



**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE**  
83<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau of the IUCN Council  
Teleconference, March 2020

**DECISIONS**

**Postponement of the IUCN Congress**

Decision B83/I

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,  
**Recommends** to Council to approve the following decision:

The IUCN Council,  
*On the recommendation of* the Bureau to postpone the Congress in consideration of the rapidly evolving crisis caused by Covid-19, and its impact on the organisation of the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 scheduled for 11-19 June 2020,  
**Requests** the Secretariat to:

1. discuss with the French Government to postpone the IUCN Congress until a later date that will allow all IUCN Members and partners to participate;
2. report back to the President and the Chair of CPC in order to agree the text of a joint communication by IUCN and the French Government about the postponement;
3. report the results to the Congress Preparatory Committee which shall make a recommendation to Council of a new date and other aspects of holding the Congress at a later date.