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# Foreword

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We are pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report of the IUCN EU Representative Office. This year was particularly significant as it marked IUCN's 75th anniversary and saw continued organisational progress across Europe.



On the EU policy front, we commend the European Commission's efforts in implementing the EU Green Deal and the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

However, the latest

*State of Nature* report shows that biodiversity in Europe continues to decline at an alarming rate, with only 14% of habitats in good conservation status. It is therefore critically important that the EU maintains high ambition with the EU Nature Restoration Regulation, which is expected to be the first of its kind globally, reaffirming Europe's environmental leadership on the world stage.

Amid growing security concerns, strengthening nature policies and demonstrating the political will to address the biodiversity crisis will not only reverse harmful trends but also provide long-term economic opportunities for the EU and its citizens.

Internally, the IUCN EU Representative Office embarked on a significant organisational development journey. The opening of our new office in Bonn, alongside the further enhancement of the EU Representative Office in Brussels, has laid a strong foundation for our future work. This will focus on Member engagement, strategic project delivery, and contributions to EU policy development and implementation. A key milestone was the launch of the EUCANA Regional Service Hub, which will enhance coordination among IUCN offices in Europe.

As we prepare for the upcoming EU elections and the Regional Conservation Forum for Europe, North and Central Asia next year, we offer this report as a snapshot of our activities and achievements in 2023. With nearly 400 Members, thousands of Commission experts, and strong Secretariat teams in Bonn and Brussels, IUCN is well-positioned to implement its Programme and Work Plan while contributing to EU policy.

We hope you enjoy reading this report.

# IUCN at a glance

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In 2023, IUCN adopted a new approach to its work and coordination across Europe, driving progress on multiple fronts. Central to this evolution has been the restructuring of our European presence, with the European Regional Office in Bonn and the EU Representative Office in Brussels. Building on our long-standing presence and strong recognition in both locations, we have established a complementary structure that aligns functions and reinforces expertise across the two offices. This new framework allows us to focus on three strategic pillars: Member engagement and outreach, programme delivery and portfolio management, and enhanced collaboration with EU institutions.

## Member engagement

We continued to support our diverse network of nearly 400 Members in Europe, which includes states, sub-national authorities, and civil society organisations. Beyond providing services to our Members, we actively engaged with IUCN National Committees, the Interregional Committee for Europe, North and Central Asia (ICENCA), and the Working Group on National Committees Development (WGNCD). We take great pride in our Membership base and are committed to supporting its growth and contributions to IUCN's One Programme Charter.

## Programme delivery and portfolio management

Guided by the IUCN Nature 2030 Programme and the Europe Work Plan, we focused on delivering key knowledge, data, and strategic

projects with our Members and partners. Our primary thematic areas in Europe—biodiversity knowledge and Nature-based Solutions—remain strong. Highlights of 2023 include the launch of new European Red Lists and the NetworkNature initiative, in which IUCN played a critical role. Additionally, we expanded our policy efforts to include natural resource management, food, and agriculture. We also revived our tradition of collaborating with EU Presidencies, co-hosting major events with Sweden and Spain.

## Strengthening regional coordination: EUCANA

One of our notable achievements this year has been strengthening collaboration among the European Regional Office (EURO), the Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (CMC), and the Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECARO). Through the development of the EUCANA regional hub - representing Europe, Central Asia, and North Africa - we have enhanced coordination, operational capacity, and programme delivery across these regions. Early milestones include establishing coordination hubs, forming dedicated teams, and pioneering a peer-to-peer learning and coordination approach within IUCN.

Lastly, we extend our gratitude to the global teams active in Europe, including those based in our offices in Bonn and Brussels. Their contributions are essential to IUCN's impact in the region, and we are committed to supporting their ongoing work as part of our broader mission in Europe.

# Strategic orientation

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With two major hubs—the **European Regional Office in Bonn** and the **EU Representative Office in Brussels**—IUCN in Europe drives its work through three interconnected strategic lines: **programme implementation, policy development, and Membership engagement.** These priorities are supported by IUCN’s global thematic programmes, enabling effective delivery and impact. IUCN Members and experts play an indispensable role in IUCN’s presence in Europe and engagement at both EU and national level.

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## Programme implementation

IUCN Europe delivers on its thematic priorities, including **Nature-based Solutions, green urban development, sustainable agriculture, and a circular economy**, while exploring emerging areas like **nature restoration** and **sustainable finance**.

With the anticipated adoption of the **EU Nature Restoration Regulation** in 2024, IUCN is preparing to play a leading role in advancing restoration efforts. By integrating programme delivery with policy initiatives, we aim to amplify results across the region, leveraging the expertise of our global teams and Member network.

## Policy development

Policy remains central to IUCN's work in Europe. Through active engagement with institutions and stakeholders, especially at an EU level, IUCN advocates for ambitious implementation of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** and the **EU Green Deal**.

As the EU continues to lead on global environmental policy, IUCN ensures that biodiversity remains a top priority. Our focus is on maintaining high ambition for conservation and nature restoration while fostering dialogue and partnerships in an evolving political landscape.

## Membership engagement

IUCN Europe's network of nearly **400 Members**, supported by many National and the first Interregional Committee in IUCN spanning two statutory regions, is the backbone of our efforts in the region. By strengthening collaboration with Members and enhancing their integration into programme and policy work, IUCN amplifies its reach and impact at national and regional levels.

As we moved toward the end of the year, we have started preparing for the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for Europe, North, and Central Asia in Bruges in October 2024, the cornerstone of our planning and work in Europe for the next four years.

## Organisational development

Building effective team structures and capacity remains a priority for the EU Representative Office to deliver on all three business lines. This approach not only supports our engagement with global teams, Members, and partners but also positions EURO to tackle the most pressing conservation challenges in Europe.



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# IUCN European programme and main achievements

## VALUING AND CONSERVING NATURE



**Providing technical and scientific support for measuring European biodiversity using the Red List Index**

The European Red List Pulse project aims to reassess species from 11 taxonomic groups that were last evaluated for The European Red List (ERL) up to 2014. These groups include:

- **Vertebrates:** mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and freshwater fishes
- **Invertebrates:** aquatic molluscs, butterflies, dragonflies, bees, saproxylic beetles, and terrestrial molluscs
- **Plants:** crop wild relatives, freshwater, medicinal species, and selected vascular plants listed in EU and international policies

Initially, 8,533 species were planned for reassessment, but the number has now surpassed 10,000 and is expected to increase further as remaining vascular plants are reviewed. In groups where all native or naturalised species were previously assessed (e.g., mammals, amphibians, reptiles, bees, dragonflies, freshwater plants), newly described species or those with taxonomic changes will be assessed for the first time. For partially assessed groups (saproxylic beetles, terrestrial molluscs, 'policy' vascular plants), newly described species

will also be evaluated to ensure they meet the original criteria of the European Red List.

Significant taxonomic and nomenclatural updates have occurred since the last assessments, with species being newly described, reclassified, or renamed. The reassessment process involves collaboration between IUCN and expert taxonomists using widely recognised references.

To date, the number of species planned for reassessment has grown from 8,533 to 10,005 taxa, reflecting the ongoing taxonomic changes and new discoveries. This reassessment is crucial for tracking changes in biodiversity and ensuring the most accurate conservation statuses for these species.

Below is a summary of the species groups reassessed, with updated species counts:



Orthetrum nitidinerve © Martin Waldhauser

**Table 1-** Species groups to be reassessed through the ERL Pulse project, with updated numbers of taxa for each group

Group	Date first ERL	Proposed number of assessed species	Current ERL Pulse species count
Mammals	2007	282	303
Butterflies	2010	435	496
Dragonflies	2010	142	147
Saproxyllic beetles	2010	436	451
Bees	2014	1,942	2,077
Amphibians	2009	83	103
Reptiles	2009	156	209
Non-marine molluscs	2011	2,300	2,677
Freshwater fishes	2011	531	575
Vascular plants	2011	1,826	c.2,567
Medicinal plants	2014	400	400
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,533</b>	<b>± 10,005</b>

*This text has been produced for the European Commission under the project 'Providing technical and scientific support in measuring the pulse of European biodiversity using the Red List Index' (Contract No 07.027755/2020/840209/SER/ENV.D.2)*

## IUCN developed three Action Plans for threatened pollinator groups in Europe

In May 2023, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), in collaboration with various conservation groups, [finalised three Action Plans to address the conservation needs of threatened pollinator species in Europe](#). These plans were developed as part of an EU-funded project initiated in April 2021, and were shaped through a series of workshops that brought together species experts, environmental NGOs, academics, and government officials. The goal was to create a shared conservation vision and strategies to combat threats facing specific pollinator groups.

The first Action Plan, titled "[Canarian Islands Endemic Pollinators of the Laurel Forest Zone - Conservation Plan 2023-2028](#)," focuses on four insect species—two butterflies, a bee, and a



Dasygaster braccata © Максим Стефанович

hoverfly—that inhabit the ancient Laurel Forest ecosystem in the Canary Islands. This habitat has been degraded by human activity, invasive species, and climate change, putting these species at significant risk.

The second plan, “[Teasel-plant Specialised Bees in Europe - Conservation Action Plan 2023-2030](#),” addresses the vulnerability of wild bees that rely on teasel plants. Habitat loss due to land-use changes and agricultural intensification has led to the decline of xerothermic grasslands, which are crucial for the survival of these bees.

The final plan, “[Hoverflies Specialised to Veteran Trees in Europe - Conservation Action Plan 2023-2030](#),” focuses on six hoverfly species that depend on ancient trees and decaying wood. These hoverflies are not only important pollinators but also play key roles in nutrient recycling and pest control. However, forestry practices that remove veteran trees or replace key species pose serious threats to their survival.

