

Minutes of the Meeting  
Asia Regional Members Committee of IUCN  
September 17-20, 2017  
Kaihua, Zhejiang Province , China

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A meeting of the Asia Regional Committee of IUCN Members was held in Kaihua, Zhejiang Province, China from 17-20 September 2017, under the chairmanship of Prof. Keping Ma. The meeting was financially supported by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Government of Kaihua County, Zhejiang Province, China.

## 1. Opening and welcome

Prof. Keping Ma, Chair

could be a member of IUCN in the future and contribute more for nature conservation and sustainable development around the world.

## 2. Introduction of participants

19 IUCN Member and Commissions representatives from 16 Asian countries including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Japan, Korea (DPRK), Laos PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea (ROK), Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam, participated in this meeting. In addition, more than 40 people from governments and non-governmental organizations, including IUCN President, Regional Councillors, staff from IUCN Asia Regional Office and China Office and some IUCN

update on the progress of the preparation of the report on strengthening the presence of IUCN in Asia. He presented the basic status of Asia from different aspects including species, protected Areas, forests in Asia and so on, and introduced the priorities in different countries in Asia.

c) Progress report of IUCN China Office

Dr. Chunquan Zhu, Country Representative of IUCN China Office introduced the IUCN programme in China. Dr. Zhu took



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Mr. Yogendra Chitrakar , Chair, Nepal National Committee / Secretary for Asia Regional





Ms. Hanying Li , Commission on Education and Communication  
Ms. Li

Japan. The first such meeting was held in Jeju with support from Prof. Youngbae Suh. He presented the agenda of the meeting and talked about the objectives of the meeting.

Prof. Keping Ma , Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Prof. Ma introduced the background, mission, goals, organization structure, work, progress, achievements and activities of Mapping Asia Plants (MAP).

Copies of all the above presentations can be downloaded from the following link:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B\\_NNdOJKR7z6MTE1TnpfNUpaNIU](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B_NNdOJKR7z6MTE1TnpfNUpaNIU)

## 8. Outcomes of discussion

Nature based solutions in Asia: strategies and best practices

Three points were discussed:

- 1) The group came to a consensus that Asia should focus on its strengths in interpreting the global IUCN strategies. Specifically, Asia has a long history of applying nature based solutions and should further showcase the region's success stories in the form of best practices that should be effectively communicated to a wider audience;
- 2) Asia should also take the lead in driving the Urban Alliance agenda that was accepted in the WCC in Hawaii in 2016. Given that Asia has the fastest rate of urbanization, there are outstanding success stories and work in progress across Asia that incorporates urban ecology such as the Sino-Singapore Tianjian Ecocity Project.
- 3) Besides celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IUCN in 2018, the group would like to see radical reforms in the governance of IUCN so that Asia could be better represented in the staff composition of the Secretariat in Gland, involvement of members in IUCN projects in the region and assessment missions.

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## 9. Summary and closing

Mr. Malik Amin Aslam Khan, Vice President of IUCN thanked Prof. Ma for organizing the meeting and was glad to see a good representation from IUCN Members and Commissions. He confirmed the importance of this meeting which aimed at promoting Asia members to implement the strategies of IUCN in Asia.

Ambassador Masahiko Horie thanked Prof. Ma and his team for this meeting. He was very pleased to come to Kaihua and attend this meeting. He was also impressed with the field trip to Qiangjiangyuan National Park. In the end, he confirmed the importance of this meeting which allowed members to get to know each other better.

Prof. Suh thanked Prof. Ma and Kaihua County for this successful meeting. He was pleased to see representatives of IUCN and affirmed the results of the meeting.

