An IUCN Indigenous Peoples Self-Determined Strategy: Supporting effective participation of indigenous peoples in IUCN and conservation

Summary

At the IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2016, the IUCN Members Assembly adopted a landmark decision for indigenous peoples and conservation. Members voted to create a new category of IUCN membership for Indigenous Peoples' Organisations (IPO), strengthening the recognition of their rights, participation, voice and role in IUCN. The new category was the first time IUCN reformed its membership structure in its 70-year history and it did so specifically to recognize the specific situation and role of IPOs.

IUCN has a long history of working with indigenous peoples both to promote recognition of their rights at policy level and to engage and support indigenous peoples in conservation activities on the ground. However, this change in IUCN's governance structure now allows IUCN to play an important convening and facilitating role for indigenous participation in environmental decision-making.

As a distinct and mobilised constituency within IUCN, IPO Members met as a group for the first time in 2018.

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