



**108th Meeting of the IUCN Council, Part I, virtual
29 November 2022¹**

DECISIONS

Dec. #	Council Decision
Agenda (Agenda Item 1)	
C108/1	The IUCN Council, <u>Adopts</u> the Agenda for its 108 th Meeting. (Annex 1)
Council’s strategic priorities and objectives 2022-25 – Implementation of Resolutions requiring action from the IUCN Council (Agenda Item 2)	
2021 Congress Resolution 123 on synthetic biology (Agenda Item 2.3.1)	
C108/2	The IUCN Council, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Approves</u> the Terms of Reference and Process for implementation of 2021 Congress Resolution 123 “Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation” taking into account developments in relevant international agreements; (Annex 2) 2. <u>Endorses</u> the request for financial support sent out by the Director General to IUCN Government Members that cast a vote on Resolution 123 at the World Conservation Congress in Marseille, September 2021, and to philanthropic foundations.
Impact of armed conflict on nature (Agenda Item 2.3.3)	
C108/3	The IUCN Council, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Decides</u> to add to the agenda of the 108th Council meeting to be held in person in January 2023, an in-depth discussion on the topic of the impact of armed conflict on biodiversity, and, in preparation of this discussion: 2. <u>Requests</u> all Commissions to inform Council on relevant activities they have undertaken / are undertaking in this respect; 3. <u>Requests</u> WCEL to include in its overview of work to protect the environment during armed conflict, the definition of “armed conflict”, as well as the actions it intends to undertake to strengthen international law and the respect for it, engaging with competent international bodies such as the UN and the International Law Commission; 4. <u>Requests</u> the Secretariat to present the report requested by the Bureau (6th meeting, June 2022); and 5. <u>Requests</u> PPC to propose, in cooperation with the Secretariat, a structure for the discussion during the Council meeting in January 2023.

¹ The 108th Council meeting has been organized in two parts: a virtual meeting held on 29 November 2022, at which selected topics of the agenda were discussed, and an *in person* meeting to be held on 17, 18 and 19 January 2023 in Abu Dhabi, UAE at which the discussion of remaining topics on the agenda will be completed.

IUCN Work plan and Budget 2023 (Agenda Item 3)	
C108/4	<p>The IUCN Council,</p> <p><u>Requests</u> the Director General to revise the Draft 2023 Work Plan and Budget taking into account the comments from Council members and IUCN Members, and discussions with Standing Committee Chairs, in time to present it to Part II of the 108th Council meeting to be held in person in January 2023;</p> <p><u>Decides</u> to grant its provisional approval of expenditure authority to the Director General for the first month of 2023 not exceeding 1/12 of the submitted budget.</p>
Constituency Issues (Agenda Item 4)	
Membership applications (Agenda Item 4.1)	
C108/5	<p>The IUCN Council,</p> <p><i>On the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC),</i></p> <p><u>Approves</u> the admission of 13 Members (Annex 3); and</p> <p><u>Defers</u> its consideration of the application from The British Association for Shooting & Conservation pending a recommendation from GCC following receipt of additional information on the applicant's activities.</p>
Applications for change of membership category and notifications about Member States and name changes of IUCN Members (Agenda Item 4.2)	
C108/6	<p>The IUCN Council,</p> <p><i>On the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC);</i></p> <p><u>Notes</u> with deep concern the increasing number of IUCN Members that are requesting to change their membership category to Affiliate as a result of the new Membership dues;</p> <p><u>Approves</u> the request from three IUCN Members to change their membership category; (Annex 4)</p> <p><u>Takes note</u> of the name changes of five current IUCN Members (Annex 4); and</p> <p><u>Takes note</u> of the notification related to the membership of two States. (Annex 4)</p>
In camera session of the Council (Agenda Item 5)	
Legal Adviser's evaluation process (Agenda Item 5.1)	
C108/7	<p>The IUCN Council,</p> <p><i>On the recommendation of the Bureau of the IUCN Council further to Council decision C107/21 (May 2022),</i></p> <p><u>Approves</u> the process and form for the annual performance evaluation of the Legal Adviser (Annex 5);</p> <p><u>Decides</u> that the President, the two Vice-Presidents part of the Bureau at the time of the assessment, the Chair of GCC, the Chair of FAC and the Councillor from Switzerland shall constitute the Legal Adviser's evaluation committee; and</p>

	<u>Decides</u> that the Legal Adviser's evaluation process be included in the Council Handbook.
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30.11.2022



108th Meeting of the IUCN Council¹

Part I, by conference call, on 29 November 2022, and
Part II, in person, in Abu Dhabi (UAE) on 17, 18 and 19 January 2023

Agenda

(Approved by the Council during C108 Part I on 29 November 2022)

