

# Joint implementation note: Resolutions WCC-2025-Res-075 and WCC-2025-Res-129

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## Purpose of this note

TAPAS is implementing Resolution 8.075 (*Regulating the environmental impacts of overtourism and promoting sustainable tourism models for biodiversity protection*) and Resolution 8.129 (*Strengthening protective measures for protected areas against unsustainable tourism development*) as a single work package. Several activities therefore appear in both Activity Reports. This note sets out why, and how each activity maps onto the operative paragraphs of each Resolution, so that the two reports can be read together without the shared activities being counted twice.

## Why a single work package

The two Resolutions approach the same problem from opposite ends. Resolution 8.075 addresses the pressure side: overtourism, carrying capacity and limits of acceptable change, knowledge exchange among tourism stakeholders, and the evidence base for policy. Resolution 8.129 addresses the safeguards side: the compatibility of tourism activities with conservation objectives, the protection of core zones in categories I and II, and monitoring and compliance indicators.

Both converge on the same instruction to WCPA. Resolution 8.129 OP2 mandates the update of IUCN Best Practice Guidelines No. 27, *Tourism and visitor management in protected areas: Guidelines for sustainability* (2018), and reporting to the next Congress. Resolution 8.075 OP2a calls for tools to assess limits of acceptable change and environmental carrying capacity. The guidelines update is the vehicle that delivers both; running two separate streams would duplicate effort already carried on volunteer time.

## Mapping of activities to operative paragraphs

| Activity                                                                                                                    | Res-075   | Res-129 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Update of IUCN Best Practice Guidelines No. 27 (2018)                                                                       | OP2a, OP3 | OP2     |
| Stocktaking paper on tourism and visitor management in protected and conserved areas, for the 2027 Congress                 | OP3b      | OP2     |
| Stream 1.2 of the 2027 IUCN World Protected and Conserved Areas Congress: sessions on the tourism–protected areas interface | OP3a      | OP2     |
| Collaboration with UNESCO and the IUCN World Heritage Programme on tourism and visitor management in World Heritage sites   | OP3a      | OP3     |
| Collaboration with the #NatureForAll initiative on visitation and conservation constituencies                               | OP3a      | –       |
| Reconciliation of terminology across tourism assessment tools and guides                                                    | OP3a      | OP6     |

Operative paragraphs of Resolution 8.075 are those addressed to WCPA (OP3) and to IUCN internal bodies (OP2). Paragraphs addressed to the Director General, to Members or to governments — 8.075 OP1 and OP4, and 8.129 OP1 and OP5 — fall outside the mandate of the Specialist Group. TAPAS has had no involvement in the Albania file referred to in 8.129 OP1 and OP5, and has not been asked for input; it is available to provide technical review of revised national legal frameworks against IUCN category I and II standards if the Secretariat requests it.

## Resourcing

Both Resolutions currently depend entirely on volunteer time. No dedicated funding has been secured and no Secretariat counterpart has been designated for either. This matters most for sequencing: a guidelines update to be presented at the 2027 Congress needs a drafting group, a review process and a publication budget, and working back from the Congress date the drafting group would need to be constituted by early 2027. TAPAS will submit a proposal to the Commission for a resourced work plan covering both Resolutions.