# International Union for the Conservation of Nature

World Congress Report
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## **IUCN** Report







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#### **IUCN** Report



# **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



## **IUCN** Report

## 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



# KEY OUTCOMES

#### **Attendance**

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





# 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



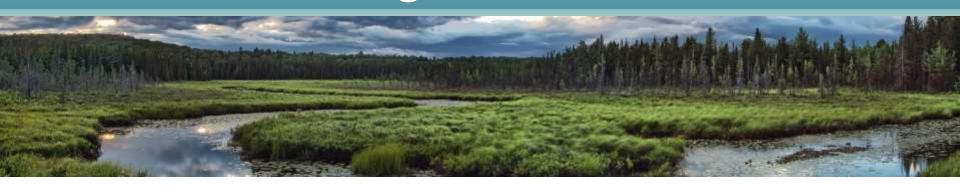
#### KEY OUTCOMES



#### 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





## Motions

- Papahanaumokuakea 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



# 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

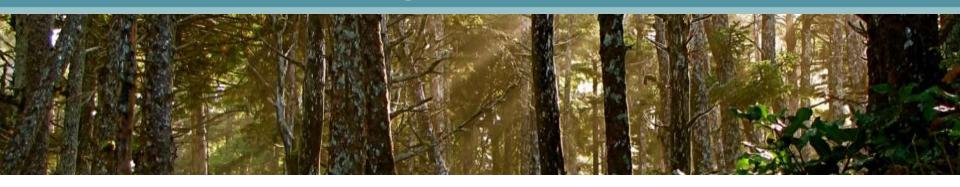




#### **Mawaii Commitments**

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





## 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











#### **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





#### **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







#### **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







## **IUCN World Congress Overview**



# Next Steps

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



Comments/Questions

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