



IUCN, INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

## THE TREASURER OF IUCN ELECTION, ROLE AND FUNCTION

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### 1. Election

The Treasurer of IUCN is elected by the World Conservation Congress. Regulation 32 provides the following guidance:

"Not more than two nominations for President and for Treasurer shall be made by the Council after considering the proposals made by members in Categories A and B."

### 2. Term of Office

The term of office of the Treasurer extends from the close of the World Conservation Congress at which the Treasurer is elected to the close of the next ordinary session of the Congress.<sup>1</sup> (Statutes, Article 41)

The Treasurer, as well as any other member of the Council, shall not hold the same office consecutively for more than two full terms. (Statutes, Article 42)

### 3. Responsibilities of the Treasurer

- (a) To contribute to the overall work of the Council in ensuring the efficient governance of the Union in between sessions of the World Conservation Congress.
- (b) To submit to each ordinary session of the World Conservation Congress, a report, prepared together with the Director General, on the consolidated accounts of IUCN for the intersessional period, together with the auditors' reports for the relevant years.
- (c) To review and provide comments to the World Conservation Congress on the IUCN Programme for the next intersessional period together with the related estimates of income and expenditure.
- (d) To maintain an overview, on behalf of the IUCN Council, of the financial situation of the Union in between sessions of the World Conservation Congress and to approve for submission to Council, any adjustments to the approved intersessional financial plan.
- (e) To advise the Director General, as appropriate, on financial matters relating to the implementation of the IUCN Programme and on fundraising in general.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 24 of the Statutes provides that the World Congress shall meet in ordinary session every fourth year and therefore the duration of the term of office is approximately four years.

4. Qualifications

The IUCN Council has agreed on the following criteria to guide the Council Nominations Committee:

The IUCN Treasurer should:

- (i) have impeccable financial management credentials
- (ii) be knowledgeable about international organizations
- (iii) be knowledgeable about Swiss financial practices and preferably be based in Switzerland
- (iv) have time available to devote to the Union and overseeing its financial management
- (v) have investment expertise
- (vi) be able to help with fundraising
- (vii) have the capacity to work in English and if possible, at least one of the other official languages of IUCN

Gender equity should be taken into consideration in presenting candidates

5. Expenses

The position of Treasurer of IUCN is a voluntary position. However, IUCN covers the cost of travel and subsistence for meetings of the Council and any expenses incurred in the execution of the Treasurer's duties for the Union, in accordance with the standards approved for Councillors.

6. Additional Reference Material

The IUCN Council Handbook and Performance Tools prepared and approved by Council, provide guidance on the role and responsibilities of Council, the composition and structure of Council and the role of the President, Vice Presidents and the Director General. Prospective candidates are invited to consult the [IUCN Council Handbook](#), the [Code of Conduct for IUCN Councillors](#) as well as the [IUCN Statutes and Regulations](#).