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Introduction

IUCN is a unique organisation - a democratic membership union - composed of over 1,300 Members, some 15,000 scientific experts in our thematic Commissions and some 900 staff, who work together in more than 160 countries. By joining IUCN, Members benefit from IUCN's scientific credibility, its unsurpassed knowledge base and convening power, extensive networking opportunities and access to high-level political, economic and social decision making. More information on the benefits of IUCN membership is available [here](#).

The prompt payment of annual membership dues is essential to fund the work of IUCN, supporting the implementation of the Programme and governance of the Union, the facilitation of global networking and communications, and the sharing of knowledge and expertise.

Membership dues are payable in advance and payment shall be received by the 1st of January.
Invoices, issued in Swiss Francs, are prepared and dispatched during the last quarter of the preceding year

This Dues Guide provides information on the calculation and structure of dues for IUCN Members.

For additional information, please contact the [Membership Focal Point](#) in your region or the colleagues supporting membership matters in the Union Development Group based at IUCN Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland: membership@iucn.org.

IUCN is most grateful for your invaluable support.

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Categories of membership

Membership of IUCN is divided into three categories, as defined in Articles 4 and 5 of the [IUCN Statutes](#).

- Category A: (a) States and government agencies;
(b) Political and/or economic integration organisations;
- Category B: (c) National non-governmental organisations;
(d) International non-governmental organisations;
- Category C: (e) Indigenous Peoples' Organisations; and
- Category D: (f) Affiliates.

For each category there is a corresponding dues scale. It is one of the functions of the IUCN World Conservation Congress to determine the dues of Members of IUCN (Article 20 (f) of the IUCN Statutes). At the 2016 Congress in Hawaii, Members approved the 2017-2020 Membership Dues Guide (Decision WCC-2016-Dec-119). More information on the calculation and structure of IUCN membership dues can be found in the sections below.

At the 2000 Congress (Amman), Members requested the IUCN Council to review the calculation of membership dues, linking them to a recognized published inflation index instead of the pre-defined percentage increase used since the 17th Session of the General Assembly (San José, 1988). In Bangkok, in 2004, the Members' Assembly approved Council's proposal to use the [Swiss Consumer Price Index](#)¹ (CPI), published annually by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office to index the membership dues, from 2006 onwards. No adjustments to the dues are made when the index is negative.

¹<http://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/portal/fr/index/themen/05/02/blank/key/jahresdurchschnitte.html>

Membership dues

Category A: States, government agencies, and political and/or economic integration organisations

As per Regulation 22² of the IUCN Statutes, the “Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations” is used as a basis to establish the membership dues groups for States, government agencies and political and/or economic integration organisations. The repartition of UN assessment percentages within the IUCN dues groups (Table 1) is decided by the IUCN Council, while the definition of the dues amounts (Tables 2, 3 and 4) is a Congress decision.

The latest “[UN scale of assessments for the period 2016-2018](#)³” was published on 8 February 2016. Consequently, the IUCN Dues Guide has been updated to reflect the 2016-2018 UN Scale of assessments and it is valid for the years 2017 to 2020.

In the calculation of membership dues for States, government agencies and political and/or economic integration organisations, IUCN does not apply the UN assessment percentages directly. Rather, IUCN has elaborated its own sliding scale to form the IUCN dues groups/levels by grouping the different countries according to their percentage contributions to the UN budget. Approved by the 2000 IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman), the present scale of percentage grouping, used to determine the IUCN Category A membership dues scale of 11 groups, ranging from “0” to 10, is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: IUCN sliding scale of State, government agency, political and/or economic integration organisation Members and corresponding UN assessment percentages

IUCN CATEGORY A MEMBERS IN DUES GROUPS:	CORRESPOND TO STATES WITH A UN ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE OF:	UN ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGES:		
		From	Less than	0.01%
0		0.01%	up to & including	0.05%
1		More than 0.05%	up to & including	0.07%
2		More than 0.07%	up to & including	0.11%
3		More than 0.11%	up to & including	0.19%
4		More than 0.19%	up to & including	0.35%
5		More than 0.35%	up to & including	0.67%
6		More than 0.67%	up to & including	1.31%
7		More than 1.31%	up to & including	2.59%
8		More than 2.59%	up to & including	5.15%
9		More than 5.15%		
10				

The membership dues scales for States (Table 2) and Government agencies (**Tables 3 & 4**) comprise 11 groups. For the composition of the 11 dues groups, please refer to the [IUCN dues groups for IUCN Members in Category A \(2017-2020\)](#) at the end of this guide.

