

PROTEA CALL FOR ACTION 25TH JULY 2019

TO SECURE A FUTURE FOR NATURE, PEOPLE AND FUTURE GENERATIONS IN AFRICA

We, more than 200 experts, specialists and senior Government officials from 24 countries of Eastern and Southern Africa participated in the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Regional Conservation Forum was co - hosted by the Government of South Africa through the Department of Environment Forests and Fisheries and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Regional Office of Eastern and Southern Africa.

We shared experience and success stories generating a common agenda to position and safeguard the regions long term conservation interests while delivering results for people and nature.

The objectives of the Regional Conservation Forum were to:

- x Discuss Africa's immediate and near future Conservation scenarios, identify key challenges and opportunities that Conservation is facing and re-think its role.
- x Identify implications from observed outlook of Africa and what it means for IUCN Programme 2021-2024 and ongoing reforms as a foundation for a future approach that is more relevant, inclusive, transparent, impactful and transformative.
- x Exchange views and agree on common actions for collaboration between Governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private sector, Youth and local Communities with respect to IUCN One Programme approach.

We recognize that the world is living through a decisive moment in its 56th session. In addition, the IUCN One

Conserving nature is a non-negotiable prerequisite for achieving a more prosperous, healthy and equitable world. If the world does not reverse the loss of nature, it will undermine any prospect of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

