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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 including 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 by Council to use the [Swiss Consumer Price Index](#)¹ (CPI) published annually by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office to index the membership dues.

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

Previously, Members were invoiced for the annual membership dues late in the year, after the Swiss CPI was published in November, thus not allowing them to plan for this expenditure ahead of time. To alleviate this problem the Membership Unit now uses a rolling index allowing the publication of the dues in advance for the next four years:

Membership dues for the year	CPI used	In %
2011	2006 index	1.1
2012	2007 index	0.7
2013	2008 index	2.4
2014	2009 index	-0.5
2015	2010 index	0.7

IUCN currently uses the "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" to establish the 11 State membership dues groups, ranging from "0" to "10." The latest "UN scale of assessments for the period 2010-2012" was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at the end of 2009. However, in order to be able to publish the membership dues for four consecutive years, and in advance, IUCN has decided keep using the "[Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations for the period 2007-2009](#)"² until 2012. From 2013, and for the following four-year period (2013-2016), State membership dues have been adjusted (see table 1) according to the new "[Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations for the period 2010-2012](#)"³. Please note that the dues for 2016 will only be calculated at the beginning of 2012, once the 2011 CPI has been published.

For additional information, please contact the [Membership Focal Point](#)⁴ in your region or the Membership Unit at Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland: membership@iucn.org

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¹ <http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/portal/fr/index/themen/05/02/blank/key/jahresdurchschnitte.html>

² <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/RES/61/237>

³ <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/RES/64/248>

⁴ <http://www.iucn.org/about/union/members/contacts/mfp/>

Categories of membership

Membership of IUCN is divided into three categories, as defined in Articles 4 and 5 of the [IUCN Statutes](#)⁵. 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 the list of IUCN dues groups for State Members at the end of this guide.

Table 1: States

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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
2013	7,729	15,458	30,921	51,135	78,410	117,613	179,929	245,826	293,097	393,318	491,650
2014	7,691	15,381	30,766	50,880	78,018	117,024	179,029	244,596	291,632	391,352	489,192
2015	7,744	15,489	30,981	51,236	78,564	117,844	180,283	246,309	293,673	394,091	492,616

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 since 1986. However, it is important to note that, in its calculation of a country’s State membership 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 is shown in Table 2.

Table 2: IUCN sliding scale of State Members and corresponding UN assessment percentages:

IUCN STATE MEMBERS IN DUES GROUPS:	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%		

⁵ http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/statutes_en.pdf

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
2011	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283	3,422	5,234	7,152	8,530	11,441	14,486
2012	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299	3,446	5,271	7,202	8,590	11,522	14,588
2013	2,354	2,354	2,354	2,354	2,354	3,529	5,398	7,375	8,796	11,799	14,938
2014	2,342	2,342	2,342	2,342	2,342	3,511	5,371	7,338	8,752	11,740	14,863
2015	2,359	2,359	2,359	2,359	2,359	3,536	5,408	7,389	8,813	11,822	14,967

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 the list of IUCN dues groups for State Members 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
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
2013	3,865	3,865	7,731	12,784	19,601	29,403	44,981	61,457	73,273	98,331	122,912
2014	3,845	3,845	7,693	12,720	19,503	29,256	44,756	61,150	72,907	97,839	122,297
2015	3,872	3,872	7,746	12,809	19,640	29,461	45,070	61,578	73,417	98,524	123,153

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 the list of IUCN dues groups for State Members 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 non-governmental organizations are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: National and international non-governmental organizations

Group	Operating expenditure US dollars	Membership dues scale 2011 (CHF)	Membership dues scale 2012 (CHF)	Membership dues scale 2013 (CHF)	Membership dues scale 2014 (CHF)	Membership dues scale 2015(CHF)
1	up to 100'000	430	433	443	441	444
2	100'000 to 500'000	689	694	711	707	712
3	500'000 to 1 M	1,292	1,301	1,332	1,326	1335
4	1 M to 2 M	2,587	2,605	2,668	2,654	2673
5	2 M to 4 M	5,171	5,207	5,332	5,305	5342
6	4 M to 6 M	8,618	8,678	8,886	8,842	8904
7	6 M to 8 M	12,064	12,149	12,441	12,378	12465
8	8 M to 10 M	15,512	15,621	15,996	15,916	16027
9	over 10 M	20,683	20,828	21,328	21,221	21370

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 non-governmental organizations are calculated on the basis of 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 expenditure such as donor-funded projects. Applicant and/or Member organizations are requested to provide appropriate financial information including financial reports so that the IUCN Secretariat may determine their dues group.

