

# Secure nature, secure food, secure water

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**THE LATEST** The link between biodiversity, water and food security is important to recognize, as humans consume more than 7,000 different species of plants and animals. In the drive to address food security, there is a lack of understanding among policy makers. Wild sources of food form an integral part of people's diets, especially the more than 70% living in less developed rural areas. Loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystems undermines health, livelihoods, food production, and the availability of clean water—what grows in the wild is just as important as what grows on farms.

**BACKGROUND** IUCN's World Conservation Congress is the world's largest and most important conservation event, as well as the birthplace of ground-breaking environmental conventions, scientific discoveries and global initiatives. This year, around 8,000 delegates—including government leaders, NGOs and top professionals from all regions with on-the-ground expertise—are attending Congress. New insights and key agreements on how to manage our natural environment are coming to life.

## **Key Issues**

- **Nature+ is about boosting natural resilience.**
- **Conservation works.**
- **Nature provides solutions to climate change adaptation.**

## **Today's media highlights:**

09H00-09H30 Press Conf IUCN

10H00-10H30 Press Conf Launch of Aichi Case Studies - WBCSD

10H30-11H00 Press Conf Landscape and Livelihoods Five Year Results – IUCN Forests

11H00-11H30 Press Conf Launch: Corporation 2020: Transforming Business for Tomorrow's World

12H00-12H30 Press Conf Is there a future for tuna? Pew Foundation

12H00-13H00 Meet the Press 50 years of IUCN cooperation with European Council – IUCN Europe

12H30-13H00 Press Conf When is a Marine Protected Area Really a Marine Protected Area – IUCN Marine

14H30-15H30 Meet the Press World Leaders Dialogues – Michael Mack, CEO, Syngenta, Valli Moosa, Former Environment and Tourism Minister South Africa and former IUCN President, Camilla Toulmin, Director, International Institute for Environment and Development

16H30-17H00 Press Conf Business solutions based on scientific analysis - WBCSD

17H30-18H00 Meet the Press Global Environment Facility

**For a full list of key events** at IUCN's World Conservation Congress, please click here:

[http://events.iucn.org/wcc2012/official\\_programme](http://events.iucn.org/wcc2012/official_programme)

## **Materials for media:**

- IUCN World Conservation Congress website: [www.iucn.org/congress](http://www.iucn.org/congress)
- A dedicated web portal with features, news, audio, video and photos for media to download: [http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/news\\_press/press/](http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/news_press/press/)
- Videos of Congress themes:
  - Nature+ climate: <http://youtu.be/eBUcME6p8P0>
  - Nature+ development: <http://youtu.be/JUIB5KDA5tU>
  - Nature+ food: <http://youtu.be/npCJCwY9qLw>
  - Nature+ life: <http://youtu.be/a88WNJDGJOg>
  - Nature+ people and governance: <http://youtu.be/dutAs65Wb3Y>
- Photos for download: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/iucnweb/sets/72157627514768600/show/>

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