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To protect the intellectual independence of the knowledge-based and evidence-based work carried out by the Commissions and Secretariat of IUCN

The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020, at its session in Marseille, France:

**Adopts** the following amendments to the IUCN Statutes to protect the intellectual independence of the knowledge-based and evidence-based work carried out by the Commissions and Secretariat of IUCN:

*(i) Amend Article 3 of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

To attain these objectives, IUCN:

[...]

(f) develops expert networks ~~and information systems~~ to support its Members and components;

**(g) provides scientific and other authoritative information, including traditional ecological knowledge, in the form of assessments, analysis, and advice on the status and trends of nature and natural resources, including on threats, human behaviour, conservation measures and future scenarios;**

[...]

*(ii) **NEW** Article 3bis of the IUCN Statutes as follows: (existing text, if any, to be removed in ~~strike through~~; proposed new text **in bold**)*

**In working towards the objectives outlined in Article 3 (g) of the Statutes, the IUCN Secretariat and the IUCN Commissions are required to uphold high standards of scientific work and other knowledge systems and will be free from undue influence or conflict of interest in this regard.**