

# Statement of Requirements for hosting the International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC)

## I. About the International Marine Protected Area Congress (IMPAC)

Since 2005, a global community of marine protected area managers and practitioners have come together once every four years at IMPAC, an international congress on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) convened under the auspices of IUCN, IUCN WCPA and the host country.

IMPAC aims to tot. 868 929 571 010 (by, to, es) 7, 1 1 P T f 0 , á ` Ü á j ú Ò % ocean conservation and sustainability. The conference acts as a catalyst for the private or public or blended finance for MPA creation and effective

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a platform for new national commitments.

Since IMPAC 3 in Marseille, the IMPAC congresses have hosted a High Level Segment, where high level representatives of political, scientific, philanthropic and NGO institutions and organisations meet right after the congress to discuss the outcomes from the event and agree on a joint declaration to support the global IMPA agenda.

IMPAC is a forum for MPA practitioners, managers private sector, advocates and scientists, to gather the global MPA community in talks, posters, seminars, panels, training and capacity building sessions, side events, knowledge cafes, and similar activities, as well as ocean and MPA related cultural and social activities. In addition, IMPAC includes an Exhibition, where businesses, partners, and academia host pavilions, booths and events. The Exhibition is open to congress participants and the general public, allowing exhibitors the opportunity to showcase their research, exhibitors

people are included in the Exhibition zone or within large pavilions. The hosts

Phase 2 – Full Proposal The International Steering Committee will send detailed and specific questions to complement the proposal for the Congress to all Candidates retained after Phase 1, to complement the EOI presented in Phase 1, and offer support for developing the full proposal by inviting them to an information session to enable them to best prepare their submission including guarantee and government support letters in time for the deadline. Final Candidates will be selected based on the analysis of this Full Proposal.

The International Steering Committee will decide the Host Country and the hosting agreement will be negotiated with IUCN.

All Candidates are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct as presented in Annex I throughout the entire process.

## Phase 1 Expression of Interest to host IMPAC6

This section outlines all requirements for Interested Parties, demonstrating how they will meet these requirements by the deadline stipulated, in order (if they wish) to be considered as a Candidate. The EOI must include answers to the following questions below using [this form](#).

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## A. Proposed timeline

The following dates will be important for the selection process of IMPAC6:

Step	Date	Activity
Phase 1	01 August 2022	Open call to participate in selection process for Congress issued
	03 October 2022	Deadline for Interested Parties to submit Proposals for Phase 1, answering requirements outlined in this SoR
	10 October 2022	Detailed Statement of complementary information requirements sent to all Candidates who meet high level criteria with invitation to prepare a full proposal.
	17 & 24 October 2022	Virtual information session for Candidates to ask questions about the Full Proposal process.
Phase 2	15 November 2022	Deadline for Candidates to submit Full Proposals with all respective guarantees and government support letters
	30 November 2022	Final decision communicated.

## IV. About IUCN

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (“IUCN”) is a membership Union uniquely composed of government, civil society and indigenous peoples’ organisations. IUCN provides knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together.

Created in 1948, IUCN has evolved into the world’s largest and most diverse environmental network.

Harnessing the experience, resources and reach of more than 1,700 Member organisations and the input of more than 17,000 experts, IUCN is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. Our experts are organised into six Commissions dedicated to species survival, environmental law, protected areas, social and economic policy, ecosystem management, and education and communication. A seventh, devoted to addressing the climate change crisis currently being set up.

Through their affiliation with IUCN, Member organisations are part of a democratic process, meeting every four years at the IUCN World Conservation Congress to set priorities, agree on the Union’s work programme and discuss and approve Resolutions, which lay the foundations for the global conservation agenda.

Our Member organisations are represented by the IUCN Council – IUCN’s principle governing body. Headquartered in Switzerland, the IUCN Secretariat comprises around 900 committed staff in more than 50 countries.

Between the IUCN World Conservation Congresses, IUCN and the World Commission of Protected Areas (WCPA) – one of the six commissions of IUCN – organise the IUCN World Park Congress (WPC) and the International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC), as well as various regional congresses on protected and conserved areas.

The WCPA has the mission to develop and provide scientific, technical and policy advice and advocate for global and national systems of marine, freshwater and terrestrial protected areas and other effective area based conservation measures (OECMs) that result in successful outcomes for the conservation of biodiversity, based on principles of sound design, good management and equitable governance. The objectives of the WCPA for the period 2020-2024 are:

## V. About IUCN Ocean and WCPA Marine

The Head of the IUCN Ocean Team in the IUCN Secretariat and the WCPA Vice Chair for the Marine Theme co-lead the organisation of the IMPAC Congresses together with the IMPAC Steering Committee.