Part I, virtual
29 November 2022 at 11.00 AM UTC
<p>Agenda Item 1: Introduction by the President and agenda of the 108th Council meeting FOR DECISION</p> <p><i>The draft C108 agenda comprises the agendas of both the virtual meeting (Part I) and the in person meeting (Part II). As required by Council's Transparency Policy, the draft agenda was distributed to IUCN Members on 8 November 2022 together with the Draft IUCN work plan and budget 2023. Comments from IUCN Members received by 27 November will be compiled in document C108/1/2 and made available to Council on 28 November together with a recommendation from the Secretariat on the comments received. (Comments from PPC and FAC on the draft Work Plan and Budget 2023 will be shared with Council as part of the Outcomes of PPC8 and FAC7)</i></p> <p><u>Documents:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C108/1/1 Draft Agenda of the 108th meeting of the IUCN Council • C108/1/2 Comments from IUCN Members on the Draft Agenda of C108 and on the 2023 Work Plan and Budget
<p>Agenda Item 2: Council's strategic priorities and objectives 2022-25</p> <p><i>Selected topics from Council's priorities and objectives 2022-25 (Council decision C/IV - Annex) that require discussion or decision at the virtual meeting.</i></p> <p>2.1 Overview of progress FOR INFORMATION</p> <p><i>By the President and Vice Presidents. Purpose is to provide a high level overview of the progress with each priority, indicating what will be tabled for discussion/decision at C108.</i></p> <p>2.2 Strategic Vision FOR INFORMATION</p> <p><i>Update by the Director General on progress incl. preparations for the first meeting of the Intersessional Council Working Group which will constitute the project's Steering Committee in terms of Council decision C107/16, and for the discussion at Council in Abu Dhabi.</i></p> <p>2.3 Implementation of Resolutions:</p> <p><i>The Council's priority is to ensure implementation of Resolutions and Decisions requiring action by Council. The present draft agenda features Resolutions / Decisions requiring action from Council that are ready for discussion and/or decision at this Council meeting. Other Resolutions / Decisions will be prepared for discussion / decision at the next Council meeting(s). Agenda item 8.2 - for discussion in C108 Part II in January - includes the Secretariat's annual report on the status of the implementation of <u>all Resolutions / Recommendations of the 2021 Congress</u>, which the PPC is invited to review in accordance with its ToR.</i></p> <p>2.3.1 The 2021 Congress Resolution 123 on synthetic biology FOR DECISION</p>

¹ The 108th Council meeting will be held in two parts: Part I virtually on 29 November 2022 with the purpose of enabling a first discussion of topics of strategic importance (to be continued during the in person Council meeting) or to take decisions on issues that are time sensitive; Part II in person in Abu Dhabi, UAE on 17, 18 and 19 January 2023.

Proposal of a plan for the implementation of RES 123 and the ToR of the bodies involved, prepared by the PPC's Task Force chaired by Bibiana Sucre and reviewed by PPC6 on 5 September 2022 and PPC8 on 7 November 2022.

Documents:

- C108/2.3.1/1 IUCN synbio policy development - Process and ToR
- C108/3/2 Outcomes of PPC8 (7 November 2022) with recommendations

2.3.2 The 2021 Congress decision 148 - Update on the work of the Advisory Group for the Revision of the Statutes - FOR DISCUSSION

By the Chair of the Advisory Group for the revision of the IUCN Statutes. Recommendations from GCC.

Documents:

- C108/2.3.2/1 Progress report of the Advisory Group to GCC
- C108/4/3 Outcomes of GCC6 with recommendations

2.3.3 Impact of armed conflict on nature FOR DECISION

Discussion / decision on a proposal to add the topic of the Impact of armed conflict on nature to the agenda of C108 Part II in January and actions required to prepare a productive in-depth discussion. This will include follow-up to Bureau decision B6/4 (June 2022) on Ukraine.

Documents:

- C108/2.3.3/1 Letter National Committee UK 27 October 2022

2.3.4 Update on progress with other Resolutions requiring action from Council FOR INFORMATION

By the Chair of PPC (follow-up to Council decision C107/11).

Agenda Item 3: IUCN Work plan and Budget 2023 FOR DECISION

Short presentation by the Director General on the 2023 Work Plan and Budget, incl. required resources for Secretariat support to Council Priorities not covered by the draft budget (Bureau decision B7/2), followed by remarks by the Chairs of PPC and FAC, and the Treasurer, discussion, final remarks by the Director General, and decision.

Documents:

- C108/3/1 IUCN Work Plan and Budget 2023 (Initial version distributed 28 Oct 2022)
- C108/3/1 rev IUCN Work Plan and Budget 2023 (revised following comments from PPC and FAC and distributed on 15 November 2022)
- C108/3/2 Outcomes of PPC8 (7 November 2022) with recommendations (and comments from PPC members on the 2023 work plan and budget)
- C108/3/3 Outcomes of FAC7 (11 November 2022) with recommendations

Agenda Item 4: Constituency Issues FOR DECISION

Recommendations from the Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC6 held on 1 November 2022) on:

4.1 Membership applications

4.2 Applications for change of membership category and notifications about Member States and name changes of IUCN Members

Documents:

- C108/4/1 Membership applications
- C108/4/2 Change of category or name of IUCN Members and notification about State Members
- C108/4/3 Outcomes of GCC6 with recommendations

Agenda Item 5: *In camera* session of the Council

5.1 Legal Adviser's evaluation process FOR DECISION

Consideration of the Bureau's recommendation for a process and form for the evaluation of the Legal Adviser.

Documents:

- C108/5.1/1 Legal Adviser's Performance Assessment Questionnaire / evaluation process recommended by the Bureau

Part II, in person, Abu Dhabi

Tuesday 17 January 2023

Meetings of the standing committees of the IUCN Council (PPC, FAC and GCC)

Wednesday 18 January 2023

Agenda Item 2 (continued): Council's strategic priorities & objectives 2022-25

2.1 Overview of progress (continued) FOR INFORMATION

By the President and Vice Presidents.