Category A (a): States

Table 2: States

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2017-2020	7,760	15,520	31,044	51,338	78,721	118,079	180,643	246,801	294,261	394,879	493,601

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF).

² Regulation 22 of the IUCN Statutes: “Dues for Members in Category A shall be established by the World Conservation Congress and be calculated for the period until the next World Congress on the basis of the latest available percentage assessed for States concerned in the budget of the United Nations. The Council may establish groups for the setting of dues...”.

³ http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=a/res/70/245

Category A (a): Government agencies

For a government agency the dues group is the same as that of its State.

Government agencies are divided into two groups, A and B:

Group A: government agencies of a State where the State IS a Member of IUCN.

Group B: government agencies of a State where the State IS NOT a Member of IUCN.

Dues for government agencies in Groups A and B are shown in Tables 3 and 4 respectively.

Government agencies - Group A:

Table 3: Government agencies - Group A

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2017-2020	2,364	2,364	2,364	2,364	2,364	3,543	5,418	7,404	8,831	11,845	14,807

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

Membership dues for a government agency where the State IS a Member of IUCN are 3% of those of the State rate, except for government agencies of Groups “0” to 3 who pay the rate based on Group 4⁴. For the appropriate dues group of your agency, please refer to the **IUCN dues groups for IUCN Members in Category A (2017-2020)** at the end of this guide.

Government agencies - Group B:

Table 4: Government agencies - Group B

Group	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2017-2020	3,880	3,880	7,762	12,835	19,680	29,520	45,160	61,701	73,564	98,721	123,399

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

In a country where the State IS NOT a Member of IUCN, the government agency pays 25% of the amount of dues payable by the State if it were a Member, except for Group “0” for which the rate of dues is the same as in Group 1⁵. For the appropriate dues group of your agency, please refer to the **IUCN dues groups for IUCN Members in Category A (2017-2020)** at the end of this guide.

Category A (b): Political and/or economic integration organisations

The amount of dues payable by political and/or economic integration organisations is the average amount obtained by adding up the dues payable by each of its State components, as if they were Members of IUCN, and dividing it by the number of States constituting the organisation concerned. Please refer to the **IUCN dues groups for IUCN Members in Category A (2017-2020)** at the end of this guide.

⁴ Decision made by the 17th General Assembly of IUCN in San Jose, Costa Rica

Categories B (c), B (d) and C (e): National and international non-governmental organisations and Indigenous Peoples' Organisations

Dues for national and international non-governmental organisations and Indigenous Peoples' Organisations, shown in Table 5, are valid for the years 2017-2020, and were established according to Regulation 23⁵.

The dues scale for national and international non-governmental organisations and Indigenous Peoples' Organisations comprises nine different dues groups. Membership dues for national and international non-governmental organisations and Indigenous Peoples' Organisations are calculated on the basis of the organisation's operating expenditure (in US Dollars). This is defined as the expenditure arising in the course of ordinary activities of the organisation and which is considered to be **recurrent and annual**. It **does not include one-time investments**.

For clarity purposes, this is a non-exhaustive list of items that would normally be included in operating expenditure:

audit fees - bank interest and charges - building rental – cleaning - communication costs (internet, phone, fax, etc.) – consultants – depreciation – equipment – insurance - information technology costs - legal and professional fees - meetings and workshops - monitoring and evaluation - printing and publication costs - provisions and write offs - repairs and maintenance – security - staff salaries and benefits - sundry administrative costs (office supplies, etc.) – training - translation and interpretation - vehicles and fuel, water, electricity, gas, etc.

Applicant and Member organisations are requested to provide appropriate financial information including their latest annual audited financial statements together with a reconciliation to the declaration of operating expenditure so that the IUCN Secretariat may determine the dues group an organisation should be in.. If the organisation is not required to have a statutory audit the latest annual financial statements approved by the Board or governing body can be provided.

Every four years, after the IUCN World Conservation Congress, the classification of Members in Category B and C in the different dues groups will be re-assessed. Each Member will be requested to submit to the Secretariat a declaration of operating expenditure with a reconciliation to their latest annual audited financial statements. This information will be used by the Secretariat to determine which dues group corresponds to each Member organisation for the following four years. Failure by an organisation to provide this information to the Secretariat will result in the organisation being reclassified into the dues group immediately above the one it is currently in.