IUCN's ocean ambition is characterized by three interlinking work areas: knowledge, policy and impact, that underscore our mission. By 2030, a healthy ocean that supports people and nature, governed by strengthened national and international legal frameworks financed with sustainable investments that restore ocean and coastal biodiversity and associated services for future generations.

The IUCN Secretariat will contribute to SDG 14 (Life Below Water) by 2030, in line with the 2020-2030 Strategic Plan, through the following impact areas:

## ANNEX

### Code of Conduct.

All Candidates will be treated equally and fairly.

#### I. Obligations of Host Country Candidates <sup>approding</sup>

1. Until the deadline for submission of the Proposal, no public promotion of the Proposal by the Candidate is permitted.
2. After the submission of the Proposal and prior to the final decision, Candidates must not disclose or promote any details of their Proposal publicly (including to IUCN staff or IUCN Council members) other than to the members of the designated evaluation team from the IUCN Secretariat and WCPA. The Candidate may only promote the fact that they are bidding for the Congress without disclosing any technical or financial details of their Proposal.
3. The Candidate is to refrain from lobbying any IUCN staff, WCPA members, Council members, Members or Commission Steering Committee members in favour of their Proposal.
4. Gifts and Hospitality: No individual representing the Candidate in the bidding process including but not limited to employees, directors or other representatives should accept or offer gifts, hospitality or benefits of any kind that might be seen to compromise their integrity or to be benefiting the person offering the service or the recipient personally and/or at the cost of IUCN's reputation. However, small gifts with no material value may be received or offered in appropriate situations provided there is no appearance of corruption, fraud or conflict of interest.
5. The Candidate may not negotiate or sign contracts or agreements with IUCN offices or departments, which could be seen as affecting IUCN's impartiality regarding the selection process.
6. All Candidates must be honest and fair in their dealings with all parts of the Union and IUCN will affect any <sup>from both the (and) process</sup> ~~from both the (and) process~~ <sup>Tf 1.46 0 TD 0 Tc <0003>Tj /TT10 1 Tf .225</sup> but not to employees, directors

the person's impartiality with regard to the selection process in line with the IUCN Code of Conduct and Professional Ethics for the Secretariat and the IUCN Anti Fraud Policy.

3. No IUCN office or department may negotiate or sign a contractor agreement with the Candidate, which could be seen as affecting IUCN's impartiality with regard to the selection process.

4. No IUCN Council member, no member of a Commission, Steering Committee or any IUCN staff member may provide support to a Candidate in preparing their Proposal Feedback provided during the site inspection (e.g. on misunderstandings of IUCN requirements, or IUCN's misunderstanding of the host destination's offer, or clarity on missing elements from the initial Proposal) is acceptable.

5. Information and answers to questions about the selection process and requirements for hosting the Congress shall exclusively be sent to or by the IUCN Global Events and Convenings Unit to ensure that information is both accurate and shared with all Candidates.

6. IUCN Council members with a nationality or residency in the same country as a finalist country should recuse themselves from the decision making in Council.



ANNEXI

The following areas in the exhibition hall will be at the cost of the Host Country:  
3 open presentation areas ("Central Stages") each accommodating up to for 150 Participants in theatre style with silent sound system; equipped for livestreaming  
1 large Host Country Pavilion in a prominent location

d) accommodating

necessary) as per requirements to be established by IUCN.

The Venue has to have an adequate electricity infrastructure to ensure that all electrical devices required for a Congress of this size can be plugged in and work smoothly; a backup system is needed in case of electricity failures.

The entire Venue requires the following internet infrastructure:

High speed wireless internet with a minimum of two different internet lines by two different providers for backup purposes with each a bandwidth of a minimum 4Gb/s;

Enough Wi-Fi hotspots set up across the entire Venue to support the needs of the Participants with simultaneous connection with a minimum of 2Mbps upload and download per device; the Wi-Fi hotspot coverage per room should handle at least 3 times the capacity of the room without any interference; at least 3 parallel SSIDs (Service Set Identifiers) should be set up for staff, media, public

High speed cabled internet and electricity drops for all offices, podiums in session rooms, as well as media centre

Cellphone 4G and 5G (if locally available) coverage by minimum 2 operators over the entire Venue.

In addition, the Venues should ideally not have exclusivity rights granted to suppliers (AV, IT, interpretation, hosts, etc.) or else guarantee competitive pricing and quality for all exclusive services.

Submission requirements:

needs of 4G or 5G internet (minimum 4Gb/s) for all devices