Each Action Plan outlines specific goals and actions designed to improve the status of these pollinators, with clear indicators, timelines, and stakeholders involved. The next steps will involve translating these plans into concrete actions to ensure the long-term survival of these crucial species.



Callosciurus erythraeus © Vijay Anand Ismavel

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## Supporting the EU Regulation on Invasive Alien Species

In the first year of the second phase of its technical and scientific support to the European Commission, IUCN focused on implementing the EU Regulation on Invasive Alien Species (Regulation 1143/2014). This work targeted the prevention, early detection, rapid eradication, and management of invasive alien species (IAS) by leveraging a vast network of experts, including the IUCN Species Survival Commission’s Invasive Species Specialist Group (IUCN SSC ISSG).

Key deliverables from the IUCN EU Representative Office during this phase included technical notes on managing invasive species, specifically focusing on snakes and worms. These notes were developed through participatory workshops that brought together experts from the EU and around the world. Additionally, the IUCN EU Representative Office produced surveillance guidelines for marine IAS, a report on preventing the spread of IAS through the movement of topsoil, and a report on non-chemical management methods for invasive plants that pose the greatest threat to pollinators.

These outputs represent a critical step in addressing the challenges posed by invasive species across Europe, contributing to more effective and coordinated actions in line with the EU’s invasive species regulation.

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# ADVANCING EFFECTIVE AND EQUITABLE GOVERNANCE OF THE USE OF NATURE IN EUROPE

## Advancing sustainable agriculture

Following extensive negotiations, the reformed Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for 2023-2027 became fully operational in early 2023. The key changes centre around a “new green architecture” and improving farmers’ roles within the food supply chain. These reforms have sparked debate about the future of EU agriculture, highlighting the need to balance two critical societal priorities: the sustainable production of healthy food and the protection of the environment on which agriculture depends.

Throughout 2023, the IUCN EU Representative Office actively engaged with stakeholders, serving as a Strategic Partner in the [Forum for the Future of Agriculture](#) (FFA). IUCN helped shape the Forum’s content and delivered a keynote on the role of Nature-based Solutions in promoting resilience and sustainability in agri-food systems. The IUCN EU Representative Office also presented its work at international platforms such as the FAO [Committee on World Food Security](#) and the [UNFCCC COP 28](#), where the importance of Nature-based Solutions in agriculture was emphasised.

In addition, the IUCN EU Representative Office developed two reports, soon to be published, on mainstreaming Nature-based Solutions and the Global Standard for sustainable agriculture. These reports support the implementation of the European Green Deal and the CAP, and an assessment on common metrics for sustainable agriculture, developed in collaboration with agricultural and environmental stakeholders.



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These efforts align with IUCN's leadership role in the ECO-READY project, an EU-funded initiative launched in 2022. ECO-READY addresses the impacts of recent crises - including the COVID-19 pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine, and the growing effects of climate change on agriculture and biodiversity - on Europe's agri-food systems. These disruptions have prompted calls for more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable food systems.

By providing policy recommendations and contingency plans through 10 Living Labs across Europe, ECO-READY aims to enhance food security and resilience by enabling early responses to climate change, biodiversity loss, and other system shocks. IUCN's involvement in this project, including policy gap analysis and stakeholder engagement, underscores its commitment to building more resilient and sustainable food systems.

Supported by a consortium of 19 partners, ECO-READY will deliver policy recommendations and contingency plans for potential crisis scenarios. The project's results will be accessible through an open, interactive Observatory for policymakers, academia, industry, and consumers.

In ECO-READY's first year, IUCN conducted a policy gap analysis on food systems, biodiversity, and climate change in Europe and facilitated crucial discussions with stakeholders. Key events included the project kick-off in Prague in January, a policy multipliers event at IUCN's Brussels office in June, a workshop in The Hague in October, and the second consortium meeting in Rome in December.

Moving forward, IUCN will collaborate with the Living Labs to oversee scenario development, contingency planning, and the formulation of policy recommendations for broader dissemination.



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## **Supporting an inclusive management of protected areas**

Protected areas are essential for global nature conservation, hosting critical habitats and species while supporting natural processes across diverse landscapes. However, effective conservation requires a more comprehensive and inclusive approach that extends beyond protected areas. In response to this need, the RECONNECT project, funded by Biodiversa+ and co-sponsored by the European Commission, was launched in spring 2023.

RECONNECT focuses on the socio-ecological connections between protected areas and the larger landscapes they inhabit. By exploring ecological, social, and institutional relationships, the project aims to enhance coherence





in decision-making and management of both protected areas and their surrounding landscapes. Case studies in Göttingen (Germany), Grenoble (France), Cape Town (South Africa), and Stockholm (Sweden) examine urban-to-rural landscapes, each with unique governance models for managing protected areas and their broader contexts.

As an expert in EU nature policy, the IUCN EU Representative Office plays a crucial role in RECONNECT by using the project's findings to inform major nature policy initiatives, such as the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. This ensures that the project's insights contribute to the effective implementation of international biodiversity strategies, with a focus on improving protected area management, fostering inclusive governance, and strengthening the connection between protected areas, their wider landscapes, and society.



### Secretariat of the European Habitats Forum

In 2023, the IUCN EU Representative Office continued its active participation in the European Habitats Forum (EHF), which unites leading environmental organisations across Europe. Through discussion, advocacy, and collaborative initiatives, the EHF seeks to influence EU policies and actions to strengthen the Union's biodiversity conservation efforts, as outlined in the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030. The EHF is represented in various EU institutions, including the Commission expert group on the Birds and Habitats Directives, the EU Biodiversity Platform, and the Nature Directors meetings.





As the EHF secretariat, the IUCN EU Representative Office facilitated knowledge exchange on key EU biodiversity policies among EHF Members, helped develop common positions on critical policy issues, and provided a coordinated communication channel between EHF Members and the European Commission.

## Promoting a circular economy that begins and ends in nature

Addressing the triple planetary crises of biodiversity loss, climate change, and pollution requires systemic change, including transitioning from a linear to a circular economy. In 2023, the IUCN EU Representative Office continued its efforts to support this transition, particularly emphasising the vital role of biodiversity in EU policy discussions related to the circular economy.

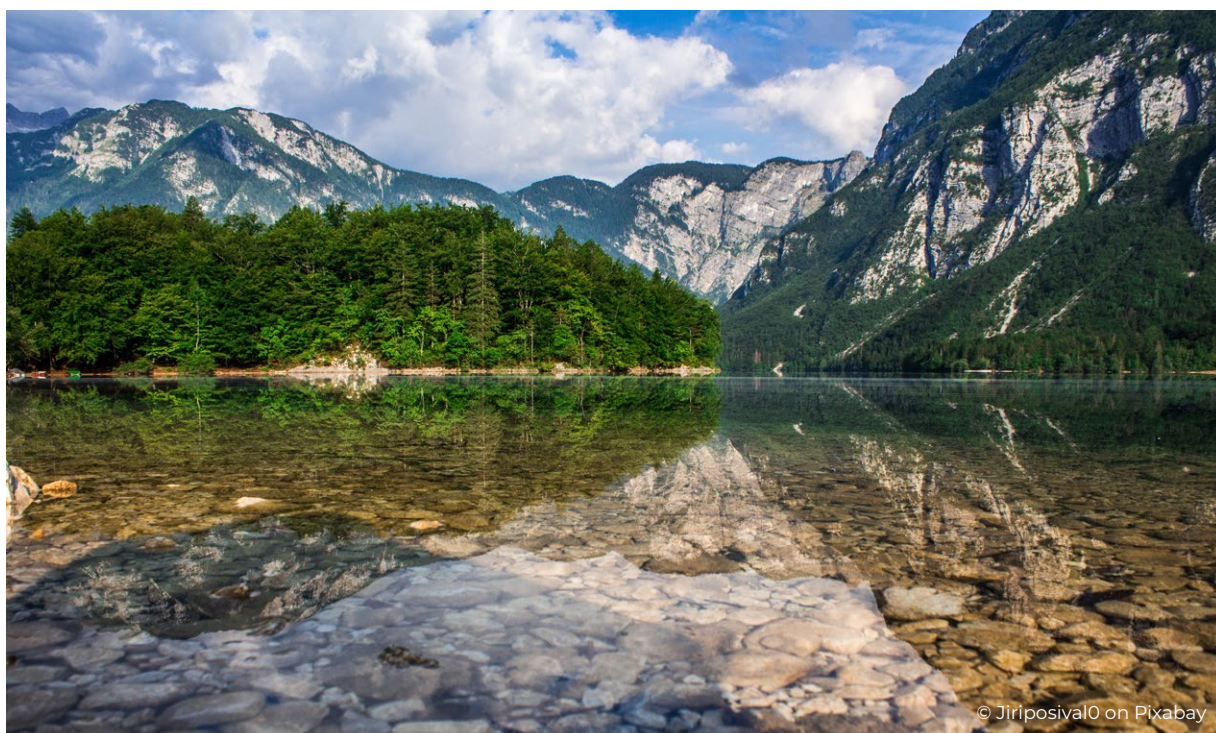
The EU Representative Office led the Biodiversity and Climate Leadership Group of

the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP), focusing on the intersection of circular economy, climate, and nature. In 2022, IUCN launched the report '[Towards a circular economy that begins and ends in nature](#)' at CBD COP15. Building on this, IUCN organised key discussions on biodiversity and climate at the sixth Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference in February 2023.

EU Circular Talks are another essential element of this Leadership Group, providing a platform for stakeholders to engage on circular economy topics. In 2023, the IUCN EU Representative Office co-organised discussions on [Circular economy in the context of biomass](#) and [Circular Catalyst Procurement as a catalyst for Biodiversity and Climate Resilience](#). IUCN also participated in the [Policy Forum Series Biodiversity & Economic Policies](#), hosted by Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Open Universiteit Nederland, advocating for the integration of biodiversity into the circular economy debate.



