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Introduction

It is one of the functions of the IUCN Members' Assembly, to determine the dues of members of IUCN and the current dues structure was adopted by the 17th Session of the Members' Assembly (Costa Rica, 1988).

Since then, only one modification has been made to the dues structure and adopted by the Members' Assembly at the 2nd IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman, 2000); namely the addition of dues group "0" to the State membership dues scale. The rationale behind this additional group was to facilitate accession for the Least Developed Countries by reducing the level of the dues.

At the Amman Congress, members requested Council to review the calculation of membership dues, linking them to a recognized published inflation index instead of the pre-defined percentage increase used since the 17th Session of the General Assembly (Costa Rica, 1988). In Bangkok, in 2004, the Members' Assembly approved the proposal of Council to use the Swiss Consumer Price Index (CPI) published annually by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO) to index the membership dues.

For the period 2009-2012, the Membership Unit has introduced two changes in the calculation of the membership dues. While keeping in line with the decisions taken by the Members' Assemblies in Costa Rica and in Thailand, these changes will allow members to know in advance what the amount of their annual dues for the next four years will be.

The Swiss CPI is published in November each year, and consequently, members have been invoiced for the annual membership dues only late in the year, resulting in the impossibility for them to plan for this expenditure in advance. To alleviate this problem the Membership Unit is now using a four-year rolling index allowing the calculation of the dues for 2009-2012:

Membership dues for the year	CPI used	In %
2009	2004 index	0.8
2010	2005 index	1.2
2011	2006 index	1.1
2012	2007 index	0.7

IUCN currently uses the "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations for the period 2007-2009" to establish the 11 State membership dues groups, ranging from "0" to "10." The new "UN scale of assessments for the period 2010-2012" should be adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at the end of 2009. However, in order to be able to publish the membership dues for the following four years IUCN will keep using the "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations for the period 2007-2009" until 2012. From 2013, State membership dues will be adjusted according to the new "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations for the period 2010-2012" for the following four-year period (2013-2016).

For additional information, please contact your nearest Regional or Country Office or the Membership Unit at Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland: membership@iucn.org

Membership Unit
1 December 2008

Categories of Membership

The membership of the IUCN is divided into three categories, as defined in Articles 4 and 5 of the IUCN Statutes. For each category there is a corresponding dues scale.

Category A: (a) States and government agencies;
(b) Political and/or economic integration organizations;

Category B: (c) National non-governmental organizations;
(d) International non-governmental organizations; and

Category C: (e) Affiliates.

Membership dues

Category A (a): States

The membership dues scale for States comprises 11 groups. Please refer to Section 4 - List of Countries at the end of this guide.

Table 1: States

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2009	7,326	14,652	29,309	48,469	74,321	111,479	170,546	233,005	277,812	372,806	466,009
2010	7,414	14,828	29,660	49,050	75,213	112,816	172,592	235,801	281,146	377,279	471,602
2011	7,496	14,991	29,987	49,590	76,040	114,057	174,491	238,395	284,238	381,430	476,789
2012	7,548	15,096	30,196	49,937	76,572	114,856	175,712	240,064	286,228	384,100	480,127

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF).

IUCN has been using the "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" as a basis to establish the State membership dues groups/levels since 1986. However, it is important to note that, in its calculation of a country's State memberships' dues, IUCN does not apply the UN assessment percentages directly. Rather, IUCN elaborates its own sliding scale to form the IUCN dues groups/levels by grouping the different countries according to their percentage contributions to the UN budget. Approved by the 2nd IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman, 2000), the present scale of percentage grouping used to determine the IUCN State membership dues scale of 11 groups, ranging from "0" to 10 as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: IUCN Sliding scale of State members and corresponding UN assessment percentages:

IUCN STATE MEMBERS IN DUES GROUPS:	CORRESPOND TO STATES WITH A UN ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE OF:	UN ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGES:			
0				Less than	0.01%
1		More than	0.01%	up to	0.05%
2		More than	0.05%	up to	0.07%
3		More than	0.07%	up to	0.11%
4		More than	0.11%	up to	0.19%
5		More than	0.19%	up to	0.35%
6		More than	0.35%	up to	0.67%
7		More than	0.67%	up to	1.31%
8		More than	1.31%	up to	2.59%
9		More than	2.59%	up to	5.15%
10		More than	5.15%		

Category A (a): Government Agencies

For a government agency the dues group is the same as that of the State within which it is located.

