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## Message from IUCN National Committee Chair



One of the IUCN strengths is to bring ecosystem related information, science and advise into the sustainable development processes. In that context IUCN Sri Lanka has contributed in the past towards a number of national policy and on the ground efforts. At a time post-conflict development in Sri Lanka is advancing fast with potential increase of the pressure on the natural resources. Management of the natural capital in a sustainable way while supporting development is a major challenge where information based multi-sector approaches are very much needed. Already the IUCN developed information on biodiversity, marine and coastal and water resources etc. are being used by the Government, Non-Government and Private Sector, extensively. However Sri Lanka has not fully utilized the potential contribution of IUCN Commissions and its membership. As the new Chairperson of the IUCN National Council, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the contributions by the IUCN Commissions and Commission members in ensuring this planet a better place for us and the generations to come. Looking forward to work with you more and hope this compendium of experts will be helpful for all and expand to include other Sri Lankan experts as well.

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## Forward



This directory is prepared for the first time to capture the information on IUCN Sri Lanka related entities. In making the Sri Lankan development sustainable and resilient IUCN Commissions and Commission members supported by the IUCN Secretariat may play a major role. Further beyond Sri Lanka the wealth of experience and expertise of Sri Lankans can be applied towards regional and global development through IUCN systems. Already a number of commission members are contributing in global programmes in a significant way. As the Secretariat, IUCN Sri Lanka Country Office, with the guidance of the IUCN Sri Lanka committee we look forward to expand the benefits to Sri Lanka through Commissions and also find ways to involve Commission members in IUCN related work Sri Lanka and abroad. We hope to strategically provide provisions in the upcoming projects for IUCN Commission members. Also we would like to support the expansion of Commission Members so that more Sri Lankans can participate in the global work. In that regard we hope to reach Professional Organizations in Sri Lanka and also like to encourage the commission members to promote the colleagues through the dedicated web portal ([https://www.iucn.org/about/union/members/members\\_portal/](https://www.iucn.org/about/union/members/members_portal/)) or by contacting IUCN Sri Lanka. We welcome suggestions and ideas to improve the member services at IUCN Sri Lanka.

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## IUCN Commissions

The six Commissions unite 11,000 volunteer experts from a range of disciplines. They assess the state of the world's natural resources and provide the Union with sound know-how and policy advice on conservation issues.



### CEL - Commission on Environmental Law

With a worldwide membership, CEL not only takes the lead in projects of its own, but also provides a source of expertise for the Environmental Law Centre and other parts of IUCN. The Commission thus serves as the principal source of legal technical advice to the Union, its members and its collaborating institutions on all aspects of environmental law.

[www.iucn.org/cel](http://www.iucn.org/cel)



### CEC - Commission on Education and Communication

CEC is a network driving change for sustainability. More than 600 members volunteer their professional expertise in learning, knowledge management and strategic communication to achieve IUCN goals.

[www.iucn.org/cec](http://www.iucn.org/cec)



### CEM - Commission on Ecosystem Management

The Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) is a network of volunteer experts from around the world working on ecosystem management related issues. CEM and its individual members are involved in a wide range of Ecosystem Management activities.

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### SSC - Species Survival Commission

Working in close association with IUCN's Species Programme, SSC's major role is to provide information to IUCN on biodiversity conservation, the inherent value of species, their role in ecosystem health and functioning, the provision of ecosystem services, and their support to human livelihoods.

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### CEESP - Commission on Environment, Economics and Social Policy

CEESP, the IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy, is an interdisciplinary network of professionals whose mission is to act as a source of advice on the environmental, economic, social and cultural factors that affect natural resources and biological diversity and to provide guidance and support towards effective policies and practices in environmental conservation and sustainable development.

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### WCPA - World Commission on Protected Areas

The World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) is the world's premier network of protected area expertise. WCPA works by helping governments and others plan protected areas and integrate them into all sectors; by providing strategic advice to policy makers; by strengthening capacity and investment in protected areas; and by convening the diverse constituency of protected area stakeholders to address challenging issues.

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