Category C: (e) Affiliates

Dues for affiliate Members are shown in Table 6.

Table 6: Affiliates

Group	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Affiliates	2,587	2,605	2,667	2,654	2,672

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

All affiliate Members pay the same rate as indicated above. Affiliate Members do not have voting rights at the Congress.

Payment of dues

When do dues become payable?

Invoices, issued in Swiss Francs, are prepared and dispatched during the last quarter of the year for the following year. Membership dues are payable in advance and the payment shall be received by the 1st of January.

How can dues be paid?

Members

Dues shall be paid in Swiss Francs or any other freely convertible currency. 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 account:

Account name: **IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources**

Bank Address: UBS S.A.
Place St. François 16
CH- 1002 Lausanne
Switzerland

Account information: Account No: 243-335.035.01W

IBAN CH23 0024 3243 3350 3501 W

Swift Code: UBSWCHZH80A

Membership identification number

Each Member of IUCN is allocated an identification number upon admission (e.g. ST/25, GA/517, NG/2546). Please quote this number when paying your dues, or for any other correspondence. If you do not know your membership identification number, please contact the [Membership Focal Point](#)⁶ in your region.

⁶ <http://www.iucn.org/about/union/members/contacts/mfp/>

IUCN dues groups for State Members (2009-2012)

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

GROUP "0"

Afghanistan
Albania
Andorra
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Dominica
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Fiji
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Kiribati
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Mongolia
Montenegro
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia

Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Republic of Moldova
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Suriname
Swaziland
Tajikistan
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
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
Iraq
South Africa
United Arab Emirates
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

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
Republic of Korea
Netherlands

GROUP 9

Canada
China
Italy
Spain

GROUP 10

France
Germany
Japan
Switzerland
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States

IUCN dues groups for State Members (2013-2016)

(based on the UN scale of assessments of UN Member States 2010 to 2012)

GROUP "0"

Afghanistan
Andorra
Antigua and Barbuda
Armenia
Barbados
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Dominica
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Fiji
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Kiribati
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Mongolia
Montenegro
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay

Republic of Moldova
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Suriname
Swaziland
Tajikistan
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Vanuatu
Zambia
Zimbabwe

GROUP 1

Albania
Angola
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Cameroon
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cyprus
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Estonia
Gabon
Guatemala
Iceland
Iraq
Jamaica
Jordan
Kenya
Latvia
Lebanon
Liechtenstein
Malta
Mauritius
Monaco

Panama
Serbia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Syrian Arab Republic
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkmenistan
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Viet Nam
Yemen

GROUP 2

Lithuania
Morocco

GROUP 3

Croatia
Cuba
Egypt
Kazakhstan
Luxembourg
Nigeria
Oman
Pakistan
Peru
Philippines
Slovenia
Ukraine

GROUP 4

Algeria
Colombia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Qatar
Romania
Slovakia

GROUP 5

Argentina
Chile
Czech Republic
Hungary
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Kuwait
Malaysia
New Zealand
Singapore
Thailand
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

GROUP 6

Finland
India
Ireland
Israel
Portugal
South Africa
Turkey
United Arab Emirates

GROUP 7

Austria
Belgium
Denmark
Greece
Norway
Poland
Saudi Arabia
Sweden

GROUP 8

Australia
Brazil
Mexico
Netherlands
Republic of Korea
Russian Federation

GROUP 9

Canada
China
Italy
Spain

GROUP 10

France
Germany
Japan
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