

# **International Union for the Conservation of Nature**

## **World Congress Report**

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## » IUCN 2015-16

- IUCN argued successfully to integrate environment across UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (rather a stand-alone goal)
- Argued successfully to include 'adaptation' in Paris Agreement to help both mitigate and strengthen resilience
- Now implementing agency for Global Environment Facility and Green Climate Fund

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## IUCN 2015-16

- Global Judicial Institute created. Colloquium of judges @ Supreme Court in Hawaii
- UN process launched to create legally binding agreement on High Seas management
- Greater emphasis on National Committees - 6 new. Existing committees strengthened
- Completed Guidelines for Business Engagement. Agreements with Toyota, Royal Dutch Shell

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## » KEY OUTCOMES

### **Attendance**

- 10,000+ registered – largest conservation meeting in history
- Large Canadian contingent



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## KEY OUTCOMES

### **Motions**

- New on-line voting system; 68.6% member participation
- 112 motions approved by members
- 26 discussed on floor; rest passed on-line

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## KEY OUTCOMES



### Motions

- Nature For All motion passed (Connecting people with Nature Globally)
- Urge all governments to close domestic markets for elephant ivory
- Biodiversity offsets policy adopted
- Created new membership category for Indigenous peoples organizations – 1<sup>st</sup> time in history



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## **Motions**

- Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, biggest protected area on the planet, 1.5 million km<sup>2</sup>
- IUCN directed to assess synthetic biology impacts
- Recommendations on peatland conservation
- 2017-2020 Programme of Work adopted



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## KEY OUTCOMES

### Challenges

- Decline in unrestricted funding
  - Governments shifting Assistance from environment to immigration crisis
- IUCN responses – reduced costs & services, shift to program delivery revenue

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## ➤ Hawaii Commitments

- Cultivate a Culture of Conservation
  - Link spirituality, religion, culture and conservation
  - Build constituency for conservation
- Nurture new generation across society
- Engage and empower youth



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## » Hawaii Commitments

- Sustain the Global Food Supply and Conserve Nature
  - ‘Programme of Work’ & ‘Hawaii Commitments’
  - Canadian strategy for agriculture being developed
  - Opportunity to align global priority with national, organizational and personal interests

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## Hawaii Commitments

### Preserve the Health of the World Oceans

- Reform Law of the Sea
- MPA's
- Plus fisheries and coastal zone management, pollution, ocean acidification

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## » Hawaii Commitments

### Wildlife Trafficking

- Reduce demand for animal parts from SAR
- CITES voted down proposals from three countries to reinstate ivory trade
- China recently announced a ban on all domestic ivory trade and processing by end of 2017





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## » Hawaii Commitments

### Engage with the Private Sector

- Urgent need to significantly increase investment in conservation from both public and private sector

### Climate Change

- Paris Agreement section on adaption – use of protection and restoration to mitigate and strengthen resilience
- IUCN delivery agent for Global Environment Facility and the Green Climate Fund





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## **Next Steps**

- Council meeting February
- Agricultural Strategy
- Climate Change program delivery
- Financial Challenge within IUCN

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