



**The conservation  
agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup>  
century**

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*Essential experience for  
addressing today's challenges*





Unique experience for  
unprecedented times

**For the first time in IUCN's history,** the wind toward sustainable development is at our backs

- Paris Agreement, SDGs, private sector awakening

**But there is no time to lose**

- Species extinction, climate change and other urgent issues

**The world needs IUCN's powerful Union now more than ever**

- IUCN's global reach, knowledge and experience are essential for charting the wisest and most efficient course forward





*“IUCN has provided the data that is crucial to knowing where we are in the race to save biodiversity.”*

- Edward O. Wilson, Professor Emeritus  
Harvard University

*“IUCN is really the world agenda setter for conservation policy.”*

- Fiona Fraser, International Section Director  
Department of the Environment, Australia

*“The Union is a unique knowledge hub when it comes to sustainability, far beyond the question of conservation.”*

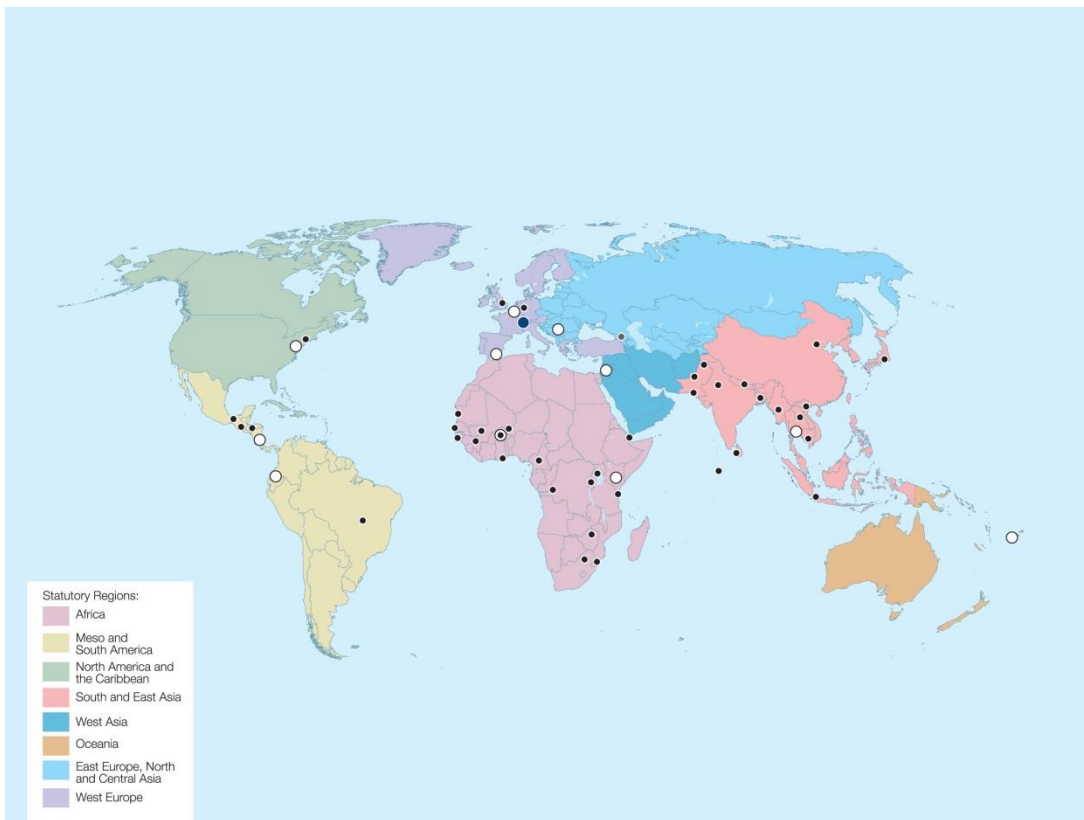
- Alexander Müller, AgFood study leader  
The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity





# IUCN today

*A global Union*



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**IUCN today**  
*A powerful Union*

## **Unique union of influential organisations**

- **1400+ Members from more than 160 countries**
- 200+ government agencies from around 120 countries
- 1100+ non-government and indigenous peoples organisations

## **Essential, trusted expertise**

- **10,000+ experts in Six commissions**
- 900 staff in more than 50 countries
- 350+ projects active each year in 160+ countries

## **Official observer status** at the United Nations

- Only conservation organisation with this status





# IUCN today

## *Setting the conservation agenda*



## IUCN World Conservation Congress



- Over **10,000 participants** in 2016
- **121 Resolutions**, Recommendations and other Decisions
- Adopted the **Hawai'i Commitments** to address current and imminent challenges
- **New science, partnerships and commitments** for action
- **21,000 news articles, 75 million reached** on social media
- **Raised the bar** for hosting sustainable events