*An important part of the activity under this area of work has been financed by the Principality of Monaco.*



## The EU Nature Restoration Regulation: A landmark achievement for biodiversity

In 2023, significant focus was placed on negotiating the new EU Nature Restoration Regulation, which aligns with the EU Biodiversity Strategy's commitment to set legally binding targets for restoring degraded ecosystems across the EU. This regulation marks the EU's first comprehensive nature restoration legislation, aiming to restore at least 20% of the EU's land and sea by 2030 and all ecosystems in need of restoration by 2050. It also establishes specific, time-bound targets for improving various ecosystems, habitats, and species, representing a major milestone for environmental policy since the Habitat Directive of 1992. Details of the legislation were outlined in an [IUCN briefing](#) released shortly after its adoption.

Throughout the process, IUCN actively supported the adoption of this ambitious regulation. [IUCN urged the EU Parliament](#), Member States, and the European Commission

to collaborate on a strong agreement ahead of crucial votes. Additionally, IUCN [issued a statement](#) emphasising the Regulation's role in reaffirming the EU's environmental ambitions and demonstrating global leadership, particularly in relation to commitments under the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the EU Green Deal.

With the [EU Nature Restoration Regulation](#) now approved, IUCN is dedicated to assisting the European Commission and EU Member States with its implementation. This includes supporting the development of ambitious National Restoration Plans and providing key tools and standards through ongoing projects such as [Reconnect](#) and [REST-COAST](#).



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# DEPLOYING NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

## NetworkNature

In 2023, the [NetworkNature](#) project concluded its first phase and launched its second phase, NetworkNaturePLUS, funded by the European Union through Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe. The project focuses on maximising the impact and spread of Nature-based Solutions (NbS).

IUCN has played a significant role in both phases of the project. NetworkNature has been compiling experiences, knowledge, and services from EU NbS projects, contributing to the growth of an NbS community across Europe. In the new phase, IUCN leads the capacity-building component, building on the stakeholder engagement efforts from the first phase.

Throughout 2023, IUCN produced key resources including a [knowledge brief](#) on Inclusion and NbS, [a booklet](#) showcasing success stories from NbS Hubs, [a factsheet](#) on financing NbS opportunities for municipalities, and a factsheet on managing water through nature.



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Additionally, IUCN organised [the annual event](#) for NetworkNature, which facilitated discussions on the transformative role of NbS. This successful event attracted over 150 participants, including policymakers, researchers, practitioners, businesses, and local authorities. The programme featured presentations, panel debates, interactive sessions, site visits, and an NbS marketplace, marking a successful conclusion to NetworkNature and setting a strong foundation for NetworkNaturePLUS.



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## wildE

wildE is a Horizon Europe project funded by the European Union that explores rewilding as a Nature-based Solution to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss. IUCN is tasked with facilitating and coordinating the stakeholder engagement process throughout the project.

**wildE brings together experts from environmental sciences, social sciences, and economics to develop climate-smart rewilding solutions.** The project involves in-depth research at eight carefully selected sites across Europe, engaging a wide range of stakeholders to evaluate how these solutions can effectively support nature, benefit people, and remain economically viable.

In 2023, IUCN played a key role in the stakeholder engagement process by organising two workshops—both online and in-person—to discuss and co-design the project's engagement strategy. This includes an overarching EU



strategy developed by IUCN and specific strategies for each case study, developed by the respective case study leads. IUCN has also been promoting the project and encouraging broad and inclusive stakeholder involvement through the engagement process, including creating [an online form](#) for those interested in participating.



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## EUFORE

IUCN is actively contributing to the [EUFORE](#) project (European Forest Research and Innovation Ecosystem), a Horizon Europe initiative coordinated by EFI. The project aims to create a sustainable, transnational, co-creative environment for defining, implementing, and evaluating a research and innovation (R&I) agenda and roadmap for forest-based value chains in Europe. EUFORE unites the entire forest value chain, including both traditional and emerging sectors.

In addition to helping define the project's scope, IUCN is involved in communication, dissemination, and exploitation efforts, as well as policy analysis for the forest sector at the EU level. To enhance communication and engage stakeholders, IUCN developed [an online brochure](#) linked to [an online survey](#) and created [materials](#) for in-person events, such as postcards, to highlight opportunities for contributing to healthy forests and advancing research and innovation. Furthermore, IUCN produced two [call-to-action videos](#) that outline the project's mission and contextualise its implementation.



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## BiodiverseCities

IUCN is serving as an impact partner in the Interreg North Sea Region project, Biodiverse Cities. This project aims to accelerate biodiversity action in cities across the North Sea area, enhance ecosystem services, balance the coexistence of people and nature, and foster nature-inclusive societies.

IUCN supports project partners by providing key tools and resources for designing, implementing, and scaling up Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in urban environments. This includes the IUCN Global NbS Standard, the IUCN Urban Nature Indexes, and the PANORAMA Solutions platform. Additionally, IUCN connects the eight partner cities with global networks, facilitating learning and the exchange of experiences.

IUCN also contributes to the project's communication efforts. For World Biodiversity Day, IUCN co-authored an [article](#) highlighting the importance of urban biodiversity, discussing associated risks and opportunities, the role of policies, and the mission of the Biodiverse Cities project to drive meaningful change.



**BIODIVERSE CITIES**

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## SUSTAIN

IUCN is contributing to the SUSTAIN (Strengthening Understanding and Strategies of Business to Assess and Integrate Nature) project, a Horizon Europe initiative that brings together a multi-stakeholder and multidisciplinary team. The project aims to enhance understanding and awareness of how economic activities impact and depend on biodiversity.

SUSTAIN will build on existing work in the business and biodiversity field to improve, update, and validate the [ENCORE dependencies and impacts database](#), originally developed by the Natural Capital Finance Alliance (Global Canopy, UNEP FI, and UNEP-WCMC). The updated database, which IUCN is helping to develop, will offer a comprehensive knowledge base for businesses, financial institutions, and regulatory bodies regarding the potential impacts and dependencies of economic activities on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Additionally, IUCN is working on developing methods that stakeholders can use to mitigate biodiversity-related risks.



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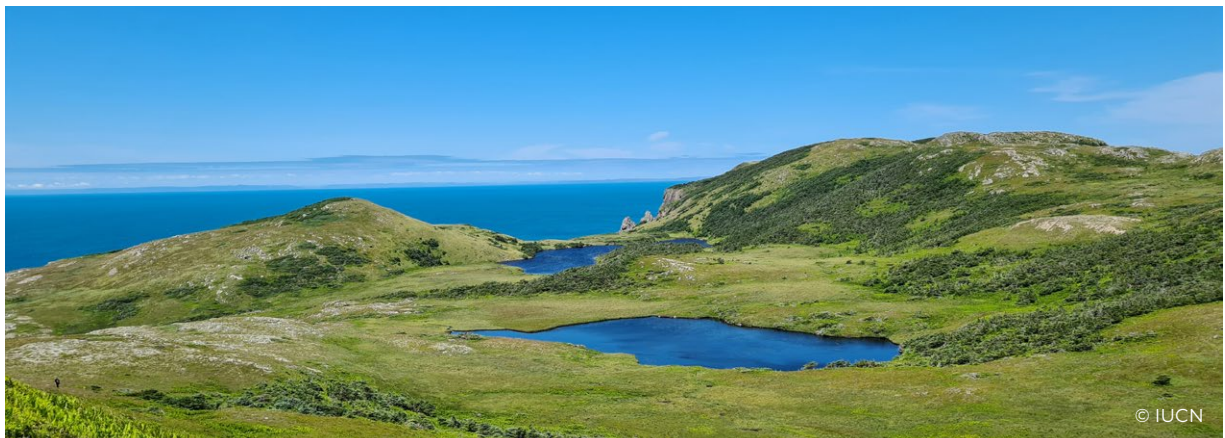
## Realising the urban opportunity

The IUCN EU Representative Office has been actively contributing to the internal project "Realising the Urban Opportunity," in collaboration with IUCN HQ and IUCN ORMACC. The project aims to enhance IUCN's competitive advantages to promote sustainable urban development through nature integration. As part of this initiative, IUCN has supported the application of the IUCN Urban Nature Indexes in cities worldwide. The first city to utilise these indexes is Berlin, Germany, and the results are now available on the project's [web-platform](#).

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## IUCN EUROPE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Political commitments often set the global agenda, but it is at the local level where these priorities translate into action. Local communities and grassroots organisations are on the front lines of conservation work, and their contributions must be recognised. The BEST initiative, which supports local conservation efforts in the EU's outermost regions (ORs) and associated Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs), embodies this vision by empowering communities.



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In 2023, the BEST Initiative, through the EU-funded IUCN-led [LIFE4BEST](#) and [BEST 2.0+](#) programmes (with additional support from the French Biodiversity Agency OFB and the French Development Agency AFD), completed 63 projects totalling €3 million. These funds, directed mainly to small NGOs, SMEs, and local governments, supported efforts in land and marine ecosystem restoration, species protection, awareness and education, and sustainable natural resource management.

The BEST Initiative has demonstrated the effectiveness of its inclusive grant-making approach, which allows local organisations to design and implement conservation actions that best address their needs. This method ensures that support is tailored to community-driven priorities rather than imposing external agendas.

BEST has now become part of the EU's LIFE [Programme for Environment and Climate Action \(LIFE\)](#) with the [new BESTLIFE2030](#), launched in February 2023. This programme will provide over 200 grants totalling more than €23 million until 2030 across ORs and OCTs.