2.2 Strategic Vision (continued) FOR DISCUSSION

Progress report by the Director General and input from the first meeting of the Intersessional Council Working Group / Steering Committee.

2.3 Implementation of Resolutions (continued):

2.3.2 The 2021 Congress Decision 148 - Enabling effective attendance and participation of Members in future sessions of the Congress (continued) FOR DISCUSSION

Progress report by the Chair of the Advisory Group for the Review of the IUCN Statutes followed by discussion of the Advisory Group's directions for its continued work preparing draft amendments to the Statutes to make the Congress a hybrid event.

2.3.5 The 2021 Congress Resolution 110 - Climate Crisis Commission FOR DECISION

Pursuant to [Council decision C107/2](#), the Interim Chair and Interim Steering Committee will prepare Terms of Reference of the Climate Crisis Commission for Council's consideration. The Interim Chair may also wish to update Council on, or present his proposals to Council in follow-up to [Council decision C/III on the membership of the Interim Steering Committee](#), adopted by email ballot of Council on 14 October 2022.

Documents: (Draft ToR expected for 30 December 2022)

2.3.6 The impact of armed conflict on biodiversity FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

2.4 Implementation of the Council Response to 2019 Governance External Review FOR DECISION

The Director General will present his proposal for a number of action points on the remaining parts of the Council Response which the Council 2016-21 referred to the present Council. Council decides at C108 or the next Council meeting which elements of the Council Response to implement, how and when, based on recommendations from GCC.

Documents: (document expected for 30 December 2022)

2.5 International Positioning FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion on the outcomes of the 2022 COPs (RAMSAR, UNFCCC, CITES and CBD) in terms of improving IUCN's influence and mobilization of all of its constituents, and of securing high ambition conservation goals (desired impact by 2025 of Council Priority 5) by way of input for the development

of a strategy for enhanced policy engagement and advocacy requested by Council decision C107/17 (May 2022). This agenda item may include recommendations from PPC on modifications to IUCN's procedures in order to achieve agreed upon IUCN policy positions (as directed by the Congress), as requested by Council decision C107/17.

Agenda Item 3 (continued): IUCN Work plan and Budget 2023 FOR DECISION

Continuation of the discussion based on a revised draft Work Plan and Budget as requested by Council decision C108/4 (29 November 2022).

Documents: (revised Work Plan and Budget 2023 expected for 30 December 2022)

Agenda Item 4 (continued): Constituency Issues FOR DECISION

4.3 Membership dues

Report with recommendations from the Council's Working Group on membership dues, and recommendations from GCC and FAC.

Documents: (report of the Working Group on membership dues and recommendations GCC and FAC expected in time to enable Council members to read these documents ahead of the Council meeting 17-19 January 2023)

4.4 Membership applications

Consideration of 11 new membership applications, submitted by the deadline of 30 September 2022, taking into account the recommendations of GCC.

Thursday 19 January 2023

Agenda Item 5: *In camera* session of the Council (continued)

5.2 Amendments to the Regulations concerning the function of the Legal Adviser (Follow-up to [Council decision C107/21](#))

5.3 Update on the DG evaluation

5.4 Any other issues that arise

Agenda Item 6: Director General's Update FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The Director General will present an update on his work for the period since the 107th Council meeting (May 2022).²

Agenda Item 7: Strategy on Knowledge Products and Strategy for the IUCN Academy - Follow-up to the decision of the Extraordinary Council meeting of 28 September 2022 FOR DECISION

Proposals from the Director General in response to the [decision of the Extraordinary Council meeting](#).

Documents: (expected for 30 December 2022)

Agenda Item 8: Reports with recommendations from the Council's Standing Committees FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

Under this agenda item, the committees will present topics for information, discussion and/or decision of Council that have not yet been covered by Council under previous agenda items.

8.1 Finance and Audit Committee (FAC)

² The DG will present his annual report to Council at C109 (May 2022) on the results on the DG's strategic objectives approved by the Bureau in July 2022 ([decision B6/2](#)), together with his proposal for the DG's strategic objectives 2023. At the same time, the DG will present to Council the *IUCN 2022 Annual Report* before the publication is issued.

8.2 Programme and Policy Committee (PPC)

This will include but not be limited to:

- recommendations from the Private Sector Task Force on possible IUCN engagement with TotalEnergies (follow-up to Council [decision C107/23](#))
- the IUCN Operational Framework for engagement with the Extractives Sector (follow-up to [Bureau decision B7/4](#))
- recommendations from the Conservation and Human Rights Task Force
- the Secretariat's annual report on evaluations
- the Secretariat's annual Report on the status of the implementation of 2021 Congress Resolutions & Recommendations

Documents:

- C108/8.2/1 Evaluation Update November 2022 – Report to Council
- C108/8.2/2 Progress in the implementation of Resolutions & Recommendations adopted by the 2021 Congress

8.3 Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC)**Agenda Item 9: Work Plans of the IUCN Commissions**

The Commissions submit to Council for approval their annual/4-year work plans as required by the [Statutes and Regulations](#), and the Planning and Reporting Framework ([Council Handbook Annex 2](#)) which will be the basis for the Commissions reports to Council. The PPC may present recommendations to Council on the work plans in accordance with its ToR.