*“The decisions from IUCN’s World Congresses have served as vital touchstones for conservation science and practice worldwide.”*

-Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator



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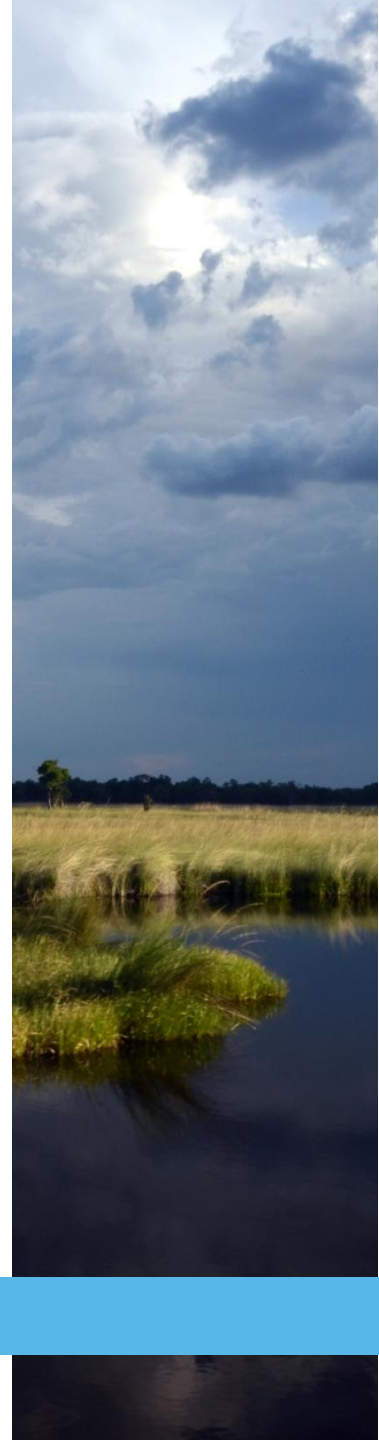
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## *A history of success*

*“The protection of nature is a matter of vital concern to all nations, and the furthering of it is the primary concern of no single effective international agency. Therefore, the Governments, public services, organizations, institutions and associations concerned with these matters represented at Fontainebleau have hereby established a Union known as the International Union for the Protection of Nature.”*

– from the Constitution of the International Union  
for the Protection of Nature, 1948

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*Seven decades of vision and impact*

## Identifying needs, providing solutions

- **1948 - Created** to address absence of effective international agencies dedicated to nature
- **Early focus - human impacts on nature**, then species and habitat protection
- **1980s** - broadened scope to include **human rights, economics and sustainable development**
- **2000s** – developed and applied the concept of **nature-based solutions** to global challenges







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*Advancing international conservation law*