Additionally, BEST funding has shown that local actors need more than just financial support—they require networking opportunities and knowledge sharing. To address this, BEST initiated a [Knowledge Sharing Journey](#) (KSJ) in partnership with [BIOPAMA](#), focusing on the exchange of grant-making practices between grantees and managers. The KSJ, held in Nairobi from May 2-6, 2023, involved 83 participants from 43 countries in Africa, the Caribbean, the Pacific, and OCTs. This pilot experience capitalisation exercise aimed to improve grant-making practices and integrate PANORAMA – Solutions for a Healthy Planet, enhancing systematic knowledge management for future IUCN grant programmes.

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# IUCN Europe's National Committees and Focal Point activities

## DENMARK

2023 was a year of readjustment for the Danish National Committee. The Committee met three times and welcomed a new IUCN Member, Odense Zoo, bringing the total to nine Members. A work plan and updated rules of procedure were approved, and the Committee chose Nature-based Solutions (NbS) as a theme for the next two years.

A contract was signed with IUCN to initiate the Green List process in Denmark, with Copenhagen Zoo as the implementing partner. The project ran for a year, starting in December 2023. In 2024, an Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL) will be established, the guidelines translated, and a pilot assessment conducted in one or two areas.

An expert group assessed five Nature National Parks, a new type of protected area in Denmark, using IUCN's Guidelines for Protected Areas. They also provided project data to the IUCN Contributions for Nature platform.

The IUCN SSC CPSG Regional Resource Centre Europe, based at Copenhagen Zoo, continued its work with the IUCN EU Representative Office in Brussels on conservation planning for European bivalves and dragonflies. A similar process for wild bees will begin in 2024.

Committee Members remain active in several IUCN groups, including the EU Policy Advisory

Group (EUPAG), the Interregional Committee for Europe, North and Central Asia (ICENCA), and the Working Group for National Committee Development for Europe, North and Central Asia.

## FINLAND



The Finnish National Committee (NC) held four meetings in 2023, focusing on international conservation efforts where IUCN plays a key role. Notable events included the Annual Conference of the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) in September, hosted by National Committee Member Helsinki Zoo. The National Committee is also involved in supporting the upcoming World Protected Area Leaders Forum (WPALF) in Finland, hosted by Parks & Wildlife Finland. We are grateful to IUCN HQ for providing an insightful online introduction to IUCN Engage during one of the meetings.

Two major initiatives in 2023 were influencing Finland's new government programme and organising the biennial national competition for the best act on nature. Following parliamentary elections, the National Committee sent letters to political parties, highlighting the importance of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, especially the 30/30 conservation and restoration targets. While the government programme includes a positive stance on nature conservation, the implementation measures, particularly funding, remain insufficient.

The biennial competition took place in the second half of the year, receiving 12 proposals. The restoration of the Hiitolanjoki River, which enabled the freshwater salmon of Lake Ladoga to breed in Finland again, was selected as the winning act. Minister of Environment Kai Mykkänen presented the award to a consortium of NGOs, municipalities, and regional organisations. A special diploma was also awarded to Parks & Wildlife Finland and WWF-Finland for their work to reintroduce the wild arctic fox to Finland, with significant collaboration from Norway and Sweden. The competition received widespread media coverage.

## FRANCE

In 2023, the IUCN French Committee (IUCN FC) expanded its Membership to 74 and established a new Commission on climate and biodiversity. It also strengthened collaboration with IUCN francophone Members through webinars on topics like plastic pollution and COP15, as well as its programme supporting local NGOs in Africa.

In partnership with the French government and IUCN, the IUCN French Committee co-organised an event in Fontainebleau to celebrate IUCN's 75th anniversary, followed by a national Congress to prepare for the next World Conservation Congress. Additionally,



the IUCN French Committee contributed to the development of France's new Biodiversity Strategy, aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework, and supported the European Nature Restoration Regulation and the international treaty for biodiversity protection in high seas (BBNJ). The Committee also participated in the One Forest and One Polar Summits, hosted by the French Presidency.

Notable achievements through its seven programmes include:

- New evaluations for the National Red List on spiders and flora in Reunion Island
- Promoting Nature-based Solutions to mitigate natural hazards in French forests
- Integrating biodiversity considerations into wind and photovoltaic project planning
- Inscribing a new marine Natura 2000 site on the Green List of Protected Areas (bringing the total to 23 sites for France)
- Proposals for creating new strictly Marine Protected Areas
- Actions to combat wildlife trafficking

These initiatives underscore the IUCN French Committee's commitment to advancing conservation in France and beyond.

## THE NETHERLANDS

In 2023, the National Committee of the Netherlands (NL NC) actively supported ambitious nature and environmental policies, both within the Dutch Kingdom and internationally. The Committee, now with 39 Members, met twice to discuss key topics such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and nature's role in the November Parliamentary elections, alongside the IUCN NL strategy for 2024-2026.



To promote a Whole of Society approach in developing the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) for the Netherlands, the National Committee of the Netherlands co-organised consultations with non-state actors, in partnership with the government, IUCN Members, and MVO NL, the largest sustainability network for enterprises. The National Committee of the Netherlands also worked with Members to create a prototype National Dashboard for Biodiversity, to be launched in 2024, supporting evidence-based policy development.

A significant new 10-year public-private initiative, NL2120, focusing on Nature-based Solutions, was launched in collaboration with nature organisations (including IUCN Members), the private sector, and knowledge institutions. The Dutch government has provided €110 million

in funding, with the programme starting in fall 2023.

The National Committee of the Netherlands was honoured to welcome the Director for Europe and the Deputy Director for Programmes of IUCN in October. The National Committee of the Netherlands Chair also participated in the 75th-anniversary celebration of IUCN in Fontainebleau, France, in November. Additionally, a delegation from the National Committee of the Netherlands visited IUCN headquarters in Switzerland to align strategies and enhance cooperation with the IUCN Global Programme.

## POLAND

The IUCN Polish National Committee focused on developing a new Polish Red List of species. A dedicated website and database, modelled after the IUCN Red List, have been created. The Committee has now begun a comprehensive reassessment of threats to all native terrestrial vertebrates, updating the previous Red List issued in 2002.

Additionally, the Committee initiated collaboration with the Institute of Nature Conservation of the Polish Academy of Sciences to develop a Red List of habitats in Poland. This project follows the guidelines of the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems.





## SPAIN



In 2023, the Spanish Committee of IUCN (CeUICN) saw significant growth and increased influence, reaching 43 Members with plans to integrate more in 2024. Their aim is to unite organisations committed to nature conservation and foster effective collaboration.

They successfully hosted the XVII International Forum on Nature Conservation, focused on Ecosystem Restoration, attracting over 1,000 participants, including professionals and scientists. CeUICN also organised meetings with Autonomous Communities to address forest fires, promote Nature-based Solutions, and discuss renewable energy within the Natura 2000 Network.

Their website has become a valuable tool for outreach, with nearly 68,000 visits and over 52,000 document downloads, significantly increasing visibility. They also held 60 working meetings, 2 Member assemblies, 1 international forum, and 4 seminars and workshops.

CeUICN strengthened its governance through Board meetings and General Assemblies, expanding its Working Groups, including one dedicated to Education and Communication.

They also actively participated in the Working Group for National Committees in Europe and Central and Northern Asia, while promoting the use of Spanish within IUCN and fostering collaboration among Spanish-speaking Members through ABCñ.

Internationally, CeUICN contributed to IUCN's platform, Engage, showcasing their leadership and expertise. Their presence in national media and growing social media following highlights their ongoing commitment to disseminating and promoting their activities.

Despite challenges, they remain determined to work toward a sustainable future, inspired by the collective commitment to preserve a natural legacy for future generations.

## SWEDEN

In November 2023, a majority of Swedish IUCN Members wrote to Climate and Environment Minister Romina Pourmokhtari, urging the government to implement a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) for 2030. The letter referenced the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) adopted at COP15 and called for measurable national targets aligned with international agreements. The Committee also emphasised the need to stop biodiversity loss, protect 30% of Sweden's land and waters, restore 30% of damaged ecosystems, and reduce the country's ecological footprint. They hope this contributed to the modest increase in the environmental budget.

Throughout 2023, the Committee supported the national campaign on invasive alien species (IAS), coordinated by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA). Now in its fifth year, the campaign has involved over 100 organisations and successfully raised awareness among the Swedish population about the threat of IAS and methods to combat their spread.



Committee Members are actively engaged in various conservation efforts, including red-listed species, sustainable forestry, youth involvement, EU policy, and contributing to WCPA's Geoheritage Specialist Group. In line with IUCN's One Programme Charter, the Species Survival Commission (SSC) appointed a Focal Person to collaborate with National and Regional Committees.

Positive results from conservation work, such as the recovery of the otter population, are encouraging.

## SWITZERLAND

In 2023, the Swiss IUCN Committee focused on two main priorities: transitioning into a formal association under Swiss law and hosting a conference on harmful biodiversity incentives in Switzerland and neighbouring countries.

The change to an association was guided by an inclusive process, starting with a working group and an in-person meeting in January. Members identified key priorities, such as implementing the 30 by 30 and restoration targets from

the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) in Switzerland. The new statutes will be signed at the June 12th meeting, marking the official formation of the association.

The conference on May 11, 2023, highlighted the importance of such events for Members. With 80 participants, it reviewed the implementation of KMGBF's target 18 on reforming incentives harmful to biodiversity, with insights from OECD countries, Italy, France, Germany, and Switzerland. The presentations are available at <https://www.iucn.ch/tagung>.

The next conference will focus on forest restoration needs in Switzerland.

