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Dear Member,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding implementation of IUCN Resolutions adopted at the 4th World Conservation Congress held in Barcelona in October 2008.

Indeed, Barcelona welcomed unprecedented participation by IUCN Members in conservation's most democratic process with 136 Resolutions and Recommendations adopted and added to the existing body of Resolutions and Recommendations from previous Congresses and General Assemblies. You may be interested to know some of the statistics relating to the Barcelona process and I have appended them to this note. For the full text of Resolutions and Recommendations adopted, please go to IUCN's website at http://www.iucn.org/congress_08/assembly/policy/.

The Resolutions and Recommendations adopted at the World Conservation Congress are an important reflection of today's conservation needs and concerns and represent the interests of the Members. As a reminder, Resolutions are those decisions which require action by the IUCN Council, Commissions or Secretariat and Recommendations are those decisions which require action by third Parties. While we work to track progress as much as we can on all Congress decisions, the focus for Council and the Secretariat is on Resolutions and providing support to enable their implementation. However, I hope you can recognize from the volume of Resolutions now being adopted, that it is extremely challenging to ensure that all Resolutions are fully implemented. Indeed, Resolutions are adopted with a caveat 'within available resources' and in times of economic recession such resources are scarce.

Recognizing that all Resolutions are important and aware of the financial constraints, IUCN's Council has, for the past three intersessional periods, undertaken a prioritization exercise for Resolutions to determine which of these should be given priority for additional fund-raising effort. As an essential first step in this exercise, the adopted Resolutions are reviewed to determine which might already fall within the scope of the adopted IUCN Programme and workplans and are, therefore, already included in planned budgets. In the case of Barcelona, Of the remaining Resolutions, one half of the Resolutions were included in this group and the list of these is also attached to this letter. Of the remaining Resolutions, eleven are related to governance of the Union and will be acted upon jointly by Council and the Secretariat. The remaining Resolutions, including actions and issues outside the scope of the 2009-2012 Programme, would necessarily require additional resources for implementation and were the subject of the prioritization exercise by the IUCN Council. This prioritization has resulted in the following seven Resolutions from Barcelona being adopted as high priority for fund-raising

Resolution number	Title
4.076	Biodiversity conservation and climate change mitigation and adaptation in national policies and strategies
4.035	Strengthening IUCN's work on protected areas
4.016	Development of climate change guidelines for Red List assessments
4.017	Stopping the amphibian crisis
4.019	The World Species Congress
4.034	IUCN's engagement on Antarctica and the Southern Ocean
4.068	Reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD)

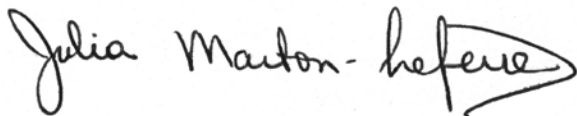
Even if not on the Council's prioritized list for fund-raising, each Resolution and Recommendation adopted will be monitored by the Secretariat, and we will work with Members and Commissions to implement as many of these as possible. Already Council is working with the Secretariat to identify synergies and efficiencies across the Resolutions that may promote implementation of several at the same time.

Many requests for updates on implementation of specific individual Resolutions have been communicated to the Secretariat since Barcelona. I am happy to see the enthusiasm with which Members are following the Resolutions process and we look forward to reporting to you soon on the concrete outputs. For previous Councils, the Secretariat has pledged to provide an annual update on implementation during the 3rd quarter of each year and we will continue to honour that pledge with our first consolidated report to be available for the November 2009 Council meeting and on the web.

In addition, one of the adopted Resolutions, WCC 4.011 "Development of an automated system to record Members' actions on Resolutions and Recommendations to improve reporting at, and between, World Conservation Congresses" mandates the Secretariat to implement an online reporting system so that Members and partners can also contribute to the ongoing update process. I am pleased to report that the Information Management Team in the Secretariat has developed the specifications for such a system and we hope to have it operational by the end of -August of 2009. All Members will be informed in due course of the official launch of the automated system, so you can both contribute information on Resolution implementation as well as search for information about implementation of any specific resolution.

