

# IUCN

## Background

The creation of the IUCN was formally announced at the International Conference on Mammals (ICMM) in Hawaii, USA, in 1963. Two seminars were held, one on the Conservation Force, and two work groups were established to develop a fourth category of threat.

## Purpose

The purpose of the IUCN is to provide the world with objective information and advice about the state of nature and its components, whether they are species, ecosystems, habitats or genetic diversity.

In 2016, the IUCN will be marking its 50th anniversary. The organization has been involved in marine conservation since the early 1970s, through its work on the conservation of marine mammals and marine protected areas.

The IUCN's work on marine conservation includes:

- identifying priority areas for marine conservation;
- national and international assessments of the status of marine species and ecosystems;
- the development of guidelines for the conservation of marine species and ecosystems;
- the development of marine protected area networks;
- the implementation of marine conservation projects in partnership with governments and other organizations.

The IUCN's work on marine conservation has been successful in many countries, particularly in developing countries, where it has helped to establish marine protected areas and improve management of marine resources.

## Integrating the IUCN's work on marine conservation

The overall aim of the IUCN's work on marine conservation is to ensure that marine biodiversity is conserved and used sustainably.

## Goals

- Organizational structure
- IUCN's role in marine conservation
- Call for action
- Holistic approach
- Prevention of extinction
- Sensitivity analysis
- Recovery of marine ecosystems
- Awareness raising
- Organizational structure

Prepare final report and communicate widely.

**Objective 2: Implementing Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) through engagement with**

WCPA/GPAP/WHResult1.2:	
(i) Partiesto the CBDare supportedto implementthe full scopeof Target11 of the StrategidPlanfor Biodiversity	X
(ii) Institutionaland professionalcapacityto implementthe full scopeof Target11 of the StrategidPlanfor Biodiversityis developed	
(iii) Financialcapacityto implementthe full scopeof Target11 of the StrategidPlanfor Biodiversityis enhanced	
(iv) The valueof protectedareaasis communicatedto keyconstituenciesincludingurbandwellersandyoungpeople	X
WCPA/GPAP/WHResult1.3	
(i) Theecologicaland functionalconnectivityof terrestrialand marineecosystemsis enhanced	
(ii) Criteriafor the identification of OECMsdevelopedand applied	
IUCN PROGRAMMAREA2: Promotingand supportingeffective and equitable governanceof natural resources	
WCPA/GPAP/WHResult2.1:	
(i) Governanceand equity assessmentapproachesfor protectedareasystemsare developed	
(ii) Pilot governanceassessmentsconducted	X
WCPA/GPAP/WHResult2.2:	
(i) Governancequality and equity of protectedareaasis enhanced	
WCPA/GPAP/WHResult2.3:	
(i) Legaland institutional approachesfor enhancingthe role of PAsin natural resourcegovernancere piloted	X
IUCN PROGRAMMAREA3: Deployingnature basedsolutionsto addresssocietalchallenges	
WCPA/GPAP/WHResult3.1	
(i) Casestudiesfor nature basedsolutionsinvolvingPAsin a rangeof sectorsare collated	X
WCPA/GPAP/WHResult3.2	