



8th IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum

Reimagining Conservation in Asia: A Nature Positive Future

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BANGKOK, THAILAND

VENUE: ROYAL ORCHID SHERATON HOTEL & TOWERS

Held every four years, the IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum (RCF) serves as the leading platform for knowledge and partnerships in the region, bringing together key stakeholders in nature and biodiversity conservation. This year, IUCN Asia will convene the 8th RCF to address key transformative directions and actions for achieving a nature positive future for Asia and the world. About 500 representatives of Union constituents, partners and supporters will gather for the three-day event in Bangkok, Thailand.

Co-organised with the National Committee of IUCN Members in Thailand and in cooperation with the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Government of Thailand, the RCF aims to evaluate conservation progress, revisit priority goals and propose strategic directions for the region's key stakeholders to best address challenges concerning the environment and biodiversity over the next 20 years. A detailed agenda for the RCF will be available soon on the [IUCN website](#).



Asia is one of the most mega-diverse regions in terms of biodiversity. Engaging IUCN Members with the Union's One Programme Charter to achieve a nature-positive future in Asia and beyond is both a challenging and urgent task. I am looking forward to this exciting gathering and to influencing positive outcomes for nature and people.

Professor Ma Keping
IUCN Councillor and Chair of the Asia Regional Members Committee

In the face of the current triple planetary crisis, our region requires a 'reimagining' of our approach to addressing conservation priorities. The RCF arrives at an opportune time to discuss how IUCN and its partners can collaborate over the coming decades.

Dindo Campilan, Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania, IUCN



Event highlights

- Plenary and thematic sessions to present and discuss key regional challenges and trends
- Side events dedicated to specific topics
- Poster exhibits, booths and interactive learning sessions
- Forum organised for and by youth
- Social and informal networking opportunities
- Business lunch and evening events
- Visits to projects sites/partner agencies

Why join?

- Engage with key decision makers and experts from governments, nongovernmental organisations, indigenous peoples, scientific and academic institutions, youth, development agencies and the private sector in the region.
- Contribute to the decision-making process for a joint programme of action, paving the way to influence the global agenda-setting at the **IUCN World Conservation Congress** scheduled to take place from 9 to 15 October 2025, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Discover and learn from the initiatives undertaken by peer Members in alignment with pertinent global commitments such as the **Sustainable Development Goals**, **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** and the **Paris Agreement on Climate Change**.
- Develop new partnerships for sustainability with a diverse range of stakeholders across various countries.



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IUCN is a membership Union composed of both government and civil society organisations. It harnesses the experience, resources and reach of more than 1,400 Member organisations and the input of more than 15,000 experts. The IUCN Asia Regional Office, based in Bangkok, Thailand, serves as the central hub for IUCN's operations in the region to address environmental challenges. Supporting 23 Statutory Countries, IUCN has office, staff and/or programmatic presence across Northeast, Southeast and South Asia.

How to get involved

Participate

Union constituents (**IUCN Members and Commissions**) are encouraged to fully participate in the event, including sessions specifically dedicated to them. Additionally, we welcome the broad participation of our **partners, donors, regional and international organisations, academia, and others** in our plenary sessions, side events, exhibitions and in various networking opportunities.

Spread the word

Regional media representatives, including **journalists, editors and producers**, are invited to attend the opening session of the RCF. For media accreditation please contact Kosuke Terai, IUCN Asia Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Officer at kosuke.terai@iucn.org.

Sponsor

A range of sponsorship opportunities offering significant recognition benefits is available for those interested in organising a side event, business lunch meeting or exhibition, and in providing travel support to representatives of Member and partner organisations.

For more information please visit our website (<https://www.iucn.org/asia>) or contact us at asia-rcf@iucn.org. Registration will open soon, and the link will be made available on the website.