Until the system is up and running, I ask you to please accept my apologies for not being able to respond to all individual requests for updates in the coming few months. Whenever possible, we will try to highlight Resolution implementation as part of all IUCN communications, including web stories and policy papers. If you have any further queries, please contact the Constituency Support Team at membership@iucn.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Marton-Lefèvre". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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Facts and Figures from the Barcelona World Conservation Congress Resolutions Process

Motion Management

Prior to Congress

- 156 Motions received by the statutory deadline and reviewed by the Resolutions working Group
- 19 Motions not accepted for statutory reasons (lack of sufficient sponsors, redundant)
- 12 motions consolidated
- **125 motions forwarded to Congress**

At Congress

- 19 Motions accepted at Congress
- 6 motions adjusted or consolidated with existing motions
- **138 motions voted on**
- 2 Motions not approved
- **136 Total Resolutions (106) and Recommendations (30) approved**

Membership Engagement in the motions process

- **Total Number Of Members Participating In The Motions Process 274**
 - Highest number of motions submitted by main sponsor - 7
 - Highest number of motions submitted by co-sponsor -15
- **Geographic distribution of sponsors (for submitted motions)**

• Europe (West)	95
• Meso & South America	64
• North America & the Caribbean	52
• Africa	15
• Asia (South & East)	14
• Oceania	14
• Asia (West)	12
• Europe (East)	6
- **Language distribution of submitted motions**

• English -	94
• Spanish -	55
• French -	7

Resolutions readily incorporated into existing work plans and budgeting (n=46)	
4.012	IUCN policy and strategy for the management of biodiversity data and information
4.014	Conservation of global plant diversity
4.015	Guidelines regarding research and scientific collecting of threatened species
4.018	Increased participation of scientists from relevant countries in the preparation of the IUCN Red List
4.021	Eradication of the illegal use of poisoned bait as a method for controlling predators in the European Union
4.024	Conservation of the habitat of the Iberian Lynx (<i>Lynx pardinus</i>)
4.025	Avoiding the extinction of the Vaquita Porpoise (<i>Phocoena sinus</i>)
4.027	Relationship between fisheries and great whales
4.028	Action for recovery of the East Atlantic and Mediterranean population of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna
4.029	Conservation and sustainable use of fish in the River Plate Basin
4.030	Promoting transparency to achieve sustainable fisheries
4.033	Arctic legal regime for conservation
4.041	Following up on actions called for by the 2 nd Latin American Congress on Protected Areas and Other Protected Areas (Bariloche, 2007)
4.042	Establishment of a transboundary Peace Park between Honduras and Nicaragua
4.043	Environmental and social suitability of the Initiative for Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America (IIRSA)
4.045	Accelerating progress to establish marine protected areas and creating marine protected area networks
4.046	Artisanal fishing organizations active in the sustainable management of the Mediterranean
4.047	Empowering local communities to conserve and manage natural resources in Africa
4.051	Indigenous rights and protected areas of la Mosquitia in Mesoamerica
4.054	The YASUNI-ITT initiative
4.056	Rights-based approaches to conservation
4.057	Conservation of Pakistan's coastal resources for future generations
4.058	Conservation and poverty reduction
4.059	Promoting wildlife-based land uses in arid and semi-arid regions of Southern Africa
4.061	The Great Ecological Connectivity Corridor: Cantabric Range-Pyrenees-Central Massif-Western Alps
4.062	Enhancing ecological networks and connectivity conservation areas
4.063	The new water culture – Integrated water resources management
4.064	Integrated coastal management in the Mediterranean – the Barcelona Convention
4.065	Freshwater biodiversity conservation, protected areas, and management of transboundary waters
4.066	Improving the governance of the Mediterranean Sea
4.069	Mangrove conservation in Mesoamerica
4.073	Support the building of an ecological vision for the Amazon biome
4.074	Climate change and overexploitation of natural resources in the IUCN Programme
4.075	Climate change mitigation targets and actions for biodiversity conservation
4.081	Equitable access to energy
4.082	Sustainable biomass-based energy
4.084	Mining explorations and exploitations in and near Andean protected areas
4.086	Guiding and improving IUCN's involvement with the private sector
4.087	Impacts of infrastructure and extractive industries on protected areas
4.090	Open-pit metal mining explorations and exploitations in Mesoamerica
4.092	Maintenance of ECOLEX: the gateway to environmental law
4.095	African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

4.098	Intergenerational partnerships: Fostering ethical leadership for a just, sustainable, and peaceful world
4.102	Advancing knowledge management in conservation
4.104	The World Conservation Learning Network: Next Steps
4.106	Vote of thanks to the host country