

BYLAWS of the
IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy

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members shall, as far as possible, comply with the criteria for the selection of members of the Steering Committee prescribed by Regulation 73.

The Chair(s) of Themes and Groups may have access to membership applications within the commission membership management system (CMMS) related to their Theme or Group and may be asked to review applications and make a recommendation to the Chair and Executive Officer as determined by the Chair.

6.4. The Chair may appoint members of the Commission at large and may propose members to any Theme or Group Chair.

6.5. CEESP will develop a diversified membership of disciplines, cultures, languages, geographical regions, age and gender, to encourage diverse perspectives and experiences in debating, analysing, and promoting the issues of concern to the Commission's vision and mission. In order to include the perspectives and expertise of indigenous peoples and local communities in the management of natural resources, CEESP shall also include experts in relevant disciplines including customary law and common property resource management, including community elders.

6.6. All commission members are required to accept the IUCN commission members Code of Conduct. Members of the Commission are expected to undertake their work and participate in the affairs of the Commission in a professional and respectful manner. The Commission respects members' presentation of alternative viewpoints to assure a plurality of perspectives, while working toward a consensus approach to decision-making. In such cases where a member is interfering with the operation of the Commission or not participating in a respectful and professional manner, the Commission Chair has the authority to remove that person from membership in the Commission.

7. Organisation: Themes, Specialist Groups and other Working Groups

7.1. Themes and Groups (including Working Groups, Specialist Groups, and Task Forces) are the main constituent units of the Commission, gathering members with similar expertise and concern.

7.2. Themes are broad areas of inquiry and action crucial for the 'objectives and strategic approaches' and 'Programme Priorities' defined in the Commission's Mandate and expected to remain part of the Commission programme beyond one intersessional period.

7.3. Groups are defined through their specific objectives and are planned to remain active during one or more intersessional periods or a part thereof. A Group can be set up within one or more existing Themes or on its own. A Group can develop the subject and justification for a new Theme consistent with the Commission's Mandate and submit it for approval by the Commission's Steering Committee. For example, a Task Force is a time-bound group that addresses a specific issue or IUCN resolution.

7.4. Themes and Groups provide leadership and promote capacity to address the IUCN's mission with regard to specific topics within the Commission's Mandate. They

determine and review, on a continuing basis, the status and needs of such topics, synthesize and communicate lessons learned, develop strategies and promote specific initiatives to be

8.1.8. In consultation with the Commission Chair, raising funds for initiatives planned in harmony with the IUCN programme and the Commission Mandate, and on the basis of proposals that have been peer reviewed according to any applicable procedures agreed by the Steering Committee;

8.1.9. Chairs of Groups are expected to communicate with members of their groups on a monthly basis and to assist the Executive Officer of the Commission in maintaining up-to-date databases of the Theme or Group.

8.1.10. Making oral or written interventions on behalf of the Theme or Group, but not in the name of IUCN or the Commission as a whole unless they have been cleared with the Director General or the Chair, respectively. Interventions, particularly those that involve governments, shall be widely reviewed within the Theme or Group and shall not be in conflict with IUCN policies. The Commission Chair shall be consulted well in advance of the interventions.

8.2. The members of the Themes and Groups shall:

8.2.1. Be subscribed into specific electronic discussion lists and/or social media platforms, which generally constitute the main communication and organisation avenue among members;

8.2.2. Keep in regular contact with their Chairs and respective Secretariat liaisons as appropriate, respond promptly to their requests, participate as actively as possible in the exchanges among Members and in the events promoted by the Theme or Group, and to inform their respective Chair and the Executive Officer of any change of their contact information;

9.2. A resolution-in-writing circulated to all the members of the Steering Committee or Executive Committee and affirmed by a majority of those who respond shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the relevant committee duly convened and held.

9.3. The Commission shall strive to take all decisions by consensus, and decisions shall be reviewed and improved by the contribution of as many members as possible.

9.4. The Chair may invite observers to meetings of the Steering Committee or of the Executive Committee.

10. Governance of the Commission

10.1. The Officers of the Commission include, but are not limited to, the Chair, Deputy Chair, Financial Officer, the Thematic and Group chairs and Regional Vice-Chairs, and the Executive Officer of the Commission. The Theme and Group Chairs and Regional Vice Chairs may also appoint leaders of subgroups dedicated to their Theme, Group or Region, funding or volunteer ability permitting, as appropriate.

10.2. The Chair is elected by Congress in accordance with the Statutes. S/he is elected for a term extending from the close of the ordinary session of the Congress at which s/he is elected until the close of the next succeeding ordinary session of the Congress. The Chair is the Head of the Commission and has full powers in accordance with the Statutes and these Bylaws, to undertake such functions and responsibilities as may be necessary to meet the objectives of the Commission.

10.2.1. Preceding each Congress, upon receipt from the Council of the statement of criteria for the qualities required for the position of the Chair of the Commission, as required by the Regulations, the Steering Committee shall make the statement available to members of the Commission and request that nominations for the Chair, including those sent directly to the Council, be sent to the Steering Committee.

10.2.2. The Steering Committee, at the appropriate time, in

11.4. IUCN Secretariat staff members may participate in meetings of the Steering Committee at the Chair's invitation.

11.5. The Steering Committee shall set the Commission's policy and guide its activities within the bounds of the Mandate and terms of reference established by Congress.

11.6. The Steering Committee may establish an intersessional Work Programme, which shall be revised or reviewed annually, as appropriate. The strategic plan shall be circulated to all members.

11.7. The Chair may establish standing or temporary sub-committees under the direction of the Steering Committee. The Chair shall appoint the chairs of such sub-committee, with their members being appointed by the chair of the sub-committee in consultation with the Chair.

11.8. Regional Steering Committees may be established to assist the Regional Vice-Chair in conducting the activities of the Regional network of the Commission.

15.1. The Commission may collaborate with and extend full cooperation to other organizations and bodies promoting objectives similar to those of the Commission.

15.2. The Chair shall present a report summarizing the status of the Commission at each ordinary session of the Congress.

15.3. With the advice of the Steering Committee, the Chair shall prepare and submit, through Council, a recommended Mandate, including the vision and objectives for the Commission for the ensuing intersessional period, for adoption by each Congress.

15.4. The Chair shall present each year a report to the Council.

16. Publications

16.1. The Commission or any of its