

Among the high profile commitments that have been made to support IUCN's mission during the World Conservation Congress:

- The MacArthur Foundation will invest \$50 million in climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- The Mohammad Bin **Zayed** Species Conservation Fund will invest Euros 25 million for worldwide biodiversity;
- The Alcoa Foundation announced a \$9 million five-year extension of its Sustainability Fellows Programme;
- During this Congress France committed 7 million Euro to renew its support for IUCN's programme 2009-2012;
- Multiple donors launched Phase Two of the Water and Nature Initiative to improve river basin management;
- With Nokia and WWF we will continue the social platform network, Connect2Earth, to engage youth;
- With ENERGIA we improve women's access to electricity and reduce dependence on biofuels;
- Francophone governments will better integrate biodiversity issues into their development policy;
- Russia pledged to protect 80 million new hectares;
- Sumatran provinces agreed to stop clearing old-growth;
- With Google we launched an interactive map of marine protected areas;

- With National Geographic and the UN Foundation, we established the first long-term streaming system that connects anyone, anywhere, to a coral reef in Belize.
- At this Congress we created the International Association of Wildlife Magazines to coordinate conservation campaigns;
- The Government of Paraguay announced zero net deforestation by 2020.
- Regional heads of state agreed to a summit at Manado, Sulawesi next May to launch the Coral Triangle Initiative to protect the world's richest coral reefs;

About IUCN

IUCN, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges by supporting scientific research; managing field projects all over the world; and bringing governments, NGOs, the UN, international conventions and companies together to develop policy, laws and best practice.

The world's oldest and largest global environmental network, IUCN is a democratic membership union with more than 1,000 government and NGO member organizations, and almost 11,000 volunteer scientists and experts in some 160 countries. IUCN's work is supported by over 1,000 professional staff in 60 offices and hundreds of partners in public, NGO and private sectors around the world. IUCN's headquarters are located in Gland, near Geneva, in Switzerland.

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