

8th IUCN Regional Conservation Forum



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Held every four years, the IUCN United States 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, the IUCN North America Regional Office and the US National Committee will convene the 8th RCF to address key transformative directions and actions for achieving a nature positive future for the United States and the world.

125 representatives of Union constituents, partners and supporters will gather at Conservation International in Arlington, VA for the two-day event.

Co-organised with the IUCN United States National Committee, 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, while also planning for 2030 in synch with the Global Biodiversity Framework.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Interactive Workshops for IUCN Members to **contribute to the 20-Year Vision and 2026-2029 IUCN Programme.**
- **Plenary and thematic sessions** on key regional challenges and trends
- Presentations of **IUCN Tools and Resources**, including the IUCN Engage, the Conservations for Nature Platform,
- Updates from **IUCN Commission Chairs**
- **Networking** with conservation leaders from across the country
- Presentations by **US Government Members** on key national issues and opportunities
- **In-depth discussions on key IUCN governance topics** prior to the 2025 World Conservation Congress, including reviewing the Motions process, voting, and Resolutions.
- **Engage in organizing around new motions** with other IUCN Members across the country, with support from the IUCN Motions Working Group.

KEY THEMATIC AREAS

CLIMATE CHANGE + ENACT | 30X30 + ACT30
LARGE LANDSCAPES + HABITAT CONNECTIVITY
NATURE CRIME | EDUCATION | YOUTH
#NATUREFORALL



This is a critical time for the United States and the world to come together to make progress on the most ambitious conservation agenda in generations. The IUCN Regional Conservation Forum in the United States is a vital and transformative opportunity for IUCN Members, leaders, and staff to connect, strategize, and shape the priorities of the Union for the next five years. The Forum will be as practical as it is inspirational, with opportunities to engage with IUCN senior experts on conservation tools, policy, and scientific expertise of the Union.

DR. TRACY FARRELL | IUCN NORTH AMERICA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

WHY ATTEND

- **Engage with key experts** from government, NGOs, Indigenous peoples organizations, scientific and academic institutions.
- **Contribute to the decision-making process for the IUCN Programme**, paving the way to influence the global agenda-setting at the IUCN World Conservation Congress (October 9-15, 2025 in Abu Dhabi)
- **Discover and learn from Member initiatives in alignment with pertinent global commitments**, including the Sustainable Development Goals Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
- **Develop new partnerships** with a diverse range of stakeholders from across the country.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY 1 | AUGUST 20, 2024

8:00am - 9:00am - Registration and Light Breakfast

9:00am - 9:45am - Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:45am - 10:30 - Nature Looking Forward to 2030

A diverse panel of Members and experts on where nature and biodiversity stand now, global policy opportunities and targets, and offer reflections and insights on how IUCN might position ourselves looking towards 2030 for a better future for nature.

Break

10:45am - 12:15pm - Input Session on IUCN Draft 20-Year Vision

Lunch

1:15pm - 3:30pm - Interactive discussion on IUCN 2030 Programme of Work

Facilitated by North America Regional Director with small group sessions.

Break

3:45pm - 4:45pm - IUCN Tools, Initiatives, and Members in Focus

Senior IUCN experts showcase Contributions for Nature, other IUCN Conservation Tools, and Members showcase how they are using these tools.

4:45pm - 5:30pm - Get to know the IUCN Commissions

5:30pm - 7:00pm - Reception

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DAY 2 | AUGUST 21, 2024

8:00am - 8:45am - Registration and Light Breakfast

8:45am - 9:00am - Insights from Day 1 and Agenda Setting

9:00am - 10:30 - Road to Congress

This session will provide a review of statutory requirements to prepare for World Conservation Congress, including governance, voting, elections, timelines and other WCC preparation.

Break

10:45am - 11:45pm - Status of Resolutions, and organizing around new Motions for Conservation Impact

An overview of the Motions Process led by Member of the IUCN Motions Working Group, and introduction of thematic groups.

Lunch

12:45pm - 3:45pm - Motions Breakout Groups around Emergent Themes

Members will have the opportunity to work together to organize around new motions ahead of the 2025 WCC.

Break

4:00pm - 5:00pm - Member Initiatives Showcase

Members will showcase emerging initiatives, tools, stories, or research during 5-10 minute dynamic presentations.

5:00pm - 5:30pm - Closing Remarks and acting on our vision

5:30pm - 7:00pm - Reception