IUCN Commission System Groups
Harmonization and definition of Groups for 2021-2025 quadrennial

	Group Type **English** *Español* *Français*	Use and Description
1	**Steering Committee** *Comité Directivo* *Comité directeur*	Leads the activities of the Commission. Composed of individuals nominated by Commission Chair, and approved by IUCN Council.
2	**Chair Office** *Oficina del Presidente* *Bureau du président*	Composed of: • Commission Chair, Commission Deputy Chair, and Commission Executive Officer • Other individuals invited by the Commission Chair
3	**Regional ●** *Regional* *Régional*	• Commission members are linked to a Commission region according to their registered Country of residence. • Each Commission has a specific geographic mapping.
4	**Young Professionals ●** *Jóvenes Profesionales* *Jeunes professionnels*	Composed of all Commission members who are aged 35 or under at Commission application approval or Commission renewal completion.
5	**Inter-Commission ●** *Inter-Comisión* *Inter-Commission*	Is named as an IUCN Group without specific Commission acronym; the Group membership is an amalgamation of participating Groups from one or more Commissions.
6	**Committee** *Comité* *Comité*	Mandated to undertake a specific body of work by a Steering Committee.
7	**Thematic Group** *Grupo Temático* *Groupe thématique*	Works on broad areas of enquiry and key directions towards meeting the Commission mandate. **CEC, CEESP, WCEL, WCPA**: each Thematic Group is mapped to one Network.
8	**Specialist Group** *Grupo de Especialistas* *Groupe de spécialistes*	Works on long term activities relating to specific topics of study addressed by the Commission mandate. **CEC, CEESP, WCEL, WCPA**: each Speciality Group is mapped to one Network.
9	**Authority** *Autoridad* *Autorité*	Implements a body of work related to an agreed IUCN Standard on behalf of a Commission. **SSC** (IUCN Red List of Threatened Species), **CEM** (IUCN Red List of Ecosystems), **CEESP** (Knowledge baskets), etc.
10	**Task Force** *Grupo de Tarea* *Groupe d'étude*	Works on a specific issue, usually within a determined time period. **CEC, CEESP, WCEL, WCPA**: each Task Force is mapped to one Network.
11	**Working Group** *Grupo de Trabajo* *Groupe de travail*	Works on a specific issue or area of activity, mandated by a Steering Committee, Committee, Thematic Group, Specialist Group or Task Force.
12	**Network** *Red* *Réseau*	**CEC, CEESP, WCEL, WCPA**: Commission members choose to join a Network according to their interests or expertise.
13	**Alliance** *Alianza* *Alliance*	Applies when a Commission is working in partnership with other organisations on a specific topic (Statutes, Reg 71 refers). Composed of one representative from each partner organisation.
14	**Organizational** *Organizacional* *Organisationnel*	**System only** - Internal to Secretariat for IUCN systems interoperability.

● Identifies Groups for which membership is fully automated within IUCN Commission System (e.g. based on Commission member's attributes).