

## **WCC-2016-Res-031-EN**

### **World Parks Congress 2014: The Promise of Sydney**

RECALLING the World Parks Congress 2014 (WPC), held in Sydney, Australia and co-hosted by the Australian and New South Wales Governments alongside IUCN;

ACKNOWLEDGING with appreciation the welcome from the traditional owners of the land on which the Congress was held;

RECOGNISING the ongoing role and contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to understanding, valuing, protecting and conserving nature;

ACKNOWLEDGING also the many substantial contributions made by the World Commission on Protected Areas and other IUCN Commissions, IUCN Members, partners, donors and the Secretariat, which enabled a successful WPC to take place;

WELCOMING the 'Promise of Sydney' Vision and related recommendations, and the breadth and diversity of inspiring solutions and commitments as the substantial outcomes of the WPC;

NOTING IUCN Council Decision C/85/35 to take custodianship of the Promise of Sydney and to track and communicate progress on specific promises and commitments; and

NOTING with appreciation the initiative of the Director General and the Salzburg Global Seminar to organise the initial Parks for the Planet Forum: Nature, Health and a New Urban Generation, in Salzburg, Austria in November 2015;

### **The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Hawai'i, United States of America, 1-10 September 2016:**

1. CALLS ON the Director General to report annually on implementation of commitments arising from the Promise of Sydney and to assess how they have influenced conservation outcomes and mainstreamed nature-based solutions within and across sectors after 5 and 10 years;
2. URGES IUCN Members to prioritise and incorporate the innovative and transformative agenda of the Promise of Sydney in policy development and influencing opportunities, research and knowledge generation, and programmes, particularly to:
  - a. engage a broader constituency for conservation that connects people with Nature (e.g. Nature for All) and that values Nature for its health and well-being benefits (e.g. the Healthy Parks Healthy People approach);
  - b. improve the equitable governance and effective management of terrestrial and marine protected areas through initiatives such as the Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas;
  - c. emphasise marine conservation including protected areas inside and outside areas of national jurisdiction to address urgent threats and low levels of protection in the world's seas and oceans; and
  - d. mainstream protected areas as natural solutions to global challenges such as climate change and human health through the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
3. URGES IUCN Members to inform the Director General of existing and new commitments made to implement the Promise of Sydney; and
4. COMMENDS the Promise of Sydney and commitments made by IUCN Members and other organisations to accelerate implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to the 13th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP13) to be held in Mexico in December 2016.