Documents: (expected for 30 December 2022)

Agenda Item 10: Any other business**Closing remarks by the President**

Process for the implementation of WCC 2020 Res 123 “Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation”
(<https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/49795>)

This document should be read in conjunction with the Terms of Reference of the different bodies engaged in the discussion and drafting of the policy, see Annex.

IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Res 123 Working Group

The Programme and Policy Committee of the IUCN Council has established a Working Group to ensure delivery of the draft “IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation”, for consideration for adoption by the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress, according to the mandate provided in IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123. This working group will track the implementation of the process described in this document and make recommendations to the IUCN Council on the actions required. The Terms of Reference of this group are included in the Annex.

Inclusive process

A team of Trainers, supported by the Secretariat and with oversight from the IUCN Council; Programme and Policy Committee Res 123 Working Group will develop a briefing document, in order to explain to a broad range of IUCN Members and their respective memberships what synthetic biology is, and why its implications for nature conservation require an inclusive debate. This briefing should recall the process on the topics so far within the context of IUCN, and draw extensively from the IUCN report “Genetic Frontiers in Conservation” (<https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48409>).

Discussions among IUCN structures

IUCN Council will invite IUCN National, Regional and Interregional Committees, Regional Conservation Fora, and Commissions to carry out inclusive discussions among their constituencies on the development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology, as per Annex I of [WCC-2020-Res-123](#). These inclusive discussions should aim at engaging a diverse constituency across regions, gender, age and knowledge systems.

This inclusive process should include, where possible, identification of questions about areas in which there are significant uncertainties and unknowns, as well as, where possible, participatory and anticipatory technology assessment, including community-led foresight and participatory action research.

To facilitate this inclusive process, a team of Facilitators will produce a brief guidance document with recommendations about achieving inclusive and participatory engagement across the constituency, how to cover the topics mentioned in the resolution, and a template to receive appropriate reporting of discussions and summaries of the collected inputs. These reports will be inputs into the drafting and deliberation process of the policy.

Citizens’ Assembly

One of the elements in the inclusive discussion process will be the establishment of a Citizens' Assembly to ensure a voice for the "silent majority" of the IUCN Membership that is not necessarily yet familiar and has not typically been engaged in the topic of synthetic biology.

A minimum of 16 IUCN Member institutions will be randomly selected (using an algorithm for which the code is publicly available), using a stratification across a) the Union's eight statutory regions, to ensure balanced geographic participation, and b) IUCN's two voting houses: governments (including States, Government Agencies, and Sub-National Governments), and civil society organisations (including Indigenous Peoples' Organisations, National Non-Governmental Organisations, and International National Non-Governmental Organisations), ensuring half of the institutions are from governments and half from civil society organisations.

The randomly selected Member institutions will be asked to put forward two different individual nominees to serve in the Citizens' Assembly, with consideration for contributing to the overall diversity of the group, especially considering gender, youth and ethnicity. One individual per organisation will be selected by the IUCN Council Programme and Policy Res 123 Working Group, to maximize diversity in the overall group. Fluency in either English or French or Spanish, the three official languages of IUCN, is required; whispering translations will be provided by the IUCN Secretariat to assist any citizens' assembly members requiring this.

The Citizens' Assembly will be first convened to participate in a training, responsive to needs expressed by members of the Citizens' Assembly, so that participants share a common understanding on the topic of synthetic biology and its interactions with and implications for nature conservation, as well as on the process to develop an IUCN policy. Training materials will also be made available across the IUCN constituency, to support the inclusive process overall.

A second convening of the Citizens' Assembly will be held to deliberate and produce a summary and recommendations to be taken into consideration by the Policy Development Working Group in the drafting of the IUCN policy. Further convening may be undertaken in-person or electronically as needed.

Trainers and Facilitators

The Trainers and Facilitators of the Citizens' Assembly would be selected from among respected scientific institutions (e.g. national academies of natural and social science), through the IUCN procurement process, to ensure transparency, as well as minimising any actual or perceived conflicts of interest over the topic.

Appointment of the Policy Development Working Group

The Policy Development Working Group will be in charge of drafting the "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation", its terms of reference are included in the Annex.

IUCN Council will send out a call for nominations to all IUCN Members and Commission members, with sufficient information about the process and terms of reference for this group. The call for nominations will be open for at least one month. The call for nominations will request brief information on the nominees, specifically contact information, brief biography, expertise on the topic, region of origin, gender, age, ethnicity, as well as their CV, statement of interest and confirmation of willingness to serve in a personal capacity, commitment to the time dedication required, willingness to engage in a respectful and inclusive way to the different perspectives on the topic and declaration of any potential conflicts of interest. Fluency in either English or French or Spanish, the three official languages of IUCN, is required; whispering translations will be provided by the IUCN Secretariat to assist any working group members requiring this.

The call for nominations will also request that nominees state if they would be willing to be considered for the position of Chair or Co-Chair of the Working Group, including the terms of reference for this/these position(s).

The IUCN President will appoint a preliminary list of sixteen participants for the Working Group (using criteria in Res 123), including a Chair or Co-Chairs, and send out to IUCN Members the list of names and brief biographies. IUCN Members will have one month to send feedback to the IUCN President about its overall composition.