**IUCN was instrumental in the establishment of:**



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



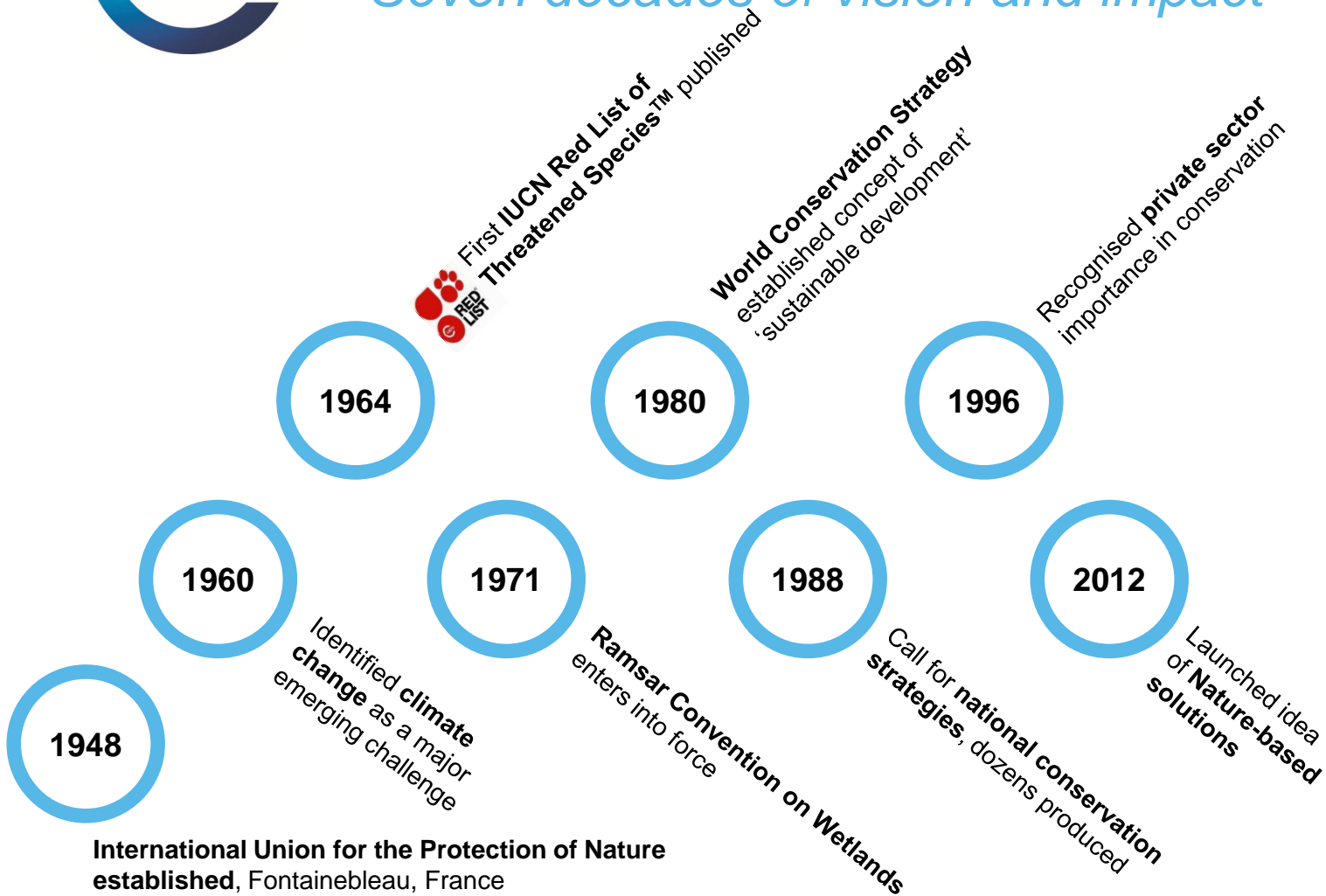
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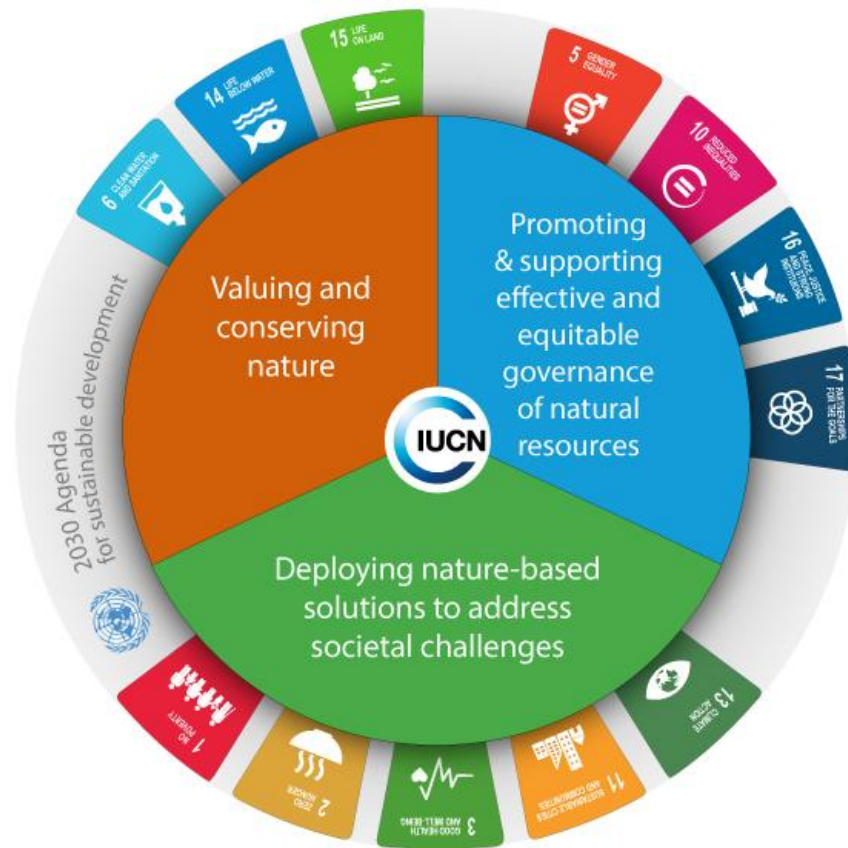
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# Positioned for global relevance

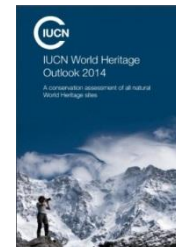


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# Valuing and conserving nature