## TÜRKİYE



The IUCN National Committee of Türkiye, established in 2005, remains a key platform for government, NGOs, and scientists to discuss nature conservation policy and actions. In 2023, two Committee meetings were held with participation from seven Member organisations. During the first meeting, Director General Kadir Çökçetin (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry) was elected president, and Ali Rıza Koç (NGO/TTKD) was elected vice president.

Following recent revisions to the IUCN Statutes, Commission representatives now attend Committee meetings as observers to enhance



information exchange. In 2023, Species Survival Commission Member Prof. Dr. Güler Ekmekci attended both Committee meetings.

Significant progress was also made in Türkiye's national red listing process. Contributions from IUCN National Committee Members, partner organisations, and academics advanced national red listing efforts for freshwater and marine fish, with workshops expected to conclude by the end of 2024.

These collaborative efforts represent critical milestones in biodiversity conservation, facilitated by the IUCN National Committee of Türkiye.

## UK

In 2023, the IUCN National Committee for the UK (NCUK) made significant progress, driven by its seven expert working groups aligned with IUCN Commissions. These groups are dedicated to implementing IUCN's global tools, standards, and strategies within the UK context.

For example, the NCUK Protected Areas Working Group, consisting of UK Members from the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), conducted a [review of the UK's protected areas](#). This research evaluated their compliance with IUCN's Protected Area definitions and management categories, considering the new Global Biodiversity Framework.



The NCUK Education and Communications Working Group, made up of UK Members from the Commission on Education and Communication (CEC), organised 12 successful webinars, contributing to the global 'Nature for All' initiative.

NCUK continues to collaborate with European, North, and Central Asian colleagues through the Interregional Committee ([ICENCA](#)), playing a key role in the Armenia meeting and preparing for the 2024 Regional Conservation Forum. NCUK also engages globally through the Group for National and Regional Committee Development.

This international outreach led to a partnership with the IUCN National Committee of Japan, facilitating a week-long exchange focused on the UK's agri-environment policies.

## List of IUCN Europe's National Committees

Denmark, Finland, France, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Türkiye, United Kingdom.

# IUCN Commissions' activities in Europe

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## COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY

In 2023, IUCN CEESP Europe focused on mapping the expertise of its 350+ Members, following the merger of the East and West European CEESP groups into a single entity. This effort was a key step in preparing for the IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for Europe, North, and Central Asia in Bruges in 2024, and the World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi in 2025.

Through a Member survey, CEESP Europe identified its priorities, which include the EU deforestation regulation, sustainable finance, and Indigenous Peoples' rights. The Regional Chair also contributed to the global perspective by attending the CEESP Steering Committee meeting in Costa Rica.

CEESP Europe is actively liaising with other IUCN Commissions in the region to promote synergies and strengthen collaboration across the Union.

## SPECIES SURVIVAL COMMISSION

Highlighting the work of the Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe, wolf conservation has been one of the most significant topics in 2023.

Other notable SSC activities include contributions to the European Red List, which, while coordinated by the IUCN office, heavily involves SSC expertise. In 2023, the publication by Hochkirch et al. underscored this role, alongside major SSC contributions to the European Pollinator Action Plan, the European Red List of Taxonomists, and the European Red List of Moths.

The ongoing re-assessment of European wild bees, led by Denis Michez, and SSC's involvement in the European Pollinator Monitoring Scheme, chaired by Simon Potts, further highlight its critical contributions to conservation efforts.





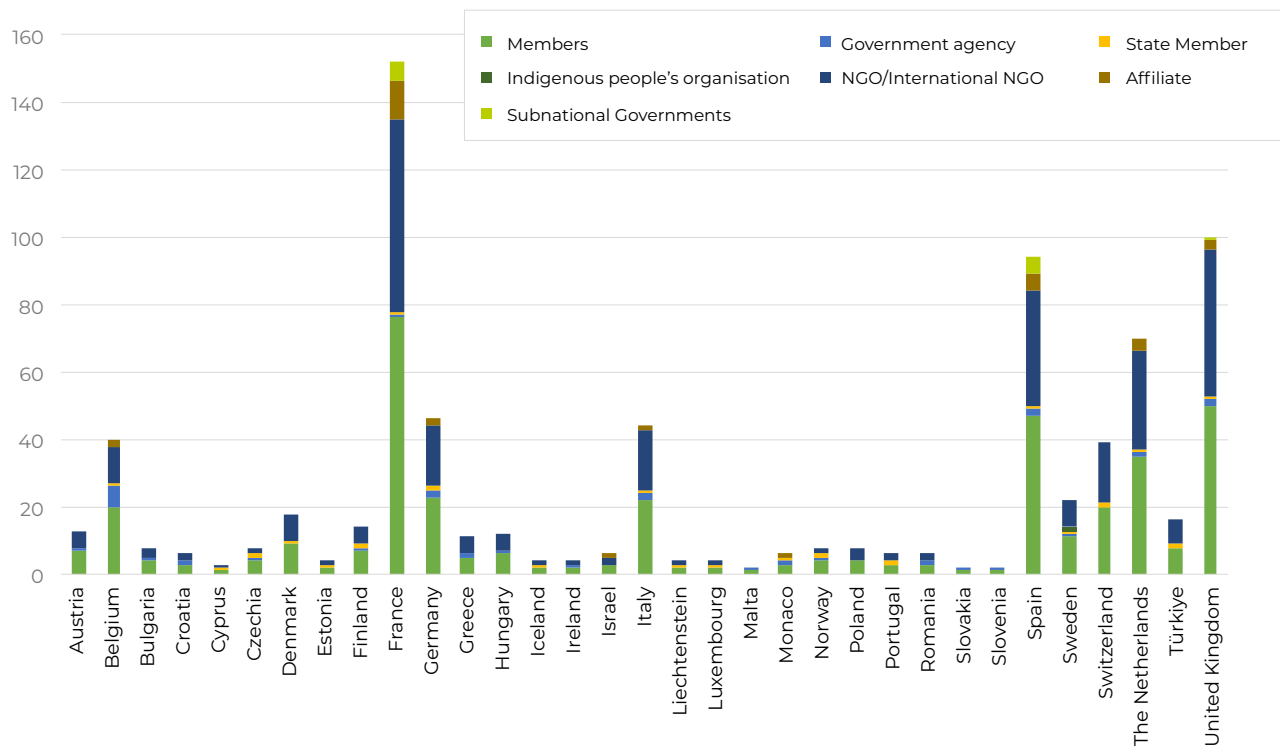
# LIST OF IUCN COMMISSIONS

- Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)
- Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM)
- Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP)
- Species Survival Commission (SSC)
- World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)
- World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)
- Climate Crisis Commission (CCC)

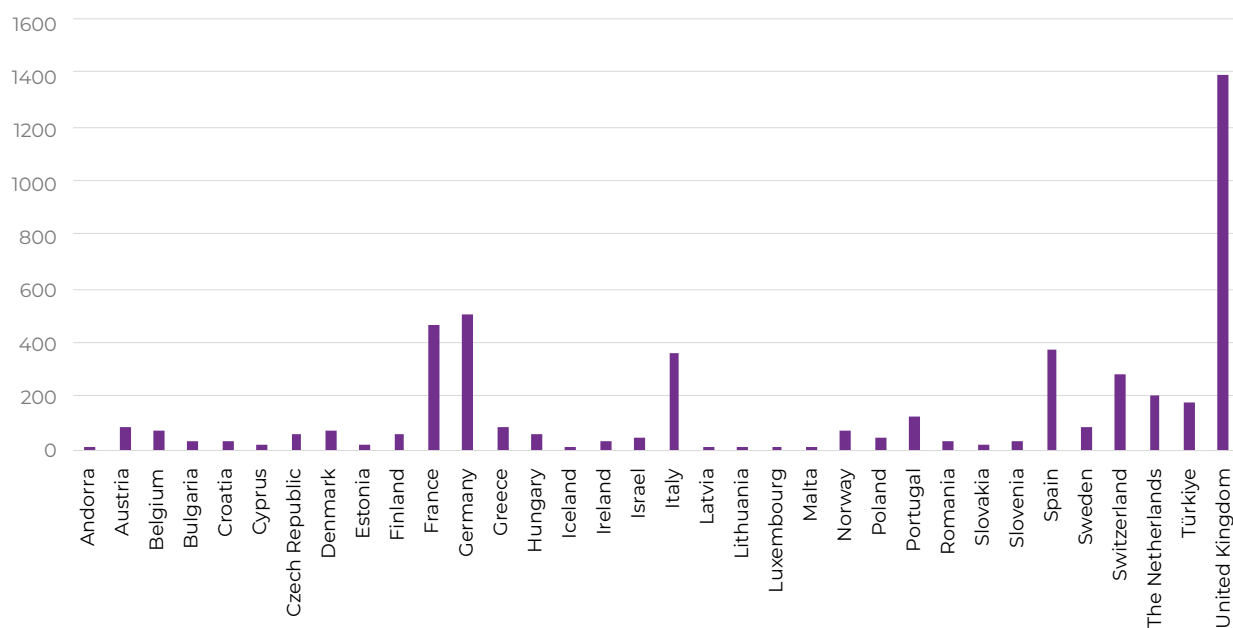


# IUCN Europe's Members

## EURO MEMBERS



## COMMISSION MEMBERS



The European region is very proud to have the largest Membership worldwide. The active participation and unique expertise of our 391 Members bring, drive the IUCN European and global agendas.

The IUCN programmatic region of Europe was directly responsible for 38 countries.

The IUCN EU Representative Office covers 38 countries, including all 27 EU Member States plus Andorra, Holy See, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland, Türkiye and the UK.