The IUCN President will appoint and announce the final list of participants of the Working Group and its Chair or Co-Chairs no more than two months after the deadline to receive feedback from IUCN Members.

Drafting and review of the policy

The drafting of the policy will be led by the Policy Development Working Group, taking into account the inputs from the inclusive discussion process, especially the reports from the discussions carried out by the different IUCN structures, and the deliberations and recommendations from the Citizens' Assembly, as well as the guiding criteria listed in Res 123, and the IUCN report Genetic Frontiers in Conservation: Assessment of Synthetic Biology and Biodiversity Conservation, as well as on other relevant sources of information.

The drafting and review process to be followed is described in Res 123. The Policy Development Working Group will meet in person three times, to prepare the first, second and third drafts of the policy, as well as will also work online via email and virtual meetings. In person meetings will have the support of the professional Facilitators hired and mentioned above.

The first and second drafts will be open to receive comments by IUCN Members during at least one month each. The third draft of the IUCN policy on synthetic biology will be submitted to the IUCN Council, which will transmit it, through a motion, to the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress for debate and potential adoption by IUCN Members.

Conflict resolution

If unconstructive conflicts should arise among participants of this process that halt progress in the inclusive discussions and drafting of the policy, IUCN Council will mediate to seek a resolution, having the capacity to remove and replace the parties involved if necessary.

Resources required to implement this process

The implementation of Res 123 following the process described in this document is conditioned by the availability of resources to cover costs such as travel, contracts for the Facilitators and Trainers, honoraria of participants of the Citizens' Assembly, Secretariat staff time dedication, document production and communication, among others.

IUCN Secretariat is commissioned to fundraise to cover these costs from philanthropic organisations and governments minimising any actual or perceived conflicts of interest over the topic.

**Terms of Reference for bodies involved in implementation of WCC 2020 Res 123
“Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature
conservation” (<https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/49795>)**

This document provides Terms of Reference for the seven different bodies involved in implementation of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123 “Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation”, namely, i) IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Res 123 Working Group members, ii) Policy Development Working Group members, iii) Policy development working group chair/co-chairs, iv) Citizens’ assembly members, v) Trainers, vi) Facilitators, vii) IUCN Secretariat support.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Process for the implementation of WCC 2020 Res 123.

IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Res 123 Working Group members

Composition: Three members appointed by the IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee – Bibiana Sucre (Chair), Hilde Eggermont, Peter Cochrane.

Objective: Ensure delivery of the draft “IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation”, for consideration for adoption by the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress, according to the mandate provided in IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123.

Specific roles: 1) Comment and sign off on proposal for resource mobilisation in support of implementation of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123; 2) Provide oversight regarding the procedures and timeline for implementation of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123 as well as on the roles and articulation of the different bodies engaged in the process; 3) Advise the IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee and hence IUCN Council and IUCN President herself, specifically, on the appointment of nominees to the Policy Development Working Group, further to operative clause 2 of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123; 4) Advise the IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee and hence IUCN Council itself on the drafting and participatory discussion and review process for the policy, further to operative clause 1 and 3 of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123; 5) Provide assurance as to the stratified random selection of IUCN Members for participation in the citizens’ assembly; 6) Provide advice for the selection of the Trainers and Facilitators; 7) Provide an observer to the meetings of the Policy Development Working Group and of the citizens’ assembly; 8) Lead the development and submission of a Council motion to transmit the draft “IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation” for consideration for adoption by the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress; 9) Support deliberation of draft “IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation” at 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Mode of operation: 1) Regular 1-hr meeting (once / week); 2) Address ongoing issues by email as needed.

Policy Development Working Group members

Composition: Sixteen members, appointed in a balanced way by the IUCN President on the basis of the process established in operative clause 2 of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123. It is anticipated that Policy Development Working Group members are likely, although not required, to have relevant expertise or interest in synthetic biology. Fluency in either English or French or Spanish, the three official languages of IUCN, is required; whispering

translations will be provided by the IUCN Secretariat to assist any citizens' assembly members requiring this.

Objective: Draft the "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation".

Specific roles: 1) Produce the first draft of the "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation", drawing on, inter alia, the recommendations and deliberations of the citizens' assembly, summary reports from other elements of the inclusive discussion processes carried out by the different IUCN structures, the guiding criteria listed in Annex section II and previous IUCN Resolutions, and the IUCN report "Genetic Frontiers in Conservation" (<https://portals.iucn.org/library/node/48409>); 2) Produce a second draft of the IUCN policy, taking into account the comments received from the IUCN constituency on the first draft, and document how each comment was addressed; 3) Produce a third draft of the IUCN policy, taking into account the comments received from the IUCN constituency on the second draft, and document how each comment was addressed; 4) Serve as resource people for the deliberations of draft "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation" at the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Mode of operation: 1) Three in-person meetings, to produce respectively first, second, and third drafts of "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation", and responses to comments on first and second drafts; 2) Address ongoing issues by email or electronic meetings as needed; 3) Attend the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Policy Development Working Group Chair/Co-chairs

Composition: One or two individuals, selected from among the Policy Development Working Group members by the IUCN President.

Objective: To provide leadership to the Policy Development Working Group in the process of drafting the "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation".

