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# THE FOOTPRINT OF MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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With less than 2% of the planet, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean is one of the most megadiverse regions in the world harbouring seven to ten percent of known species. Its natural and cultural capital is exceptional, with a diversity of communities, ethnic groups and indigenous peoples who have inhabited the area for thousands of years, protecting and living in harmony with natural resources.

It contains the second most important barrier reef in the world, 8% of the earth's remaining mangroves and one of the five flagship forests of the region shared by Belize, Guatemala and Mexico: the Selva Maya. The Caribbean islands form one of the major centres of endemic biodiversity in the world due to the region's geography and climate.

Paradoxically, the region runs an ecological deficit due to urbanisation, inappropriate land use and energy matrices that rely on fossil fuels. Despite a considerable decline in poverty and inequality during the last 20 years, the Covid-19 pandemic is expected to cause a rapid upsurge of social and economic problems.



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- scaling up initiatives with investments to generate greater impacts;
- strengthening regional actions and facilitating the countries' global positioning;
- adapting and applying standards and tools for valuing the services that ecosystems provide at landscape level for decision making; and
- expanding its actions in coastal zones and areas highly vulnerable to climate change and poverty.

## INNOVATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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The actions prioritised by IUCN ORMACC in the Regional Action Plan were strategic for a successful implementation of the IUCN Programme 2017-2020 and its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These innovations helped address the challenges and capitalise on the region's opportunities.

During this period, intersectoral collaboration was increased with institutions such as agriculture, fishing and tourism ministries; water-governing institutions; farming and ranching associations; municipalities; academia and the private sector to promote comprehensive approaches in conserving nature compatible with production actions.

The region's international positioning was strengthened by increasing the visibility of its interventions and results in the frame of global initiatives and commitments, such as the **Bonn Challenge**, **International Marine Protected Areas Congress**, **III Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Protected Areas (III CAPLAC)**, **Sub-regional meeting on the Action Plan for World Heritage (UNESCO)**, **World Water Forum**, **COP14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity**, **Pre-COP25**, and others.



Guidelines on species management and closed seasons, based on commercial fishing pressure, were established by consensual agreement in over 100,000 ha of Guatemala Caribbean marine areas.

The **first Latin America Regional Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL)** was created, thanks to the harmonisation of Selva Maya protected areas management effectiveness.

**The Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway** is used for decisions about management of the 269 marine and 519 terrestrial protected areas.

In the frame of the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme, 1.5 million euros were allocated to national organisations in **15 Caribbean countries**, including IUCN Members in Haiti, Belize and the Dominican Republic, to improve management effectiveness and governance of protected areas.

In zones inhabited or used by indigenous peoples, particularly in **Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua** as well as national and shared basins of Meso America, agreements and bio-protocols were achieved under the rights-based and gender equality approach to regulate natural resource management.



In support for the implementation of **business models** based on good governance, financing schemes were promoted in vulnerable communities for their productive diversification and stability. The State of Oaxaca has an investment prospectus portfolio to mobilise public and private resources.

Based on technical, financial and social criteria and to support **productive landscape restoration**, seven countries in the region have forest landscape restoration strategies at national and sub-national level and have committed to restoring 8.4 million ha by 2030. The processes implemented have enabled decision-makers at different levels to negotiate financing with science-based information.

In **Honduras** and in six shared basins of **Mexico** and **Central America**: more than 30,000 families adopted nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

**Coastal-marine zone management** was reinforced integrating attention to coastal populations and ecosystems, particularly in the **Caribbean and Northern Triangle of Central America**, contributing to SDG 14. These actions laid the foundation for generating information, supporting policies, regulations and activities that support national and regional priorities in blue economy.





Tools for valuing ecosystem services at the level of landscapes and **urban and peri-urban** basins were adapted and validated in **Guatemala** and **Costa Rica**. This was a recognition of Central America's mounting urbanisation and urgent need to address challenges concerning water security and disaster impacts. Governance practices, structures and dynamics were defined, along with public-private partnerships for investment that supports decision making.

The World Conservation Congress will be a great opportunity for IUCN ORMACC, its Members, partners and allies to share the advances, challenges and especially proposals, to reinforce and adjust, together, the path toward nature-based recovery, the commitments to climate change and the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

**We invite you to join us, virtually or in person, 3–11 September 2021, to learn, put forward and communicate our wealth of experience and proposals.**

**Our Region urgently needs transformations!**



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**FRIDAY**

**Friday, 03 September**

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
Opening Ceremony of the WCC	Ceremony	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary - Calanques 17:00 - 19:00
Congress Opening Reception	Reception	Onsite only	Esp 3&4 – Agora stage 19:00 - 21:00