Table 5: National and international non-governmental organisations and Indigenous Peoples' Organisations

Group	Operating expenditure US dollars FROM (≥)	TO (<)	Membership dues scale 2017-2020 (CHF)
1	≥ 0	< 100'000	445
2	≥ 100'000	< 500'000	713
3	≥ 500'000	< 1 M	1,338
4	≥ 1 M	< 2 M	2,678
5	≥ 2 M	< 4 M	5,353
6	≥ 4 M	< 6 M	8,922
7	≥ 6 M	< 8 M	12,490
8	≥ 8 M	< 10 M	16,059
9	≥ 10 M		21,412

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

FROM: equal to or above the amount indicated; TO: below the amount indicated

⁵ Regulation 23: "Dues for Members in Categories B, C and D shall be established by the World Congress on the proposal of the Council".

Category D: (f) Affiliates⁶

Dues for Affiliate Members, shown in Table 6, are valid for the years 2017-2020, and were established according to Regulation 23⁷⁻⁸.

All Affiliate Members pay the same rate as indicated below. Affiliate Members do not have the right to vote, nominate candidates or submit Motions to the World Conservation Congress (Article 12 (b) of the IUCN Statutes).

Table 6: Affiliates

Group	2017-2020
Affiliates	2,678

Membership dues are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF)

⁶ Government agencies, Political and/or economic integration organizations and national & international non-governmental organizations can apply as Affiliates.

⁷ Regulation 23: "Dues for Members in Categories B, C and D shall be established by the World Congress on the proposal of the Council".

⁸ Decision made by the 17th General Assembly of IUCN in San Jose, Costa Rica

Payment of dues

When do dues become payable?

Membership dues are payable in advance and payment shall be received by the 1st of January.

Invoices, issued in Swiss Francs, are prepared and dispatched during the last quarter of the preceding year, i.e. dues for 2017 should be received no later than 1 January 2017; dues for 2018 should be received no later than 1 January 2018, etc.

IUCN membership does not expire unless the IUCN Member is withdrawn or expelled from IUCN as detailed in Article 13 of the [IUCN Statutes](#) or unless the IUCN Member withdraws voluntarily by providing IUCN with written notification of its intention to withdraw its membership. Members withdrawing from the Union must ensure that all outstanding membership dues have been paid, up to and including the year of the notification of withdrawal.

With regards to withdrawal from the Union in relation to non-payment of membership dues, according to Article 13 (a) of the IUCN Statutes, “*The rights of a Member in connection with elections, voting and motions shall ipso facto be suspended when the dues of that Member are one year in arrears.*

If the dues of a Member are two years in arrears, the matter shall be referred to the World Congress which may rescind all the remaining rights of the Member concerned. Such rescission shall be on such terms as the World Congress may determine”;

and 13 (b) “If, one year after the decision of the World Congress to rescind the remaining rights of a Member, the Member in question has not paid its arrears owed up until such rescission, that Member shall be deemed to have withdrawn from IUCN”.

How can dues be paid?

Members

Dues shall be paid in Swiss Francs (CHF) or any other freely convertible currency. In countries where IUCN is represented by a Regional, Country or Project Office, payment of dues may be made to the IUCN Office in local currency, provided this is agreed with the IUCN Director General, as per Regulation 25 of IUCN Statutes⁹.

For payments which are not made in CHF, we ask you to use the same daily exchange rates as IUCN: <http://www.oanda.com/currency/live-exchange-rates/>, which will help to avoid major exchange rate differences for your organisation when your payment is processed in IUCN accounts.

Any exchange rate loss/gain or other difference in payment will be adjusted in your next year's invoice.

Applicant Member organisations

A deposit equivalent to the entire current year of membership is payable at the time of submitting a membership application. However, once the new Member has been admitted, the membership dues for that year are calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues, starting from the month following admission. If the balance is then positive, it will be credited to the following year. If an application for IUCN membership is rejected, the deposit will be reimbursed in full.

Adhesion of States

In accordance to Article 6 of the IUCN Statutes “*States or political and/or economic integration organisations shall become Members of IUCN by notifying the Director General of their adhesion to these Statutes, effective upon payment of the first year's membership dues.*”, the payment equivalent to the first year of membership is payable at the time of submitting the letter of adhesion. The membership dues for that year are calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues, starting from the month following receipt of the letter of adhesion.

