

Barcelona's Parliament for Nature Springs into Action

Friday 10 October 2008, Barcelona

The Latest More than 100 resolutions and recommendations will be discussed by this unique global environmental parliament of governments and NGOs, which gets underway in Barcelona today. The Members' Assembly, the main governing body of IUCN, brings together IUCN's member organizations to debate and establish environmental policy. Members also vote on IUCN's programme of work for the following four years, elect the IUCN President and Council, and manage the business affairs of the Union.

Background The IUCN World Conservation Congress brings together 8,000 leaders from the public sector, government, business and non-governmental organizations for what is the premier summit on sustainable development in 2008. Over 10 days they debate the best ways to tackle environmental and development challenges. They share pragmatic solutions to pressing issues. And they commit to collaborative action.

Key Issues

- **Climate change, rapid loss of biodiversity, food security, health hazards, poverty alleviation** are all issues that the IUCN Congress will put on the table, unlike any other sustainable development event.
- **Innovations and solutions** based on traditional and indigenous knowledge, working alongside the latest technologies and emerging multi-sector partnerships, all presented at IUCN's Congress.
- **Congress is the birthplace of ground-breaking environmental conventions, scientific discoveries and global impact international initiatives.** Be there to see the future unfolding.

Today's featured media events:

09:30-10:00 Press Conference La Generalitat

10:00-11:00 Press Conference Liability for environmental transgressions during armed conflicts – APN

10:30-11:30 Meet the Press Launch of series on values of protected landscapes and seascapes - WCPA

11:00-12:00 Book Launch - QLF/Atlantic Center for the Environment

For a full list of key events at IUCN's World Conservation Congress, please click here:

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Materials for media:

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