

4.007 Changing IUCN's Statutory Regions

CONSIDERING that IUCN's Statutory Regions were established many years ago and have been criticized by some as not well reflecting modern conservation thinking or political realities;

RECALLING that the 3rd IUCN World Conservation Congress (Bangkok, 2004) requested Council to review the Statutory Regions and to make proposals for their amendment;

BEING AWARE that IUCN consulted members in early 2008, but that the results of this consultation did not clearly demonstrate a single favoured solution; and

NOTING that the present Council considered four alternative scenarios that would respond to the mandate to review the Statutory Regions;

The World Conservation Congress at its 4th Session in Barcelona, Spain, 5-14 October 2008:

REQUESTS Council to propose to the next Session of the World Conservation Congress an amendment of the Statutes to change IUCN's Statutory Regions to give effect to the changes proposed in the following scenario:

- (a) Africa would retain the same boundaries as at present but would elect four (4) Councillors, which would increase representation by one Councillor.
- (b) North America and the Caribbean would retain the same boundaries as at present and elect three (3) Councillors.
- (c) Meso- and South America would retain the same boundaries as at present but would elect four (4) Councillors, which would increase representation by one Councillor.
- (d) Oceania would retain the same boundaries as at present and elect three (3) Councillors.
- (e) Pakistan would move to South and East Asia.
- (f) South and East Asia would elect five (5) Councillors rather than the current three, which would increase representation by two Councillors.
- (g) West Asia would elect three (3) Councillors.
- (h) West Europe and East Europe, North and Central Asia would be combined and elect six (6) Councillors, with sub-regions being established to retain regional diversity within the six elected Councillors.
- (i) The number of co-opted members of Council would be one. Council should consider the implications of this when bringing a proposal to the next Congress.
- (j) Overall, the present size of Council would be retained.