Organisation	Type of Member
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	
Bundesministerium für Klimaschutz, Umwelt, Energie, Mobilität, Innovation und Technologie	Government Agency without State Member
Nationalpark Hohe Tauern	National NGO
Oesterreichischer Naturschutzbund	National NGO
Sharkproject Austria	National NGO
Umweltdachverband	National NGO
WWF Österreich	National NGO
<b>BELGIUM</b>	
Politique scientifique fédérale	State
Agentschap voor Natuur en Bos van het Vlaams Ministerie voor Leefmilieu, Natuur en Energie	Government Agency with State Member
Bruxelles Environnement - Institut Bruxellois pour la Gestion de l'Environnement	Government Agency with State Member
Direction Générale Agriculture, des Ressources Naturelles et de l'Environnement	Government Agency with State Member
Service Public Fédéral Santé publique, Sécurité de la Chaîne Alimentaire et Environnement	Government Agency with State Member
Instituut voor Natuur- en Bosonderzoek, INBO	Government Agency with State Member
Koninklijk Belgisch Instituut voor Natuurwetenschappen	Government Agency with State Member
Confédération Européenne des Propriétaires Forestiers	International NGO
European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians	International NGO
European Bureau for Conservation and Development	International NGO
Fédération des Associations de Chasse et Conservation de la Faune Sauvage de l'UE	International NGO
ULB-Coopération	International NGO
International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey	International NGO
Regions4 Sustainable Development	National NGO
Pairi Daiza Foundation	National NGO
Institut de Zoologie - Département des Sciences et Gestion de l'Environnement - Université de Liège	National NGO
Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland	National NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - Belgium	National NGO
Koninklijke Maatschappij voor Dierkunde van Antwerpen	Affiliate
Flemish Institute for Technology Research, VITO	Affiliate
<b>BULGARIA</b>	
Ministry of Environment and Water	Government Agency without State Member
Bălgarska Fondatzia Bioraznoobrazie	National NGO
National Hunting and Fishing Association "Union of Hunters and Anglers in Bulgaria" (NHFA "UHAB")	National NGO
WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature, Danube-Carpathian Program Bulgaria	National NGO
<b>CROATIA</b>	
Ministarstvo zaštite okoliša i energetike	Government Agency without State Member
Udruga BIOM	National NGO
Udruga Hyla	National NGO
<b>CYPRUS</b>	
Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus	State

<b>CZECHIA</b>	
Ministerstvo životního prostředí	State
Agentura ochrany přírody a krajiny ČR	Government Agency with State Member
Český svaz ochránců přírody	National NGO
Unie Ceských a Slovenských Zoologických Zahrad	International NGO
<b>DENMARK</b>	
Ministry of Environment	State
Danmarks Naturfredningsforening	National NGO
Dansk Ornitologisk Forening - Birdlife Denmark	National NGO
Friluftsrådet	National NGO
Verdens Skove	National NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - Verdensnaturfonden	National NGO
Odense ZOO	National NGO
Zoologisk Have København	National NGO
Nordic Hunters' Alliance	International NGO
<b>ESTONIA</b>	
Keskkonnaministeerium	State
Eestimaa Looduse Fond	National NGO
<b>FINLAND</b>	
Ministry of the Environment of Finland	State
Suomen riistakeskus	Government Agency with State Member
BirdLife Suomi	National NGO
Korkeasaaren eläintarhan Säätiön	National NGO
Natur och Miljö r.f.	National NGO
Suomen Luonnonsuojeluliitto	National NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - Finland	National NGO
<b>FRANCE</b>	
Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international	State
Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle	Government Agency with State Member
Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	Subnational Government
Ville de Paris	Subnational Government
Ville de Fontainebleau	Subnational Government
Département des Bouches-du-Rhône	Subnational Government
Région Ile de France – Conseil Régional	Subnational Government
Association Beauval Nature pour la Conservation et la Recherche	National NGO
Association des amis de la forêt de Fontainebleau	National NGO
Association Française des Entreprises pour l'Environnement	National NGO
Association Française des Parcs Zoologiques	National NGO
Association Française du Fonds Mondial pour la Nature - France	National NGO
Association PAÏOLIVE	National NGO
Awely, des animaux et des hommes	National NGO
Centre de Découverte Mer et Montagne	National NGO
Conservatoire pour la Protection des Primates	National NGO
Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels	National NGO
Fédération des parcs naturels régionaux de France	National NGO
Fédération Française de Spéléologie	National NGO

Fédération Française des Clubs Alpains et de Montagne	National NGO
Fédération Nationale des Chasseurs	National NGO
Fondation d'Entreprise Biotopie pour la Biodiversité	National NGO
Fondation François Sommer-Fondation Internationale pour la Gestion de la Faune	National NGO
Fondation GoodPlanet	National NGO
Fondation Nature et Découvertes	National NGO
France Nature Environnement	National NGO
Humanité et Biodiversité	National NGO
Institut national de recherche pour l'agriculture, l'alimentation et l'environnement	National NGO
Jardin Botanique de la Ville de Lyon	National NGO
Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères	National NGO
NAUSICAA, Centre National de la Mer	National NGO
Noé	National NGO
Office pour les insectes et leur environnement	National NGO
Partenariat Français pour l'Eau	National NGO
POLLINIS	National NGO
Reserves Naturelles de France	National NGO
Société Française pour le Droit de l'Environnement	National NGO
Tchendukua - Ici et Ailleurs	National NGO
Alliance pour la Préservation des Forêts	National NGO
Réseau des Grands Sites de France	National NGO
HUTAN	National NGO
Association pour la Protection des Animaux Sauvages et du Patrimoine Naturel	National NGO
MIRACETI	National NGO
PANTHERA FRANCE	National NGO
SystExt	National NGO
Turtle Sanctuary	National NGO
Initiatives pour l'Avenir des Grands Fleuves	National NGO
Institut océanographique Paul Ricard	National NGO
UNDER THE POLE / Antipodes	National NGO
Play for Nature	National NGO
BIOPARC CONSERVATION	National NGO
Planete Urgence	International NGO
The Cousteau Society	International NGO
Tour du Valat	International NGO
Pro-Natura International	International NGO
Oiseaux Migrateurs du Palearctique Occidental	International NGO
International Federation of Landscape Architects	International NGO
Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement	International NGO
Association Les Eco Maires	International NGO
Direction Générale des Services, Ville de Marseille	Affiliate
Direction Sites et Espaces Naturels de la Métropole Aix-Marseille-Provence, MAMP	Affiliate
Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, INRA	Affiliate
Institut de Recherche pour le Développement	Affiliate
Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement	Affiliate



Centre de Culture Scientifique, Technique et Industrielle de la Mer OCEANOPOLIS BREST	Affiliate
Conservatoire du littoral	Affiliate
Fondation Yves Rocher - Institut de France	Affiliate
NAUSICAA, Centre National de la Mer	Affiliate
Office français de la biodiversité	Affiliate
Centre d'études et d'expertise sur les risques, l'environnement, la mobilité et l'aménagement	Affiliate
<b>GERMANY</b>	
Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit	State
Bundesamt für Naturschutz	Government Agency with State Member
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	Government Agency with State Member
EUROPARC Federation	International NGO
Societas Europaea Herpetologica	International NGO
Stiftung Europäisches Naturerbe - EuroNatur	International NGO
Verband der Zoologischen Gärten (VdZ)	International NGO
Bund Naturschutz in Bayern	National NGO
Deutscher Angelfischer-Verband e.V.	National NGO
Deutscher Jagdverband e. V	National NGO
Deutscher Naturschutzring	National NGO
Naturschutzbund Deutschland	National NGO
Stiftung Artenschutz	National NGO
Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg	National NGO
SHARKPROJECT Germany e.V.	National NGO
WWF - Deutschland	National NGO
Wilhelma, Zoologisch-Botanischer Garten Stuttgart	National NGO
Zoo Leipzig GmbH	National NGO
Zoologischer Garten Berlin AG	National NGO
Zoologische Gesellschaft für Arten- und Populationsschutz e.V.	National NGO
Zoologischer Garten Köln	National NGO
Zoologische Gesellschaft Frankfurt von 1858 - Hilfe für die bedrohte Tierwelt	Affiliate
Bayerische Akademie für Naturschutz und Landschaftspflege (ANL)	Affiliate
<b>GREECE</b>	
Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy / Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA)	Government Agency without State Member
Elliniki Etairia Meleths kai Prostatias Mesogeiakias Fwkias	National NGO
Hellenic Botanical Society	National NGO
Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature	National NGO
Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos	National NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - Greece	National NGO
<b>HUNGARY</b>	
Földművelésügyi Minisztérium	Government Agency without State Member
International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation	International NGO
Goncol Alapítvány	National NGO
Magyar Madártani és Természetvédelmi Egyesület / Birdlife Hungary	National NGO
Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége	National NGO
WWF Világ Természeti Alap Magyarország Alapítvány	National NGO