Government agencies are divided into two groups, i.e. A and B:

Group A: government agencies of a country where the State IS a member of IUCN.

Group B: government agencies of a country where the State IS NOT a member of IUCN.

Dues for government agencies in Groups A and B are shown in Tables 3 and 4 respectively.

Government Agencies Group A:

Table 3: Government agencies Group A

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2009	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	3,345	5,116	6,990	8,337	11,183	13,979
2010	2,258	2,258	2,258	2,258	2,258	3,385	5,177	7,074	8,437	11,317	14,147
2011	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283	3,422	5,234	7,152	8,530	11,441	14,302
2012	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299	3,446	5,271	7,202	8,590	11,522	14,402

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

Membership dues for a government agency where the State IS a member of IUCN are 3% of those of the State rate, except for government agencies of Groups "0" to 3 who pay the rate based on Group 4. For the appropriate dues group of your agency, please refer to Section 4 - List of Countries at the end of this guide.

Government Agencies Group B:

Table 4: Government agencies Group B

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2009	3,663	3,663	7,328	12,117	18,579	27,870	42,635	58,252	69,452	93,203	116,502
2010	3,707	3,707	7,416	12,263	18,802	28,205	43,147	58,951	70,286	94,321	117,900
2011	3,748	3,748	7,498	12,397	19,009	28,515	43,622	59,600	71,059	95,359	119,197
2012	3,774	3,774	7,550	12,484	19,142	28,714	43,927	60,017	71,556	96,026	120,031

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

In a country where the State IS NOT a member of IUCN, the government agency pays 25% of the amount of dues payable by the State if it were a member, except for Group "0" for which the rate of dues is the same as in Group 1. For the appropriate dues group of your agency, please refer to *Section 4 - List of Countries* at the end of this guide.

Category A (b): Political and/or Economic Integration Organizations

The amount of dues payable by Political and/or Economic Integration Organizations is the average amount obtained by adding up the dues payable by each of its State components and dividing it by the number of States constituting the organization concerned.

Categories B (c) and B (d): National and International Non-Governmental Organizations

Dues for national and international NGOs are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: National and International NGOs

Group	Operating expenditure US dollars	Membership dues scale 2009 (CHF)	Membership dues scale 2010 (CHF)	Membership dues scale 2011 (CHF)	Membership dues scale 2012(CHF)
1	up to 100'000	420	425	430	433
2	100'000 to 500'000	673	681	689	694
3	500'000 to 1 M	1,263	1,278	1,292	1,301
4	1 M to 2 M	2,528	2,558	2,587	2,605
5	2 M to 4 M	5,054	5,115	5,171	5,207
6	4 M to 6 M	8,423	8,524	8,618	8,678
7	6 M to 8 M	11,792	11,933	12,064	12,149
8	8 M to 10 M	15,161	15,343	15,512	15,621
9	over 10 M	20,215	20,458	20,683	20,828

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

The dues scale for National and International non-governmental organizations comprises nine different dues groups. Membership dues for National and International NGOs are calculated on based on the organization's operating expenditure. This is defined as the expenditure arising in the course of ordinary activities of the organization and which is considered to be recurrent and annual. Operating expenditure does not include one-time investments and/or major project expenditures such as donor-funded projects. Applicant and/or member organizations are requested to provide appropriate financial information including annual budgets so that the IUCN Secretariat may determine the dues group of an NGO or INGO.