⁹ Regulation 25 of IUCN Statutes: “*Dues shall be paid in Swiss francs or any other freely convertible currency according to the scales established by the World Congress, unless the Director General has agreed with the Member in question that payment in local currency or provision of facilities, goods and services in lieu of dues may be accepted because this will release for use by IUCN a sum equivalent to the assessed dues of the Member in question*”.

Payments details

Membership dues or deposit payments may be made by cheque to **IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources** (to be remitted to Headquarters or any IUCN Regional or Country Office), or by either Visa or MasterCard, or by bank transfer to the following bank account:

Account name: **IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources**

Bank Address: UBS S.A.
Place St. François 16
CH- 1002 Lausanne
Switzerland

Account information: IBAN CH23 0024 3243 3350 3501 W
Swift Code: UBSWCHZH80A
Currency: Swiss Francs

Membership dues of amounts up to 5,000 CHF can be settled by credit card* via the Member profile page on the [Union Portal](https://portals.iucn.org/union) (<https://portals.iucn.org/union>). For Support, please refer to section 4.15 of the [Union Portal Guide](https://portals.iucn.org/union/sites/union/files/doc/union_portal_guide_en.pdf) (https://portals.iucn.org/union/sites/union/files/doc/union_portal_guide_en.pdf).

*Only Visa and Mastercard payments are accepted. Transaction charges for credit card payments will be borne by IUCN.

Amounts over 5,000 CHF must be settled by bank transfer (see bank details above).

As part of our efforts to reduce administrative costs, kindly note that receipts for payments will only be issued upon request.

For any information regarding your payment in CHF or other currencies, please contact: finance.members@iucn.org.

May we kindly remind you to inform us of any important changes in your organisation which may affect your organisation's membership of IUCN, such as the category of membership or the dues group.

If your Statutes and/or expenses have significantly changed since your organisation joined IUCN, please provide your [Membership Focal Point](#) with your organisation's most recent Statutes and/or financial report, including the details of your organisation's operating expenditure.

Membership identification number

Each Member of IUCN is allocated an identification number upon admission (e.g. ST/25, GA/517, NG/2546). Please quote this number when paying your dues, and on any other correspondence. If you do not know your membership identification number, please contact the [Membership Focal Point](#)¹⁰ in your region. This number is also available on your organisational profile page of the [Union Portal](#).

¹⁰ <https://www.iucn.org/about/union/members/membership-focal-points>

IUCN dues groups for IUCN Members in Category A (2017-2020)

(Based on the Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations 2016 to 2018)

GROUP "0"	*Niue Palau Papua New Guinea *Palestine Republic of Moldova Rwanda Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Samoa San Marino Sao Tome and Principe Senegal Seychelles Sierra Leone Solomon Islands Somalia South Sudan Suriname Swaziland Tajikistan The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Timor-Leste Togo Tonga Tuvalu Uganda Vanuatu Zambia Zimbabwe	Liechtenstein Malta Mauritius Monaco Myanmar Namibia Panama Paraguay Serbia Sri Lanka Sudan Syrian Arab Republic Trinidad and Tobago Tunisia Turkmenistan United Republic of Tanzania Uzbekistan Yemen	Nigeria Qatar Thailand
GROUP 6			Chile Denmark Finland Greece Indonesia Iran (Islamic Republic of) Israel Portugal Singapore South Africa United Arab Emirates Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
GROUP 2			Austria Argentina Belgium India Norway Poland Saudi Arabia Sweden Turkey
GROUP 7			
GROUP 1	Angola Bahamas Bahrain Bangladesh Bolivia (Plurinational State of) Bosnia and Herzegovina Botswana Brunei Darussalam Bulgaria Cameroon Costa Rica Cyprus Dominican Republic El Salvador Equatorial Guinea Estonia Ethiopia Gabon Ghana Guatemala Iceland Jordan Kenya Latvia Lebanon	Croatia Lithuania Pakistan Slovenia Ukraine Uruguay	Australia Mexico Netherlands Republic of Korea Spain
GROUP 3			
GROUP 4	Algeria Egypt Hungary Iraq Libya Oman Peru Philippines Romania Slovakia		Brazil Canada France Italy Russian Federation United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
GROUP 9			
GROUP 5	China Germany Japan Switzerland United States of America		
GROUP 10			

* is not or is not located in, a member of the United Nations. Refer to Regulation 22.



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