



# IUCN Oceania

## Membership



IUCN has always been a convener, bringing together members and stakeholders to develop and negotiate solutions to environmental and development challenges. IUCN believes that conservation will succeed where there is capacity to act collectively and where actions are based on best available science. IUCN provides a natural link between civil society and non-government organisations, regional organisations and governments.

Created in 1948, IUCN brings together over 1,000 members, comprising States, Government Agencies and Non-Government Organisations, and some 10,000 scientists and experts from 181 countries in a unique worldwide partnership.

In order to contribute to achieving the Vision and Mission of IUCN, the overall **Goal for IUCN Membership is:** An informed, skilled, connected, engaged and highly influential conservation movement capable of achieving the Vision and Mission of IUCN.

IUCN has been active in the Oceania region for many years through the work of its members, committees and expert Commissions. IUCN membership in the Oceania region is diverse, drawing together States, Government and Non-Government Organisations.

IUCN currently has 43 members in the region, which represents about 4 percent of the global IUCN membership. Australia, New Zealand and Fiji are State members of IUCN, and there are a further 11 government agencies in Australia and New Zea-

land. Non-Government Organisations and Affiliates make up the largest group, with 29 such members across the region. The following table summarises IUCN membership in the region as at September 2009:

	State	Govt Agency	NGO	Affiliate	TOTAL
Australia	1	9	17	—	27
New Zealand	1	2	6	—	9
New Caledonia	—	—	1	1	2
French Polynesia	—	—	1	—	1
Tonga	—	—	1	—	1
Fiji	1	—	2	—	3
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>

### Activities completed

**New members** - 3 new members were admitted to IUCN in the beginning of 2009, all from the Pacific Islands. These are: the Republic of Fiji Islands (State Member (with the Department of Environment, as the contact)), Te Mana o te Moana, French Polynesia (NGO) and Direction de l'environnement de la province Sud, New Caledonia (Affiliate).

Meetings Representatives from the Regional Office have visited members in their respective countries. The visit of IUCN Director General, Julia Marton-Lefevre in June enabled us to meet with approximately 15 Australian members and 7 New Zealand members in Australia and New Zealand respectively. In addition, the following members were welcomed at our Regional Office in Suva: University of the South Pacific, National Trust of Fiji, Australian Network of Environmental Defender's Offices Ltd, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, WWF New Zealand, Tonga Community Development Trust, Direction de l'environnement de la province Sud, New Caledonia and Department of Environment, Fiji.

IUCN Oceania Regional Office staff have attended regional and national committee meetings in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.



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Members meetings have also been facilitated in the above locations and attended by a staff member from the regional office whenever possible.



**Communications** - There has been an improvement in communication between the Oceania Regional Office, members and Commission members. Dissemination of a monthly e-newsletter began in May 2009, which has assisted in the dissemination of information, meeting reports, news and publications amongst all members and stakeholders.

### Activities planned

For the remainder of 2009, involving members and Commission members in the Oceania Programme of Work will be a priority. Recruitment of members and commission members will occur where necessary, in order to achieve regional and global objectives.

A membership mapping exercise that began in 2009 will continue, to gain better understanding of members' expertise and interests and where members can fit into the Oceania Programme.

Visits to the Oceania regional office by members and commission members will continue to be encouraged and Oceania regional staff attendance at members' and committee meetings will be ensured wherever permissible.

To learn more:

Visit: [www.iucn.org/oceania](http://www.iucn.org/oceania) for the latest news on activities or to download publications.

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