<b>ICELAND</b>	
Umhverfis- og auðlindaráðuneytið	State
Landvernd, landgræðslu- og umhverfisverndarsamtök Íslands	National NGO
<b>IRELAND</b>	
Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht	Government Agency without State Member
Irish Environmental Network	National NGO
<b>ISRAEL</b>	
Israel Nature and Parks Authority	Affiliate
Israel Nature and Heritage Foundation	National NGO
The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel	National NGO
<b>ITALY</b>	
Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica	State
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche	Government Agency with State Member
Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale	Government Agency with State Member
Associazione Italiana per il World Wildlife Fund (WWF-Italy)	National NGO
Federazione Italiana Parchi e Riserve Naturali	National NGO
Federazione Nazionale Pro Natura	National NGO
Istituto Oikos	National NGO
Istituto Pangea -Onlus- Istituto Europeo per l'Educazione e la Formazione Professionale per l'Ambiente	National NGO
Lega Italiana Protezione Uccelli	National NGO
Legambiente	National NGO
AIgAE – Associazione Italiana Guide Ambientali Escursionistiche	National NGO
Società Zoologica La Torbiera	National NGO
Unione Zoologica Italiana onlus	National NGO
Università degli Studi di Catania - Centro universitario per la tutela e la gestione degli ambienti naturali ed agro-ecosistemi	National NGO
CED-PPN Centro Europeo di Documentazione sulla Pianificazione dei Parchi Naturali (DIST-Politecnico di Torino)	National NGO
We are here Venice	National NGO
Fondazione UNA	National NGO
Fondazione A.R.C.A. Animal Research Conservation in Action	National NGO
Greenhouse Gas Management Institute	National NGO
Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques	International NGO
Organization for the Phyto-Taxonomic Investigation of the Mediterranean Area	International NGO
Parco dell'Etna	Affiliate
<b>LICHTENSTEIN</b>	
Amt für Umwelt	State
Commission Internationale pour la Protection des Alpes	International NGO
<b>LUXEMBURG</b>	
Ministère de l'Environnement, du Climat et de la Biodiversité	State
natur&ëmwelt a.s.b.l.	National NGO
<b>MALTA</b>	
Environment and Resources Authority	Government Agency without State Member

<b>MONACO</b>	
Ministre des Relations Extérieures et de la Coopération de Monaco	State
Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco	Government Agency with State Member
Centre Scientifique de Monaco	Affiliate
<b>NORWAY</b>	
Ministry of Climate and Environment (Norway)	State
Norwegian Environment Agency	Government Agency with State Member
Regnskogfondet	National NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - Norway	National NGO
<b>POLAND</b>	
Fundacja Dziedzictwo Przyrodnicze	National NGO
Fundacja WWF Polska	National NGO
Panstwowa Rada Ochrony Przyrody	National NGO
Polskie Towarzystwo Ochrony Przyrody "Salamandra"	National NGO
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	
Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas	State
Liga para a Protecção da Natureza	National NGO
Quercus - Associação Nacional, de Conservação da Natureza	National NGO
<b>ROMANIA</b>	
Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests	Government Agency without State Member
Asociatia Speologica Exploratorii	National NGO
Fundatia Carpati	National NGO
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	
Statna ochrana prírody Slovenskej republiky	Government Agency without State Member
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	
Ministrstvo za naravne vire in prostor	Government Agency without State Member
<b>SPAIN</b>	
Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico	State
Consellería de Medio Ambiente e Ordenación do Territorio, Xunta de Galicia	Government Agency with State Member
Fundación Biodiversidad	Government Agency with State Member
Consejería de Sostenibilidad, Medio Ambiente y Economía Azul, Junta de Andalucía	Subnational Government
Consejería de Transición Ecológica, Lucha contra el Cambio Climático y Planificación Territorial, Gobierno de Canarias	Subnational Government
Departament d'Acció Climàtica, Alimentació i Agenda Rural, Generalitat de Catalunya	Subnational Government
Dirección General de Medio Natural y Evaluación Ambiental, Consejería de Agricultura, Generalitat Valenciana	Subnational Government
Vice Consejería Sostenibilidad Ambiental, Gobierno Vasco	Subnational Government
Centro de Extensión Universitaria e Divulgación Ambiental de Galicia	National NGO
Asociación Herpetológica Española	National NGO
Asociación para la Defensa de la Naturaleza y los Recursos de Extremadura	National NGO
Acción por el Mundo Salvaje	National NGO
Asociación para la Defensa de la Naturaleza/WWF - España	National NGO
Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera	National NGO
Asociación Española de Entomología	National NGO



Fundación CBD para la Conservación de la Biodiversidad y su Hábitat	National NGO
Fundación Entretantos	National NGO
Fundación Lonxanet para la Pesca Sostenible	National NGO
Fundación Lurgaia	National NGO
Fundación Monte Mediterráneo	National NGO
Fundación Naturaleza y Hombre	National NGO
Fundación Oxígeno	National NGO
Fundación para la Conservación del Quebrantahuesos	National NGO
Fundación privada para la Conservación y Recuperación de Animales Marinos	National NGO
Grup Balear d'Ornitologia i Defensa de la Naturalesa	National NGO
Grupo para la Rehabilitación de la Fauna Autóctona y su Hábitat	National NGO
Lliga per a la Defensa del Patrimoni Natural	National NGO
Loro Parque Fundación	National NGO
SEO/BirdLife, Sociedad Española de Ornitología	National NGO
Sociedad Española de Biología de la Conservación de Plantas	National NGO
Sociedad Española para la Defensa del Patrimonio Geológico y Minero	National NGO
Sociedad Geológica de España	National NGO
Fundación Global Nature	National NGO
Asociación Desenvolvemento Rural "Mariñas-Betanzos"	National NGO
Fundación para la investigación en etología y biodiversidad	National NGO
Sociedad Española para la Conservación y Estudio de los Mamíferos	National NGO
Alive Fundació	National NGO
Fundación Aula del Mar Mediterráneo	National NGO
Red Cambera	National NGO
World Association of Zoos and Aquariums	International NGO
International Council of Environmental Law	International NGO
Mare Terra, Fundació Mediterrània, Fundació Privada	International NGO
Diputació de Barcelona	Affiliate
Parc Zoològic de Barcelona	Affiliate
Ayuntamiento de Málaga	Affiliate
Fundación Savia por el Compromiso y los Valores	Affiliate
Universidad Católica Santa Teresa de Jesús de Ávila	Affiliate
<b>SWEDEN</b>	
Regeringskansliet (Sweden)	State
ArtDatabanken, Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet	Government Agency with State Member
Coalition Clean Baltic	International NGO
The European Association for the Conservation of the Geological Heritage	International NGO
Ajtte - svenskt fjäll- och samemuseum	Indigenous Peoples' Organisations
Naturhistoriska Riksmuseet	National NGO
Stiftelsen Nordens Ark	National NGO
Stiftelsen Skansen	National NGO
Svenska Jägareförbundet	National NGO
Svenska Naturskyddsföreningen	National NGO
Varldsnaturfonden WWF	National NGO

SWITZERLAND	
Office fédéral de l'environnement	State
Association pour le Développement des Aires Protégées	National NGO
JagdSchweiz	National NGO
Netzwerk Schweizer Pärke / Réseau des parcs suisses / Rete dei parchi svizzeri / Rait dals parcs svizzers	National NGO
Pro Natura / Friends of the Earth Switzerland	National NGO
Société suisse d'étude et de protection des cétacés	National NGO
Foundation for Environmental Conservation	National NGO
Swiss Academy of Sciences	National NGO
Swiss Association for the Protection of Birds - BirdLife Switzerland	National NGO
The European Outdoor Conservation Association	National NGO
Gallifrey Foundation	National NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - Switzerland	National NGO
Zoo Zurich AG	National NGO
Zooschweiz	National NGO
Fondation Save Our Seas	International NGO
Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes PEFC Council	International NGO
SHARKPROJECT International e.V	International NGO
World Business Council for Sustainable Development	International NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - International	International NGO
THE NETHERLANDS	
Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit	State
Staatsbosbeheer	Government Agency with State Member
Commonland	National NGO
De Vlinderstichting	National NGO
Faculteit der Natuurwetenschappen, Wiskunde en Informatica - Universiteit van Amsterdam	National NGO
Koninklijke Nederlandse Natuurhistorische Vereniging	National NGO
LandschappenNL	National NGO
Leo Foundation	National NGO
Bears in Mind	National NGO
Nederlandse Vereniging van Botanische Tuinen	National NGO
Nederlandse Vereniging van Dierentuinen	National NGO
Reptile Amfibieën Vissen Onderzoek Nederland	National NGO
SOVON Vogelonderzoek Nederland	National NGO
Stichting Black Jaguar Foundation	National NGO
Stichting CHIMBO	National NGO
Stichting Floristisch Onderzoek Nederland	National NGO
Stichting Leerstoel Prins Bernhard	National NGO
The Avalon Foundation	National NGO
Van Tienhoven Stichting voor Internationale Natuurbescherming	National NGO
Vereniging voor Zoogdierkunde en Zoogdierbescherming	National NGO
Vogelbescherming Nederland	National NGO
Waddenvereniging	National NGO
Wereld Natuur Fonds - Nederland	National NGO
Ouwehand Zoo Foundation	National NGO

Natuur & Milieu	National NGO
Stichting 'European Foundation for Falconry and Conservation'	National NGO
Rewilding Europe	International NGO
Wetlands International	International NGO
European Association of Zoos and Aquaria	International NGO
Both Ends - Environment and Development Service for NGOs	Affiliate
Vereniging Milieudefensie	Affiliate
Naturalis Biodiversity Center	Affiliate
Vereniging tot Behoud van Natuurmonumenten in Nederland	Affiliate
<b>TÜRKİYE</b>	
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	State
Doğa Derneği (BirdLife Turkey)	National NGO
Doğa Koruma Merkezi Vakfi	National NGO
Dogal Hayati Koruma Vakfi - WWF Türkiye	National NGO
Ege ve Marmara Çevre Belediyeler Birliği	National NGO
KuzeyDoğa Derneği	National NGO
Türkiye Erozyonla Mücadele, Agaçlandırma ve Dogal Varliklari Koruma Vakfi (Tema Vakfi)	National NGO
Türkiye Tabiatini Koruma Dernegi	National NGO
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	State
Department for Natural Resources, Welsh Government	Government Agency with State Member
The Scottish Government	Subnational Government
Blue Marine Foundation	National NGO
Bristol Clifton and West of England Zoological Society	National NGO
British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums	National NGO
British Ecological Society	National NGO
Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management	National NGO
Earth Champions Foundation	National NGO
Forest Peoples Programme	National NGO
Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society	National NGO
Margaret Pyke Trust	National NGO
Marwell Wildlife	National NGO
North of England Zoological Society (Chester Zoo)	National NGO
People's Trust for Endangered Species	National NGO
ResourceAfrica United Kingdom	National NGO
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	National NGO
Scottish Environment Link	National NGO
Synchronicity Earth	National NGO
The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland	National NGO
The Wildlife Trusts	National NGO
Twycross Zoo, East Midland Zoological Society	National NGO
Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust	National NGO
Wildscreen	National NGO
World Land Trust	National NGO
World Wide Fund for Nature - U.K.	National NGO
The Sibthorp Trust	National NGO