Category C: (e) Affiliates

Dues for affiliate members are shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Affiliates

Group	2009	2010	2011	2012
Affiliates	2,528	2,558	2,587	2,605

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

All affiliate members pay the same rate as indicated above. Affiliate members don't have voting rights at the Congress.

Payment of dues

When do dues become payable?

Membership dues become payable on the first day of each calendar year. Invoices, issued in Swiss Francs, are prepared and dispatched during the last quarter of the preceding year.

How can dues be paid?

Members

Dues shall be paid in Swiss Francs or any other freely convertible currency according to the scales established by the World Conservation Congress. In countries where IUCN is represented by a Regional, Country or Project Office, payment of dues may be made to the IUCN Office in local currency.

Applicant members

A deposit equivalent to the entire current year of membership is payable at the time of submitting the application. However, once the new Member has been admitted, the membership dues for that year are calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues, starting from the month following admission. A pro-rata adjustment will be made at the time of issuing the invoice for the second calendar year of membership. The deposit will be reimbursed in full by IUCN if the application is rejected.

Payments details

Membership dues or deposit payments may be made by cheque to IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (to be remitted to Headquarters or any IUCN Regional or Country Office), by either American Express, Visa, or MasterCard, or by bank transfer to the following bank accounts:

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of Nature and Natural Resources

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CH- 1002 Lausanne
Switzerland

Swift Code: UBSWCHZH80A

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IBAN CH23 0024 3243 3350 3501 W

Account No: 243-335.035.60Y (Dollar - USD)
IBAN CH40 0024 3243 3350 3560 Y

Account No: 243-335.035.61B (Euro - EUR)
IBAN CH95 0024 3243 3350 3561 B

Account No: 243-335.035.64C (British pound - GBP)
IBAN CH19 0024 3243 3350 3564 C

Member number

Each member of IUCN is allocated a number upon admission. Please quote this number when paying your dues, or for any other correspondence. If you do not know your Member's number, please contact membership@iucn.org

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IUCN Dues Groups for State Members

(based on the UN scale of assessments of UN Member States 2007 to 2009)

GROUP "0"

Afghanistan
Albania
Andorra
Angola
Antigua & Barbuda
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia/Herzegovina
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Congo Democratic Republic
Côte d'Ivoire
Djibouti
Dominica
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Fiji
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Holy See
Honduras
Kiribati
Korea (D.P.R.)
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Moldova
Mongolia
Montenegro
Mozambique

Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Rwanda
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
St Kitts & Nevis
St Lucia
St Vincent & the Grenadines
Suriname
Swaziland
Tajikistan
Tanzania
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uganda
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

GROUP 1

Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Botswana
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Costa Rica
Cyprus
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Estonia
Guatemala
Iceland
Iraq
Jamaica
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Latvia
Lebanon
Liechtenstein
Lithuania

Malta
Mauritius
Monaco
Morocco
Nigeria
Panama
Serbia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Ukraine
Uruguay
Viet Nam

GROUP 2

Croatia
Cuba
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Oman
Pakistan
Peru
Philippines
Romania
Slovakia

GROUP 3

Algeria
Colombia
Egypt
Luxembourg
Qatar
Slovenia

GROUP 4

Chile
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Kuwait
Malaysia
Thailand

GROUP 5

Argentina
Czech Republic
Hungary
New Zealand
Singapore
South Africa
United Arab Emirates
Venezuela

GROUP 6

Finland
Greece
India
Ireland
Israel
Poland
Portugal
Turkey

GROUP 7

Austria
Belgium
Brazil
Denmark
Norway
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Sweden

GROUP 8

Australia
Mexico
Korea, Republic of
Netherlands

GROUP 9

Canada
China
Italy
Spain

GROUP 10

France
Germany
Japan
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States

IUCN's mission

“To influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.”

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