Decade on Restoration 2021-2030	Implemented
3.	WCC 2020 Res 048	2020 Marseille	Contributions of the Conservation-enabling Hierarchy to the post-2020 CBD framework	Implemented
4.	WCC 2020 Res 067	2020 Marseille	Call for Nature in Cities agendas and Strengthening the IUCN Urban Alliance	Implemented
5.	WCC 2020 Res 068	2020 Marseille	Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area	Implemented
	WCC 2020 Res 074	2020 Marseille	Wildlife friendly linear infrastructure	Implemented
	WCC 2020 Res 078	2020 Marseille	Conservation, restoration and sustainable management of mangrove ecosystems	Implemented
6.	WCC 2020 Dec 138	2020 Marseille	Including subnational governments in IUCN's membership	Implemented
7.	WCC 2020 Dec 139	2020 Marseille	Election of Regional Councillors resident in dependent territories	Implemented
8.	WCC 2020 Dec 140	2020 Marseille	Establishment of an elected Indigenous Councillor position	Implemented
9.	WCC 2020 Dec 141	2020 Marseille	Modification of the term "Regional Councillor"	Implemented
10.	WCC 2020 Dec 142	2020 Marseille	To protect the intellectual independence of the knowledge-based and evidence-based work carried out by the Commissions and Secretariat of IUCN	Implemented
11.	WCC 2020 Dec 143	2020 Marseille	Role of Commissions in National and Regional Committees	Implemented
12.	WCC 2020 Dec 144	2020 Marseille	Clarification of conditions for readmission of former State Members	Implemented
13.	WCC 2020 Dec 146	2020 Marseille	Functions of the IUCN Treasurer	Implemented
14.	WCC 2020 Dec 149	2020 Marseille	Nature 2030 - IUCN Programme 2021-2024	Implemented
15.	WCC 2020 Dec 150	2020 Marseille	Addendum to the IUCN Programme 2021–2024	Implemented
16.	WCC 2020 Dec 151	2020 Marseille	IUCN Financial Plan 2021-2024	Implemented
17.	WCC 2020 Dec 153	2020 Marseille	Commission Mandate CEC	Implemented
18.	WCC 2020 Dec 154	2020 Marseille	Commission Mandate CEM	Implemented
19.	WCC 2020 Dec 155	2020 Marseille	Commission Mandate CEESP	Implemented
20.	WCC 2020 Dec 156	2020 Marseille	Commission Mandate SSC	Implemented
21.	WCC 2020 Dec 157	2020 Marseille	Commission Mandate WCEL	Implemented
22.	WCC 2020 Dec 158	2020 Marseille	Commission Mandate WCPA	Implemented
23.	WCC 2020 Dec 160	2020 Marseille	The Marseille Manifesto	Implemented
24.	WCC 2020 Dec 161	2020 Marseille	Council Members 2021-2025	Implemented
25.	WCC 2016 Res 001	2016 Hawai'i	Identifying and archiving obsolete Resolutions and Recommendations to strengthen IUCN policy and to enhance implementation of IUCN Resolutions	Implemented
26.	WCC 2016 Res 003	2016 Hawai'i	Including regional governments in the structure of the Union	Implemented
27.	WCC 2016 Res 029	2016 Hawai'i	Incorporating urban dimensions of conservation into the work of IUCN	Implemented
28.	WCC2016 Res 038	2016 Hawai'i	Establishing an IUCN and World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Task Force on Protected Area Friendly System	Obsolete

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29.	WCC 2016 Res 045	2016 Hawai'i	Protection of primary forests, including intact forest landscapes	Elapsed
30.	WCC 2016 Res 050	2016 Hawai'i	Increasing marine protected area coverage for effective marine biodiversity conservation	Implemented
31.	WCC 2016 Res 055	2016 Hawai'i	Concerns about whaling under special permits	Implemented
32.	WCC 2016 Res 058	2016 Hawai'i	Natural Capital	Superseded
	WCC 2016 Res 062	2016 Hawai'i	The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: integration of conservation into development	Implemented
33.	WCC 2016 Res 069	2016 Hawai'i	Defining Nature-based Solutions	Implemented
34.	WCC 2016 Res 085	2016 Hawai'i	Connecting people with nature globally	Implemented
35.	WCC 2016 Res 086	2016 Hawai'i	Development of IUCN policy on biodiversity conservation and synthetic biology	Superseded
36.	WCC2016 Res 087	2016 Hawai'i	Awareness of connectivity conservation definition and guidelines	Implemented
37.	WCC 2016 Res 091	2016 Hawai'i	South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary	Implemented
38.	WCC 2016 Rec 098	2016 Hawai'i	Preventing electrocution and collision impacts of power infrastructure on birds	Implemented
39.	WCC 2016 Rec 108	2016 Hawai'i	Financing for biodiversity projects in the European Union's outermost regions and overseas countries and territories	Implemented
40.	WCC 2012 Res 083	2012 Jeju	Advancing the role of nature-based solutions to climate change mitigation and adaptation and their potential to contribute to the global climate change regulatory regime	Implemented
41.	WCC 2008 REC 132	2008 Barcelona	Conservation of the River Ebro	Obsolete
42.	WCC 2008 RES 033	2008 Barcelona	Arctic legal regime for conservation	Superseded
43.	WCC 2008 RES 061	2008 Barcelona	The Great Ecological Connectivity Corridor: Cantabric Range – Pyrenees – Massif Central – Western Alps	Implemented
44.	WCC 2004 REC 102	2004 Bangkok	Conservation of Mediterranean-type ecosystems	Superseded
45.	WCC 2004 RES 046 ⁸	2004 Bangkok	Undersea noise pollution	Superseded
46.	WCC 1996 RES 097	1996 Montreal	Conservation of Proposed Volcanoes of Kamchatka World Heritage Site	Obsolete
47.	GA 1990 REC 053	1990 Perth	Conservation of Donana National Park, Spain	Implemented
48.	GA 1990 REC 072	1990 Perth	Mineral, including oil, exploration in or adjacent to marine parks and World heritage areas in Australia	Obsolete
49.	GA 1988 RES 041	1988 San José	Ramsar convention and wetland conservation law	Obsolete
50.	GA 1984 RES 023	1984 Madrid	Agricultural development and natural vegetation in the Mediterranean	Implemented