Ms. Kabraji thanked Prof. Ma for bringing Asia Members together in China as well as the hard work by his team. She was very pleased

## 10. List of delegates

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22)	POK Kwang IL	Korea (DPR)	Ministry of Land and Environment Protection
23)	SILVA Koralage Ajith	Sri Lanka	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Sri Lanka
24)	THANG Hoang Van	Viet Nam	Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
25)	ZHU Chunquan	China	IUCN China Office
26)	DONG Shikui	China	CEM/Beijing Normal University
27)	LI Hanying	China	CEC
28)	XIE Yan	China	SSC/Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
29)	BAI Yinglan	China	Society of Entrepreneurs & Ecology
30)	CHEN Liangzhong	China	Guangdong Operation Earth Environmental Service Center
31)	CHENG Jingming	China	Mt. Huangshan Scenic Area Administrative Committee
32)	FANG Yuan	China	Mt. Huangshan Scenic Area Administrative Committee
33)	FENG Caiyun	China	Chinese Society of Forestry
34)	IKHUMHEN Harrison	China	China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation
35)	LI Kangxi	China	Eco Foundation Global
36)	LIN Yue	China	Evergreen Center for Sustainable Development
37)	LIU Yinan	China	Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences
38)	LV Cai	China	WCPA/Beijing Forestry University
39)	PENG Bin	China	Division for China-ASEAN Cooperation China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center
40)	WANG Dan	China	Biodiversity Committee, Chinese Academy of Sciences
41)	WANG Ning	China	China Wildlife Conservation A4(at)627 14(e)-12.3(1 re f 274.08 286.32

Meeting for Asia Regional Members Committee of IUCN  
-- Promoting nature based solutions in Asia

## Agenda

18-20 September 2017

Kaihua, Zhejiang, China

Asia plays an important role in responding to the call in the IUCN community and should

Congratulatory Address by Ruiliang Xiang, Party Secretary of CPC  
Kaihua County

- Round of self-introduction
- Introduction to the meeting and its objectives by Keping Ma, Chair,  
Asia Regional Members Committee of IUCN
- Agreement on agenda

09:40 – 10:10 Keynote speech : Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation: challenges  
and opportunities  
Prof. Xinsheng Zhang, President for IUCN

10:10 – 10:30 Coffee break and group photo

Presentations continued (Moderator: Youngbae Suh)

10:30 – 10:50 Nature based solutions to environmental and social challenges  
Prof. Keping Ma, Chair, Asia Regional Members Committee of IUCN

Mr. Prasana Kumar Dash

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- 16:30 – 16:40 Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Viet Nam)  
Dr. Hoang Van Thang
- 16:40 – 16:55 ASEAN-China Cooperation on Biodiversity: Status and Prospect  
Mr. Bin Peng, Director, Division for China-ASEAN Environmental  
Cooperation Center
- 16:55– 18:30 Discussions
- Nature based solutions in Asia: strategies and best practices
  - Asia impacts: Asia has great achievement in both industrialization and urbanization, and also big challenge and success in nature conservation. What should we do to enhance our cooperation in the continent and extend our successful experience to the globe.
  - Reform: What should IUCN change in responding to new challenges and opportunities for a 70-year-old organization in 2018?
  - Member function better: As a Union, how could IUCN Members play their roles better?
- 18:30 – 20:00 Reception (hosted by Government of Kaihua county)

19 September 2017 (Tuesday)

- 09:00 – 10:00 Presentations from IUCN Commission Representatives (Moderator:  
Yogendra Chitrakar)
- 09:00 – 09:15 Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM)  
Prof. Shikui Dong, Beijing Normal University
- 09:15 – 09:30 Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)  
Ms. Hanying Li
- 09:30 – 09:45 Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP)  
Ms. Meher Marker Noshirwani, Trust for Conservation of Coastal  
Resources
- 09:45 – 10:00 Species Survival Commission (SSC)  
Dr. Yan Xie, Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- 10:00 – 10:15 World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)  
Video Presentation by Prof. Antonio Benjamin
- 10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:30 – 11:20 Presentations on opportunities for IUCN members in Asia

(Moderator: TP Singh)

- 10:30 – 10:45 Asia Protected Area Partnership and cases for nature based solutions in Japan  
Prof. Masahiko Horie, Councilor of IUCN
- 10:45 – 11:00 Introduction of the 2nd tripartite meeting of IUCN members of China, Japan and Korea