

## selected thematic

### issues

Convention on Biological Diversity



**IUCN reiterates that further progress on the other elements of the Target is essential and that the voluntary guidance contained in Annexes I - IV of the draft COP Decision<sup>3</sup> will assist Parties to make progress.**

In particular, IUCN commends the guidance resulting from the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Target 11, and commits to compiling detailed guidance, including relevant case studies to enhance its interpretation and its implementation. We **note that recognition of OECMs will enhance ecological representation and protection of important biodiversity areas, and will promote more effective and equitable management of sites, thereby further contributing to sustainable conservation of biodiversity.**

**IUCN advises Parties that:**

- (i) Areas that effectively deliver *in situ* biodiversity conservation outcomes, must

welcomes the current discussion to increase considerably the coverage of protected and conserved areas by 2050, through inter alia, establishing new protected and conserved areas in under-represented ecosystems or to address the conservation of priority species; recognising and supporting OECMs; and appropriately recognising, supporting and protecting territories and areas conserved by indigenous peoples and local communities .

## **Marine and coastal biodiversity (Agenda item 25)**

*Ecologically or biologically significant*

knowledge on seamounts and hydrothermal vents<sup>12</sup> as useful tools in their efforts to minimize