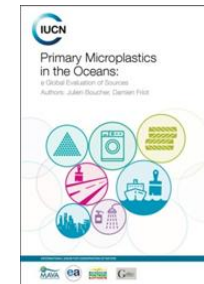
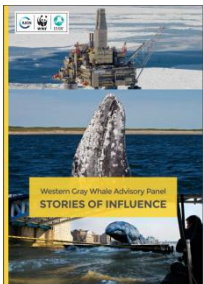
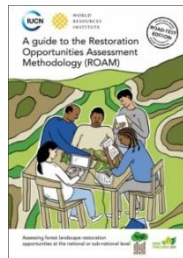
## Species protection and protected areas





# IUCN Nature-based solutions

**Today, IUCN pioneers nature-based solutions to global challenges.**



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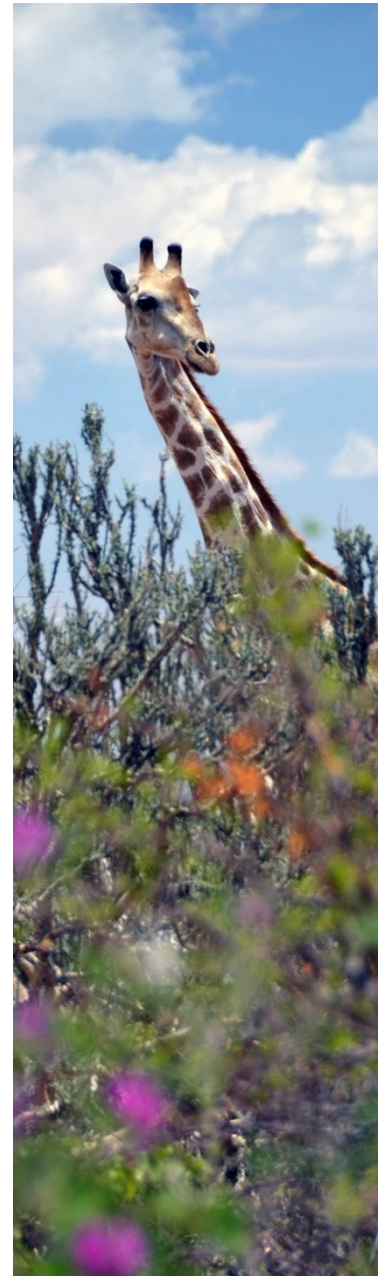
# Momentum for the future

## Hawai'i Commitments

- direction for addressing today's challenges such as climate change, food security, wildlife trafficking and ocean health
- guidance for engaging with youth, businesses and spiritual communities

## Visionary mandate for tomorrow's challenges

- Synthetic biology, biodiversity offsets, undersea mining, urban conservation etc.





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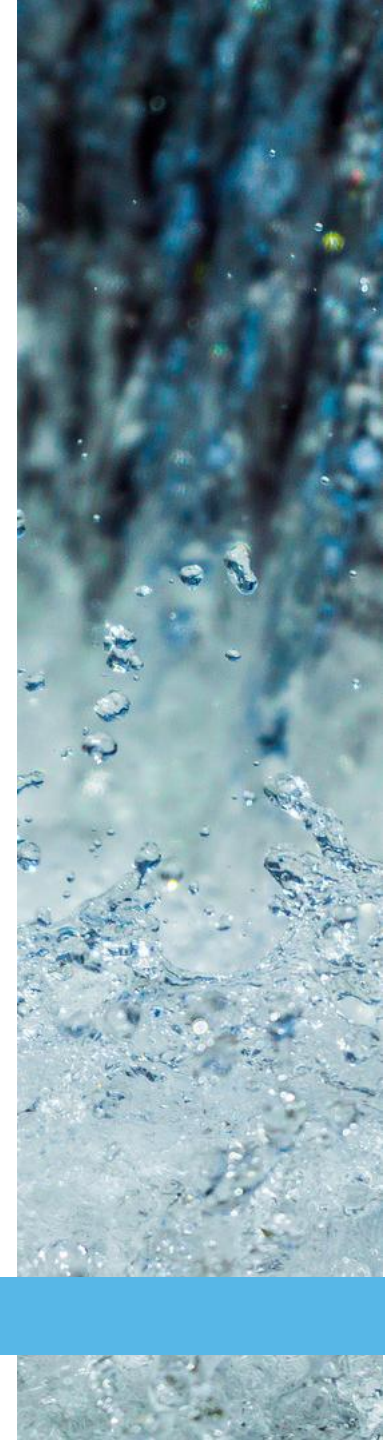


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*Thank You....*