

North Africa Regional Conservation Forum

Monastir, Tunisia 24-26 June 2019

Agenda

Sunday 23

All the day Arrival of participants to Tunis-Carthage airport/ Shuttle from the airport to the hotel in Monastir (around 2 hours)

18:00 – 20:00 Early Forum registration at the hotel (*Regency Monastir*)

20:00 – 21:30 Dinner at the hotel for the participants

Monday 24 *1st day*

8:30 – 9:00 Welcoming and participants registration

9:00 – 10:30 FORUM OPENING CEREMONY

Moderator: Mr. Maher Mahjoub, North Africa Programme Coordinator at IUCN-Med

- ❖ Mr. Antonio Troya, IUCN-Med Director
- ❖ Mr. Hichem Azafzaf, IUCN Tunisian National Committee President
- ❖ Mr. Mamadou Diallo, IUCN Regional Councillor for Africa
- ❖ Representative of local authority in Monastir
- ❖ H.E. Mr. Mokhtar Hammami, Minister of Local Affairs and Environment in Tunisia

Signature of a **Memorandum of Cooperation** between the Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment and IUCN

Introductory presentation. Civil Society as partner in the management of Protected Areas in Tunisia: vision and action of the Tunisian NGO **Notre Grand Bleu** in the Marine Protected Area of Kuriat Island. By Mr. Ahmed Souki, NGB President

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break and networking

11:00 – 13:00 SESSION I. DRAFT INTERSESSIONAL IUCN PROGRAMME 2021-2024

By: Mr. Antonio Troya, IUCN-Med Director

Moderator: Mr. Abdelhadi Bennis, Ribat El Fath Association (Morocco)

Rapporteurs: Dr. Rym Zakhama Sraeib, Tunisian Association of Taxonomy and Dr. Amina Fellous-Djardini, Algerian Ecological Mouvement

This session will allow to present, discuss and receive members' contributions on the draft IUCN Programme 2021-2024 which will be submitted for approval to the IUCN General Assembly at the 2020 Congress in Marseille.

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 16:00 **SESSION II. IUCN PROGRAMME AND THE POST 2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

By **Mrs. Sonia Peña Moreno**, Coordinator, Global Biodiversity Policy and Governance (IUCN HQ)

Moderator: **Dr. Mostafa Fouda**, Ministry of Environment (Egypt)

Rapporteurs: **Dr. Hekma Achour**, National Association for Sustainable Development and wild Life Conservation (Tunisia) and **Mr. Naïm Nachid**, President of Ecosylva Foundation (Morocco)

This second session will follow the discussion on the IUCN draft Programme and on the presentation and discussion of the links between the IUCN Programme and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Feedback from CBD COP 14 held in Egypt in 2018 will also be presented and the forthcoming roadmap converging between the IUCN World Congress and the CBD COP 15 in China in 2020.

The session aims also to identify key biodiversity issues and priorities for North African members, which are considered important for inclusion in the IUCN Programme and the post-2020 process.

16:00 – 16:20 **Coffee break and networking**

16:20 – 17:30 **SESSION III. IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS (Marseille, 11-19 June 2020)**

By **Mr. Luc De Wever**, Senior Governance Manager (IUCN HQ)

Moderator: **Mr. Hatem Ben Belgacem**, Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment (Tunisia)

Rapporteurs: **M. Usama Mohammed**, Nature Conservation (Egypt) and **Mr. Brahim Abouelabbes**, Moroccan Association for Ecotourism and Nature protection (Morocco)

This session will include (i) providing general information about the Congress, including key milestones and procedures, as well as criteria and procedures for sponsored delegates, and (ii) promoting the different ways in which members can actively participate in the Congress, including (but not limited to) types of events, call for papers, Forum event selection criteria; online consultations and discussions to prepare proposals and motions for e-voting approval and the membership assembly.

17:30 – 17:45 **Wrap up of day 1**

18:00 – 19:00 **IUCN Members' Meeting:** establishment of an IUCN Regional Committee for North Africa and collaboration between IUCN National Committees

19:30 – 21:00 **Dinner at Dar Charâa (Medina of Monastir)**
Celebration of Protected Areas Green List achievements in the Mediterranean



Tuesday 25

2nd day

8:45 – 9:00 Presentation of the agenda for the 2nd day. By Mr. Maher Mahjoub (IUCN-Med)

9:00 – 10:45 **SESSION IV. THE IUCN POLICY CYCLE: FROM THE MOTIONS PROCESS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IUCN RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Moderator: **Dr. Amina Fellous-Djardini**, Algerian Ecological Mouvement

Rapporteurs: **Mrs. Sihem Mannai**, Women and Environment Alliance (Tunisia) and **Mr. Salih Buirzayqah**, Al Hayat Organisation for Wildlife Conservation (Libya)

9:00 – 10:00 **Introduction to the Motions Process and update on the implementation of IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations**

By **Mrs. Sonia Peña Moreno**, Coordinator, Global Biodiversity Policy and Governance (IUCN HQ)

Focus on:

Resolution WCC-2016-Res-086 on **Synthetic Biology**. Consultation and discussion on IUCN draft Policy on Synthetic Biology and Biodiversity Conservation.

Resolutions WCC-2012-Res-117 and WCC-2012-Res-118 on **IPBES**. The IPBES session is an opportunity to highlight the past and current interactions between IUCN and IPBES, as well as their products.