Specific roles: 1) Chair the first, second, and third meetings of the Policy Development Working Group, and any electronic meetings or email discussions of the working group needed; 2) Promote respectful engagement among all members of the Working Group; 3) Participate as observer/s on the inclusive process of the citizen's assembly; 4) Ensure that recommendations and deliberations of the citizen's assembly and inclusive discussions are taken into account into the drafting of the "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation".

Mode of operation: 1) Three in-person meetings, to produce respectively first, second, and third drafts of "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation", and responses to IUCN constituency comments on first and second drafts; 2) Address ongoing issues by email or electronic meetings as needed; 3) Attend the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Citizens' assembly members

Composition: A minimum of sixteen individuals selected in a stratified random fashion from across the IUCN Membership, with stratification ensuring regional and gender balance, as well as seeking indigenous and youth engagement, under the assurance of the IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Working Group. Citizens' assembly members are not required to have existing expertise and interest in synthetic biology. Fluency in either English or French or Spanish, the three official languages of IUCN, is required; whispering translations will be provided by the IUCN Secretariat to assist any citizens' assembly members requiring this.

Objective: Contribute to the inclusive process by ensuring a voice for the “silent majority” of the IUCN Membership into the process for development of the “IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation”, as mandated in operative clause 1 of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123.

Specific roles: 1) Participate in training, responsive to needs expressed by the citizens’ assembly members, to develop a common understanding regarding synthetic biology and its interactions with and implications for nature conservation; 2) Produce reports with recommendations and summary deliberations for the Policy Development Working Group regarding content of the “IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation”.

Mode of operation: 1) At least two in-person meetings, one to participate in training, the second to deliberate and produce recommendations; 2) Address ongoing issues by email or electronic meetings as needed; 3) Attend the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress; 4) Receive honoraria to cover opportunity cost of engagement time (on the rationale that citizens’ assembly members are selected at random rather than through nomination).

Trainers

Composition: Anticipated to be three individuals, from a respected scientific institution (e.g. national academies of natural and social science), selected through the IUCN procurement process. The same institution may be selected to provide both the training and the facilitation functions (see above), to reduce transaction costs and increase continuity and efficiency of the process.

Objective: Provide training to citizens’ assembly on synthetic biology and its interactions with and implications for nature conservation, so that participants share a common understanding as starting point for the discussions.

Specific roles: 1) Prepare a briefing addressed at all IUCN Members about what synthetic biology is, and why its implications for nature conservation require an inclusive debate, recalling the process on the topics so far within the context of IUCN; 2) Prepare as necessary training materials (e.g. powerpoints, course handouts, relevant publications, quizzes) for training session of citizens’ assembly, in ways responsive to needs expressed by the citizens’ assembly members; 3) Lead training session of citizens’ assembly.

Mode of operation: 1) One in-person meeting for the training session of citizens’ assembly; 2) Preparation time to develop training materials; 3) Address ongoing issues by email as needed.

Facilitators

Composition: Anticipated to be three individuals, from a respected scientific institution (e.g. national academies of natural and social science), selected through the IUCN procurement process. The same institution may be selected to provide both the facilitation and the training functions (see above), to reduce transaction costs and increase continuity and efficiency of the process.

Objective: Facilitate the meetings of the citizens’ assembly and of the Policy Development Working Group.

Specific roles: 1) Produce brief guidance documents on how different components of IUCN can carry out inclusive processes to discuss synthetic biology and collect inputs from discussions and produce summary reports (National, Regional and Interregional Committees, Regional Conservation Fora, Commissions); 2) Facilitate at least one

deliberation meeting of the citizens' assembly to produce recommendations for the Policy Development Working Group regarding content of the IUCN policy; 3) Facilitate the three in-person meetings of the Policy Development Working Group to produce respectively first, second, and third drafts of "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation", and responses to IUCN constituency review comments on first and second drafts; 4) Support deliberation of draft "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation" at the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Mode of operation: 1) At least one in-person meeting of the citizens' assembly; 2) Three in-person meetings of the Policy Development Working Group to produce respectively first, second, and third drafts of "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation", and responses to IUCN constituency review comments on first and second drafts; 3) Address ongoing issues by email or electronic meetings as needed; 4) Attend the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

IUCN Secretariat support

Composition: IUCN Secretariat support will be drawn from the IUCN International Policy Centre and IUCN Science & Data Centre. Specific staff engaged are anticipated to be the Head of the International Policy Centre, the Senior Scientist & Programme Manager, the Chief Scientist, the Head of the Science & Data Centre, and a Programme Administrator.

Objective: Provide scientific, technical, policy, fundraising, and administrative support to all bodies and processes involved, in particular to the IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Working Group members, the Policy Development Working Group Chair/Co-chairs, and the Trainers and Facilitators, but also more generally the Policy Development Working Group members and citizens' assembly members.

Specific roles: 1) Draft proposal for resource mobilisation in support of implementation of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123, incorporate comments from IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Working Group members, and fundraise on the basis of this; 2) Support IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Working Group members in developing and maintaining the procedures and timeline for implementation of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123; 3) Undertake procurement of trainers and facilitators under IUCN procurement process; 4) Organise travel, venues, and logistics for all in-person meetings (two for citizens' assembly; three for Policy Development Working Group), and participate in these; 5) Organise logistics for electronic meetings and document sharing and review as required; 6) Support deliberation of draft "IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation" at the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Note that the IUCN Secretariat will remain neutral on all aspects of synthetic biology until the formal adoption of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology, remaining cognisant as new understanding develops during the process, as mandated in operative clause 4 of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123.

