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## **The IUCN Programme 2009–2012**

**Action Requested:** The World Conservation Congress is requested to approve the IUCN Programme 2009–2012.

### **Background**

1. The planning process for the new IUCN Programme effectively began in early 2007, when a series of global and regional analyses of socio-economic and environmental trends were initiated to inform the planning process for the development of the new IUCN Programme. These analyses resulted in “An Eye on Nature – A situation analysis for the IUCN Programme 2009-2012”, available at: [http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/iucn\\_situation\\_analysis\\_2009\\_2010.pdf](http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/iucn_situation_analysis_2009_2010.pdf). In addition, a review of lessons learned from the current programme was also undertaken.
2. During the first quarter of 2007, a draft IUCN programme framework was developed in a joint exercise with senior Secretariat staff and Commission focal points, which sets the overall context for the next IUCN Programme along with revised Thematic Programme Areas and Global Results. The planning processes which ensued amongst the Commissions, thematic and regional programmes allowed for extensive review and interaction with members, Commission members and partners so as to enable them to engage directly in the preparation of individual component programmes and the IUCN Programme. Particular emphasis was placed on member consultation and participation within the planning process with more than 1000 members consulted through a variety of mechanisms to ensure the greatest possible involvement of members in all regions in the development of the Programme, including member meetings, interviews, questionnaires and web-based discussion “portals” amongst other approaches.
3. The draft IUCN Programme incorporates input from all of these processes, including that received from the Programme and Policy Committee during the 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> meetings of the IUCN Council.