10:00 – 10:45 **General discussion on motions to be presented by members to IUCN Congress**

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break and networking**

11:00 – 13:00 **SESSION V. IUCN GOVERNANCE: REFORMS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS**

Moderator: **Dr. Brahim Haddane**, Coordinator of IUCN National Committee in Morocco

Rapporteurs: **Mr. Arafet Ben Marzou**, Exploralis Association (Tunisia) and **Dr. Ouahida Boucekkine**, General Forest Directorate (Algeria)

11:00 – 12:00 **Presentation of new developments in governance and reforms**

By **Mr. Mamadou Diallo**, IUCN Regional Councillor for Africa

This session will gather feedback from members on Council proposals for governance improvements and reforms, including possible amendments to the bylaws.

12:00 – 13:00 **Nominations for elections at the IUCN Congress (Regional Councillor for Africa, etc.)**

This second part will allow members to identify and present candidates for the election of regional councillors and other positions on the basis of the required qualifications approved by the Council.

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 16:00 SESSION VI. MEMBERSHIP AND COMMISSION MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Moderator: **Dr. Amr AbdelMeguid**, CEDARE (Egypt)

Rapporteurs: **M. Chokri Mansour**, Pinna association (Tunisia) and **Dr. Manel Ben Ismail**, Notre Grand Bleu (Tunisia)

14:00 – 14:45

Membership Strategy

By **M. Mamadou Diallo**: IUCN Regional Councillor for Africa

14:45 – 15:50

IUCN Commissions: latest achievements and the way forward (5-10' each)

Dr. Brahim Haddane, Vice-chair of the **Commission on Education and Communication** and of the **Commission on Ecosystem Management** for North Africa

Dr. Pricelia Tumenta, Vice-chair of the **Species Survival Commission** for Africa

Ms. Imen Meliane, Vice-chair for the **World Commission for Protected Areas** for North Africa, Middle East and West Asia

15:50 – 16:00

Award ceremony for the IUCN Commission on Education and Communication

16:00 – 16:20

Coffee break and networking

16:20 – 17:30 SESSION VII. DEBATE ON REGIONAL ASPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Moderator: **Mr. Hichem Azafzaf**, Association les Amis des Oiseaux (Tunisia)

Rapporteurs: **M. Mohamed ElSayed**, Arab Office for Youth and Environment (Egypt) and **Dr. Abdelghani Maroufi**, Moroccan Association for Environment and Climate Protection (Morocco)

This session will allow to:

- *Discuss and define what members of each region want to get out of the congress and how they can use the different opportunities offered by the forum / congress to achieve this;*
- *Propose approaches for the implementation of the new IUCN programme 2021-2024;*
- *Disseminate knowledge on the science, policy and practice of conservation, and the equitable and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources;*
- *Discuss any other issues that Members consider relevant.*

17:30 – 17:50

Under the spot light: conservation efforts in Libya through civil society engagement

By **Mr. Salih Buirzayqah**, General Director of Al Hayat Organisation for Wildlife Conservation

17:50 – 18:00

FORUM CONCLUSIONS

M. Antonio Troya, IUCN-Med Director
Representatives of the host country

18:00 – 19:00

IUCN Members' Meeting (continue): establishment of an IUCN Regional Committee for North Africa and collaboration between IUCN National Committees

19:30 – 21:00

Dinner at Sultan Marina Pirate Boat



Wednesday 26 3rd day

8:30 – 13:00 MAIN CONSERVATION CHALLENGES AND IUCN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS APPLIED TO NORTH AFRICA

8:30 – 11:45 TWO PLENARY SESSIONS:

8:30 – 10:00 I. Species conservation planning: how to walk the talk

By Dr. David Mallon, Co-chair of the Antelope Specialist Group (IUCN Species Survival Commission)

This session will present an update on the implementation of species conservation strategies developed in some North African countries, including experiences from other regions.

Moderator: **Mr. Zouhair Amhaouch**, High Commissariat for Water, Forest and Combatting Desertification (Morocco)
Rapporteurs: **Dr. Faouzia Charfi**, Tunisian Association of Taxonomy (Tunisia) and **Dr. Najwa Bouraoui**, Association for the Protection of Environment and Sustainable Development of Bizerte (Tunisia)

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break and networking

10:15 – 11:45 II. Accelerating progress to achieve Protected Areas Aichi Target 11 in North Africa

By Ms. Imen Meliane, Regional Vice-Chair of the World Commission on Protected Areas for North Africa, Middle East and West Asia

This session will present the status of implementation on Aichi Target 11 in North African countries and will discuss gaps and major opportunities to accelerate progress toward the target by 2020 including through building capacities, conserving KBAs, exploring strategies around OECMs (Other Effective Area Based Conservation Measures) and the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas.

Moderator: **Mr. Maher Mahjoub**, IUCN-Med

Rapporteurs: **Mr. Hassane Mhenna**, Association Marocaine pour la Chasse Durable and **Mr. Mohamed Hussein**, Arab Network for Environment and Development (Egypt)

11:45 – 13:00 THREE PARALLEL SESSIONS:

- I. Climate change and Nature Based Solutions (IUCN):** Presentation of the progress in applying NbS concept in the Mediterranean. (Moderated by **Ms. Lourdes Lázaro**, IUCN-Med)
- II. Conservation issues in the Mediterranean Sea (IUCN):** This session will highlight the main challenges related to marine ecosystem conservation especially Plastic and IAS (Moderated by **Mr. Ziad Samaha**, IUCN-RoWA and **Mr. François Simard**, WCPA and CEM member).
- III. Ecotourism in Mediterranean Protected Areas (IUCN-Med/MEET):** Presentation of MEET Network. Short training session on ecotourism in Med Protected areas: product development, monitoring and promotion (Moderated by **Ms. Carla Danelutti**, IUCN-Med).

13:00 – 13:30 Forum closing remarks and acknowledgments

13:30 – 18:00 Cultural visit to El Jem Amphitheater

19:30 – 21:00 Dinner at the hôtel