Note also that Secretariat support is entirely dependent on external funding.

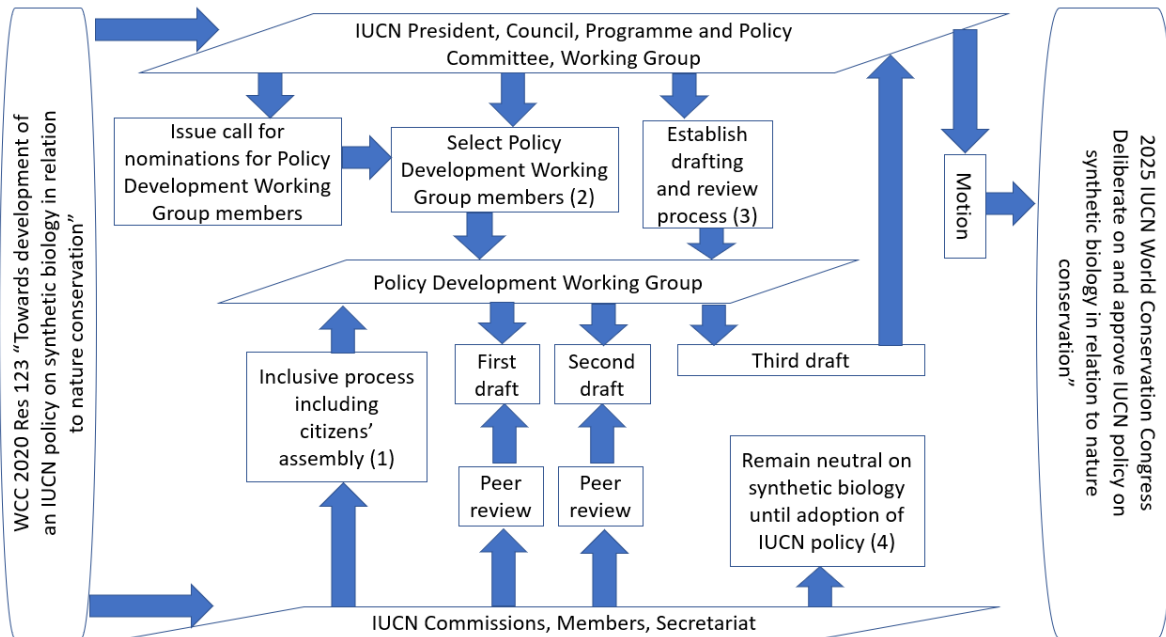
Mode of operation: 1) At least five in-person meetings (at least two for citizens' assembly; three for Policy Development Working Group); 2) Address ongoing issues by email or electronic meetings as needed; 3) Attend the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Other active stakeholders

Res 123 calls IUCN Director General, Commission Chairs and Members to carry out an inclusive and participatory process to inform the development of the policy, particularly

through IUCN National, Regional and Interregional Committees, IUCN Regional Conservation Fora and IUCN Commission processes. IUCN Council Programme and Policy Committee Res 123 Working Group will invite these different structures of IUCN to carry out inclusive discussions among their respective constituencies. Brief guidance documents will be provided to facilitate these discussions and to request consistent brief summary reports for input into the process.

Process schematic for development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation. Numbers relate to operative clauses of IUCN Resolution WCC 2020 Res 123 “Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation”.



Annex 1: List of organisations/institutions admitted to IUCN by Council decision C108/5

IUCN Statutory region	#	Organisation name	Acronym	IUCN Statutory State	Website	Member Category	Letters of endorsement from IUCN Members, National/Regional Committees, Councillors, Honorary Members	Detailed application
Africa	1	Ajemalebu Self Help	AJESH	Cameroon	https://ajesh.org/	National NGO	NG/25951 Organisation pour la Nature, l'Environnement et le Développement du Cameroun, Cameroon (<i>Organization for the Nature, Environment and Development of Cameroon</i>) NG/25569 Action Plus, Benin	AJESH
	2	Centre d'Appui au Développement local Participatif Intégré (<i>Integrated Local Development Support Unit</i>)	CADEPI	Cameroon	http://cadepi.org	National NGO	NG/24856 Cameroon Environmental Watch, Cameroon NG/25162 Support to Women and Rural People Center, Cameroon	CADEPI
	3	Nature-Communautés-Développement (<i>Nature - Communities - Development</i>)	NCD	Senegal	https://ncdsenegal.org/	National NGO	1) NG/1506 Association Sénégalaise des Amis de la Nature, Senegal (<i>Senegalese Association for Friends of Nature</i>) 2) NG/25896 Partenariat Régional pour la Conservation des Zones Côtières, Senegal (<i>Regional Partnership for the Conservation of the Coastal Zones</i>)	NCD
North America and the Caribbean	4	North American Grouse Partnership	NAGP	United States of America	https://www.grousepartners.org	National NGO	IN/1063 International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, Hungary IN/1416 International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey, Belgium NG/25729 Wild Sheep Foundation, USA	NAGP
	5	Outward Bound International	OBI	United States of America	https://www.outwardbound.net	International NGO	Canada National Committee of IUCN Members NG/595 Canadian Wildlife Federation, Canada	OBI
	6	The Explorers Club	TEC	United States of America	http://www.explorers.org	National NGO	NG/25972 Conservation X Labs, Inc., USA NG/25824 Thinking Animals, Inc., USA	TEC
	7	Women for Conservation	W4C	United States of America	https://www.womenforconservation.org	National NGO	NG/25609 National Whistleblower Center, USA NG/26051 Galapagos Conservancy, USA	W4C

