

**IUCN
WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS
5–14 October 2008, Barcelona, Spain**

**Proposed Amendment to Art. 71(c) of the IUCN Statutes
concerning the Territorial Scope Restriction
on National and Regional Committees**

Proposed to the World Conservation Congress by Council.

Action Requested: The World Conservation Congress is requested to ADOPT the proposed amendment to Art. 71(c) of the Statutes as set forth in the attached table.

1. Art. 71(c) of the Statutes provides in relevant part that “National and Regional Committees ... shall work in partnership with the Secretariat and the Commissions to formulate, coordinate and implement the Programme of IUCN within their State or Region” (underscoring added).
2. Prior to its meeting on 8–9 March 2008, the Governance Task Force of the IUCN Council (GTF) had taken on the task of considering the constraining effects of the territorial limitation under Art. 71(c) on the activities of National and Regional Committees. Such effects appeared to be unduly restrictive (and arguably anachronistic) in light of circumstances and pressures brought about by globalization.
3. At its 8–9 March 2008 meeting, the GTF reviewed a number of options for amending Art. 71(c) aimed at eliminating or reducing the impact of the territorial scope limitation.
4. At the 69th meeting of Council on 10–12 March 2008, the GTF recommended that Council’s amendment proposal for Art. 71(c) to the World Congress delete the territorial limitation phrase “within their State or Region.”
5. Council, at its 69th meeting, adopted the recommendation of the GTF for the amendment of Art. 71(c). Council’s amendment Proposal is set forth in the Table attached hereto.
6. In deciding to propose this amendment for adoption by the World Congress, and as recommended by the GTF, Council “also requested the Membership Committee [of Council], in consultation with the relevant and interested National and Regional Committees, to write a code of conduct describing the normal conduct Committees should respect when working outside of their State or Region and making reference to Regulation 64.”

**PROPOSAL BY THE IUCN COUNCIL TO AMEND
ART. 71(c) OF THE STATUTES OF IUCN
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Current Provisions in the Statutes	Proposed Amendment to Current Provisions in the Statutes	Proposed Final Text of Amended Provisions
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