**SATURDAY**

**Saturday, 04 September Forum / Foro**

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
Forum Opening	Ceremony	Onsite & livestreamed	H9 - B 1 Auditorium - Mercantour 09:00 - 10:30
Central America leadership in landscape restoration as a solution to tackle national societal challenges El liderazgo de Centroamérica en la restauración de paisajes como solución para atender retos sociales.	Exhibition event	Onsite En sitio	H3 Central Stage C 14:30 - 15:30
What works in protected areas? Data and information tools for mapping and understanding PA outcomes	Campus Session	Online only	Virtual Channel 6 18:30 - 20:30
No farm is an island: making agriculture work for landscapes and vice-versa	Thematic Stream Session	Online only	Virtual Channel 3 20:00 - 21:30





# SUNDAY

## Sunday, 05 September Forum / Foro

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
De la política a la aplicación: Hacer realidad la AbE en Guatemala	Pavilion event	En sitio y transmisión en directo	H3 Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem Restoration 10:15 - 11:00
Advancing the Outcomes of the World Summit on Indigenous Peoples and Nature	Thematic Stream Session	Online only	Virtual Channel 3 16:00 - 17:30
Show me the money: Innovations in Financing and Resourcing of Conserved and Protected Areas	Thematic Stream Session	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary - Calanques 16:00 - 17:30
Environmental Defenders: How do we support and mobilize our community to respond more effectively?	High Level Event	Onsite & livestreamed En sitio y transmisión en directo	H9 - B 1 Auditorium - Mercantour 16:00 - 17:30
Mainstreaming Conservation into Transboundary Water Cooperation	Campus session	Online only	Virtual Channel 6 16:00 - 18:00
Gender and environment '101': a hands-on, fast-tracked training for gender-responsive conservation	Campus session	Online only	Virtual Channel 5 18:30 - 20:00 CEST
Mercado de saberes intergeneracionales para la implementación del programa de la UICN 2021-2024	Campus session	Online only	Virtual Channel 6 18:30 - 20:30
Conservación efectiva de la biodiversidad en Latinoamérica a través del Estándar Lista Verde	Thematic Stream Session	Únicamente en línea	Virtual Channel 2 20:00 - 21:30

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# MONDAY

## Monday, 06 September Forum / Foro

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
BRIDGE - Ten years of implementing transboundary water management: key lessons and ways forward	Thematic Stream Session	Online only	Virtual Channel 2 11:00 - 12:30
BIOPAMA Clinic Session	Clinic Session	Onsite & livestreamed En sitio y transmisión en directo	Vital Sites for a Protected Planet' Pavilion Main stage 14:30 15:30
The Restoration Barometer: what has been done, what can be done? Measuring restoration efforts and results across all ecosystem types	Campus Session	Online only	Virtual Channel 8 11:00 - 13:00
Soluciones para el bienestar y el desarrollo sostenible; Resultados del III Congreso de Áreas Protegidas de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (III CapLac)	Thematic Stream Session	En sitio y transmisión en directo	H8 - 8 Pyrenées 16:00 -17:30
Dutch Caribbean Night	High Level Social Event	Onsite	IUCN-NL Pavilion  Start-time 18:30
BIOPAMA Social Event	High Level Social Event	Onsite	Vital Sites for a Protected Planet' Pavilion Main stage 19:00 – 21:00



# TUESDAY

## Tuesday, 07 September Forum / Foro

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
Restoring the fabric of nature and humanity – peace, conflict and environment in a post-Covid world	High-Level Dialogue	Onsite & livestreamed	H9 - B 1 Auditorium - Mercantour 09:00 - 10:30
Los corredores biológicos: Herramientas clave para la restauración de paisajes y recuperación de la conectividad de ecosistemas en Honduras	Pavilion event	En sitio y transmisión en directo	H3 Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem Restoration 10:15 - 11:00
Hot topics in restoration in a pandemic and post-pandemic world	High Level Event	Onsite En sitio	11:00- 12:00
Agricultural finance as a force for conservation: innovations for and from the Global South	Thematic Stream Session	Onsite & livestreamed	H8 - 6 Cap Corse 11:00 - 12:30
Translating data to decisions - the Caribbean Protected Areas Gateway (CPAG) and the State of Protected and Conserved Areas in the Wider Caribbean	Technical Event	Onsite & livestreamed	Vital Sites for a Protected Planet Pavilion Main stage 14:00 – 15:00
SIDS: Solutions for Plastic Pollution	Pavilion event	Onsite & livestreamed	Ocean and Islands Pavilion 14:00 15:00
Restoration implementation showcase	Pavilion event	Onsite & livestreamed	H3 Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem Restoration 15:15 - 16:15
Celebrating Commitment and Catalyzing Action for Forest Landscape Restoration: the Bonn Challenge	Pavilion event	Onsite	H3 Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem Restoration 19:30 – 20:00