South and East Asia	8	Nihon Washitaka Kenkyu Center (The Japan Falconiformes Center)	JFC	Japan	http://www.wa.commufa.jp/jfc/	National NGO	IN/1063 International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, Hungary IN/788 Fédération des Associations de Chasse et Conservation de la Faune Sauvage de l'UE, Belgium IN/1416 International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey, Belgium	JFC
	9	Climate Change Center	CCC	Republic of Korea	http://www.climatechangecenter.kr/eng/	National NGO	GA/24860 Korea National Park Service, Korea Korea National Committee of IUCN Members	CCC
	10	Ecomom Korea	ECOMOM	Republic of Korea	http://www.ecomomkorea.org/	National NGO	NG/25233 National Nature Trust, Korea NG/25713 World Heritage Promotion Team of Korean Tidal Flats, Korea	ECOMOM
West Europe	11	Odense ZOO	Odense ZOO	Denmark	https://www.odensezoo.dk/	National NGO	NG/772 Zoologisk Have København (<i>Copenhagen Zoo</i>), Denmark NG/25166 Stiftelsen Nordens Ark (<i>Nordens Ark Foundation</i>), Sweden	Odense ZOO
	12	Stichting "European Foundation for Falconry and Conservation"	EFFC	The Netherlands	https://www.ef-fc.org/	National NGO	IN/1416 International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey, Belgium IN/788 Fédération des Associations de Chasse et Conservation de la Faune Sauvage de l'UE, Belgium (<i>Federation of Associations of Hunting and Conservation of Wildlife of the European Union</i>)	EFFC
	13	Fundación para la investigación en etología y biodiversidad (<i>Foundation for research on ethology and biodiversity</i>)	FIEB	Spain	https://www.fiebfoundation.org/	National NGO	NG/24956 Centro de Extensión Universitaria e Divulgación Ambiental de Galicia, Spain (<i>Centre for Continuing Education and the Dissemination of Environmental Information of Galicia</i>) NG/25232 Fundación Oxígeno, Spain	FIEB

Change of membership category and notifications about Member States and name changes of IUCN Members**1. Change of membership category of three current IUCN Member organisations**

Member ID	Name	Country	Current category	Requested new category
a. NG/252	Zoological Society of London	United Kingdom	National NGO	Affiliate
b. NG/279	Smithsonian Institution	United States of America	National NGO	Affiliate
c. GA/25675	The Scottish Government (Environment and Forestry Directorate)	United Kingdom	Government agency	Subnational government

2. Change of name of five current IUCN Member organisations

Member ID	Previous name	New name	Country
NG/25530	Union of Municipalities for Aegean and Marmara Environment	Aegean and Marmara Union of Environmental Municipalities	Turkey
GA/869	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	Ministry of Environment	Sri Lanka
NG/1583	Aula del Mar - Malaga Asociación para la Conservación del Medio Marino	Fundación Aula del Mar Mediterraneo	Spain
ST/25410	Ministerio de Vivienda Ordenamiento Territorial y Medio Ambiente	Ministerio de Ambiente	Uruguay
GA/25675	The Scottish Government (Environment and Forestry Directorate)	The Scottish Government	United Kingdom

3. Notification related to membership of States

Member ID	Name	Country	Comments
ST/24792	Ministério da Cultura, Turismo e Ambiente República de Angola	Angola	Angola State was withdrawn following rescission on 10.02.22. Their membership was reactivated on 23.03.2022 after receipt of their outstanding dues.
ST/25503	Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas	Portugal	Portugal re-joins as State Member on 13.10.2022 after being withdrawn in 2013 following rescission. The State is represented by the Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas (Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests), which has been a Government agency Member of IUCN since 2015.

Legal Adviser's Performance Assessment Questionnaire

The Legal Adviser's evaluation process

This survey covers the core areas of responsibility of the Legal Adviser towards IUCN Council. It is confidential and will not be included in the public documents of the Bureau or the Council.

Your compiled responses will define the Council's expectations with regard to how the Legal Adviser should perform her advisory role and enable her to better align with those expectations.

Each Council member is kindly requested to answer all questions and provide as much information as possible to clarify your feedback and expectations.

The summary results of the assessment will be shared with the evaluation committee who will provide your feedback to the Legal Adviser and share a summary report with you. The evaluation committee consists of the President, the two Vice-Presidents part of the Bureau at the time of the survey, the Chair of the GCC, the Chair of the FAC, and the Councillor from Switzerland.

The same survey will be conducted within the next 6 to 12 months to complete the Legal Adviser's performance assessment.

Kindly complete the survey by 14 December 2022 at the latest.

Thank you for your time and responses.