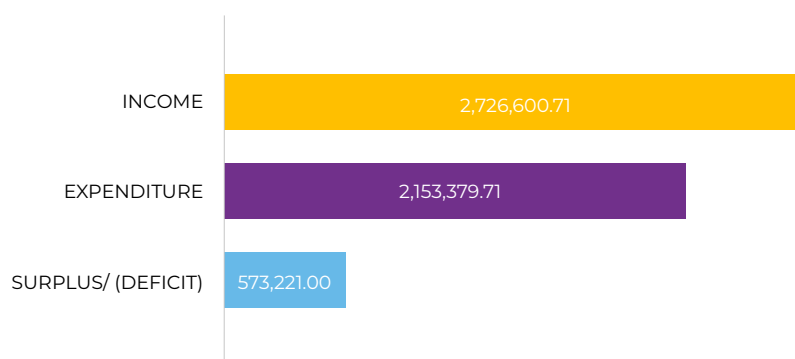


Population Matters	National NGO
International National Trusts Organisation	National NGO
On the EDGE Conservation	National NGO
Stop Ecocide International Ltd	National NGO
Conflict and Environment Observatory	National NGO
Galapagos Conservation Trust	National NGO
A Rocha International	International NGO
BirdLife International	International NGO
Earthwatch Institute (Europe)	International NGO
Fauna & Flora International	International NGO
Rainforest Concern	International NGO
The Born Free Foundation	International NGO
The Jane Goodall Institute Global	International NGO
The World Parrot Trust	International NGO
TREE AID	International NGO
Jamma International	International NGO
International Institute for Environment and Development	Affiliate
Natural History Museum, London	Affiliate
Zoological Society of London	Affiliate
<b>Overseas</b>	
Department of the Environment & Climate Change, Government of Gibraltar	Government Agency with State Member
The Nautilus Project	National NGO
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	International NGO
Turks & Caicos Reef Fund Inc	National NGO
Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance	National NGO
Caribbean Research & Management of Biodiversity Foundation	National NGO
Te Mana o te Moana	National NGO
Association Kwata	National NGO
Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Programme, Pacific Community	National NGO
Direction Energie-Environnement - Conseil Régional de La Réunion	Subnational Government
Groupe Local d'Observation et d'Identification des cétacés de la Réunion	National NGO
Société Réunionnaise pour l'Etude et la Protection de l'Environnement Ile de la Réunion	National NGO

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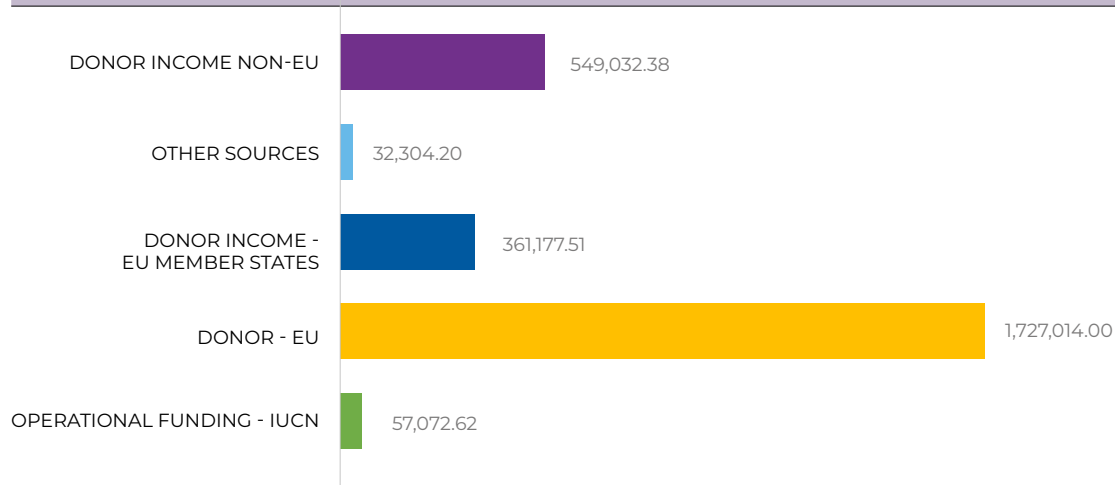
## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

ACTIVITIES	SWISS FRANCS (CHF)
INCOME	2,726,600.71
EXPENDITURE	2,153,379.71
<b>SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>573,221.00</b>



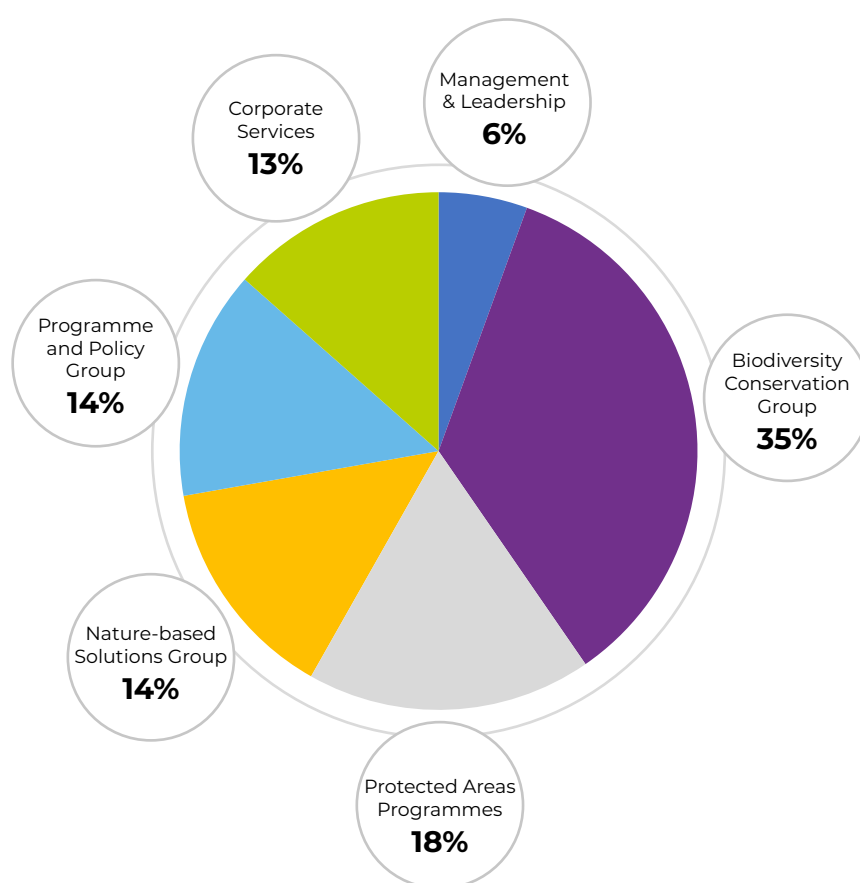
## INCOME DISTRIBUTION

INCOME	SWISS FRANCS (CHF)
Operational Funding - IUCN	57,072.62
Donor - EU	1,727,014.00
Donor Income - EU Member states	361,177.51
Other Sources	32,304.20
Donor income Non-EU	549,032.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,726,600.71</b>



## EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTIONAL AREA

EXPENDITURE	SWISS FRANCS (CHF)
Management & Leadership	119,479.67
Biodiversity Conservation Group	750,296.40
Protected Areas Programmes	383,335.91
Nature-based Solutions Group	302,235.87
Programme and Policy Group	308,142.86
Corporate Services	289,889.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,153,379.71</b>





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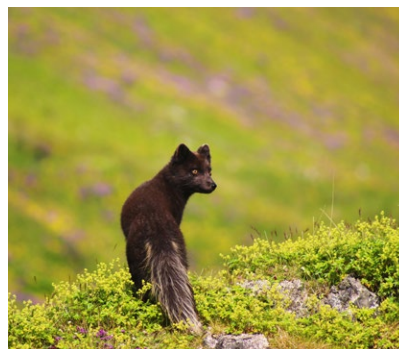
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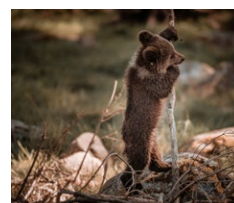
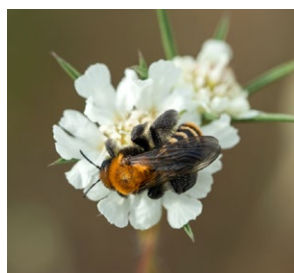
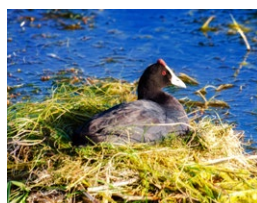
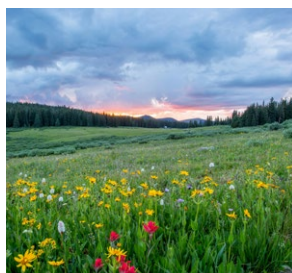
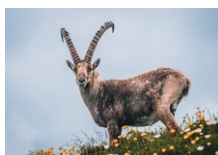








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