# WEDNESDAY

Reception: Celebrating Bonn Challenge Commitment	Pavilion event	Onsite	H3 Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem Restoration 20:00 20:30
Reunión del Comité Regional de Mesoamérica y Suramérica	Members' Meeting	En sitio	H8-B Mer de Corail 19:00 21:00
North America & Caribbean Regional Members' Meeting	Members' Meeting	Onsite only	H8 - 8 Pyrenées 19:00 21:00

## Wednesday, 08 September Forum / Foro

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
Scaling FLR through technology: innovative approaches and pitfalls	Pavilion event	Onsite & livestreamed	H3 Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem Restoration 10:15 – 11:45
¿Cómo puede la restauración mejorar la seguridad hídrica en las zonas urbanas y rurales de América Central?	Pavilion event	En sitio y transmisión en directo	H3 Nature-based Solutions and Ecosystem Restoration 11:45 - 12:30

## Exhibition Area / área de exhibiciones

Schedule Horario	Dates	Booth / puesto informativo	Location / ubicación
9:00 - 21:00	4 -9 September	Mesoamerica, Caribbean and South America Regional Committees	Hall 3 of Parc Chanot G16

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# ONLINE ONLY

<b>Name of the activity</b>	<b>Session type</b>	<b>Online/Onsite</b>
<b>Nombre de la actividad</b>	<b>Tipo de sesión</b>	<b>En línea / En sitio</b>
Lessons learned: Securing our future and nature's through community-based conservation	Speaker Pitch	Online only
FSC 2.0 : How FSC is using technology to transform the face of certification and conservation	Speaker Pitch	Online only
Green Climate Fund financing of nature-based solutions in developing countries	Speaker Pitch	Online only
Las fronteras de la justicia ambiental; los derechos de la naturaleza y los derechos de los animales	Speaker Pitch	Online only
Desde el altiplano hasta las tierras áridas: apalancar inversiones para la AbE mediante la alianza GCF-UICN	Speaker Pitch	Online only



# MEMBERS' ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE / PROGRAMA DE LA ASAMBLEA DE MIEMBROS

04-10 SEPTEMBER 2021

Virtual Contact Groups and Onsite Contact Groups: [click here](#)

SATURDAY

## Saturday 04 September

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
1st Sitting of the Members' Assembly Congress Committees and Contact Groups	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 08:00 - 09:00

WEDNESDAY

## Wednesday 08 September

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
2nd Sitting of the Members' Assembly Issues of strategic importance for the Union / reports	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 10:00 - 12:30
3rd Sitting of the Members' Assembly Candidates presentation / Medals and Awards	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 14:00 - 18:30

THURSDAY

**Thursday 09 September**

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
4th Sitting of the Members' Assembly Issues of strategic importance for the Union / reports / vote on motions.	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 10:00 - 12:30
5th Sitting of the Members' Assembly Issues of strategic importance for the Union / reports / vote on motions.	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 15:30 - 18:30
6th Sitting of the Members' Assembly Vote on motions / report from the Election Officer on the results of all elections.	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 18:30 - 20:30

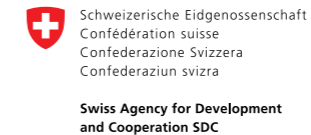
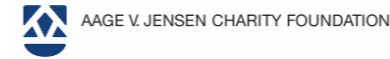
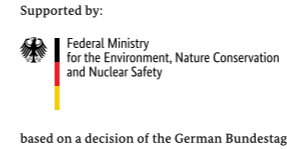
FRIDAY

**Friday 10 September**

Name of the activity Nombre de la actividad	Session type Tipo de sesión	Online/Onsite En línea / En sitio	Place & time Lugar y hora
7th Sitting of the Members' Assembly Finances / vote on motions.	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 08:30 - 12:30
8th Sitting of the Members' Assembly Report of the Congress Governance Committee / vote on motions on IUCN governance.	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 14:00 - 19:30
9th Sitting of the Members' Assembly (Closing) Recognition of outgoing members of the IUCN Council, followed by the closure of the IUCN WCC.	Assembly	Onsite & livestreamed	H1 Plenary – Calanques 20:00 - 21:00
Congress Closing Reception	Ceremony	Onsite only	Esp 3&4 – Agora stage 21:00 - 22:00

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An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. In the center of the image, a set of ancient stone ruins is visible, featuring a prominent staircase leading up to a platform. The ruins are partially obscured by the surrounding trees. The overall scene is a vibrant display of nature's resilience and historical heritage.

# IUCN'S **VISION** IS A JUST WORLD THAT VALUES AND CONSERVES NATURE.

Created in 1948, IUCN has evolved into the world's largest and most diverse environmental network.

Since 1988, the IUCN Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean (IUCN ORMACC) works alongside Members, Commissions, partners and allies, joining forces to accelerate, with a sense of urgency, actions contributing equitably to economic and social recovery shoulder to shoulder with biodiversity conservation.

## **Resilience is in nature.**



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