

Second Motions Working Group Update

IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025

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Dear Members,

In this update, we provide an overview of the online discussion of motions that concluded in June; present the Motions Working Group's (MWG) decisions regarding motions (specifying those submitted to an electronic vote prior to Congress and those that we consider to necessitate further discussion before the vote in Abu Dhabi); make reference to the governance motions; and briefly introduce the electronic vote on motions.

Still to be released are the guidelines for the electronic vote and for the submission of new and urgent motions, which the Secretariat will make available in due course. We will provide a new update after the electronic vote has taken place and in preparation for the submission of new and urgent motions and the start of the Congress itself.

1. Overview of the online discussion of motions (April–June)

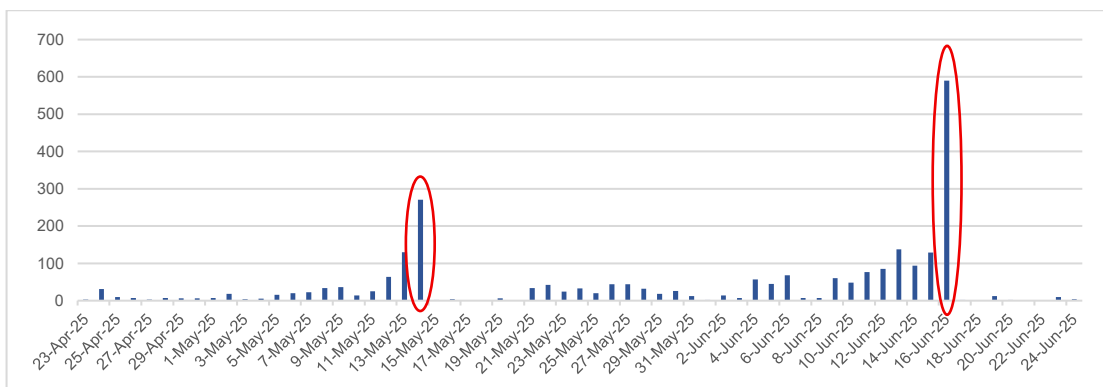
The online discussion of 138 motions commenced on 23 April and concluded on 23 June. It was organized in two “readings” or periods of discussion of 3–4 weeks each. After each reading, Facilitators compiled all comments received and prepared a revised version of the text (Table 1).

Table 1: Online discussion schedule 23 April – 23 June

23 April – 14 May	14 – 21 May	21 May – 16 June	16 – 23 June
1st reading period (3 weeks)	Facilitator revision (1 week)	2nd reading period (3.5 weeks)	Facilitator revision (1 week)
<i>Comments open</i>	<i>No comments</i>	<i>Comments open</i>	<i>No comments</i>

During the first reading, approximately 750 comments were made, which increased to approximately 1,800 during the second reading. It is worth noting that many of these were posted towards the end of the readings and at the very end of the discussion period as shown below in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Online discussion comments by date and reading



All constituent parts of IUCN participated in the discussion and the MWG was pleased to see the friendly and respectful manner in which participants interacted. During the discussion, Members made general comments on motions, proposed amendments to the text of motions, and endorsed the suggestions made by others. Often, the discussion succeeded in resolving disagreement over parts of motions, reaching a text that enjoys general support for being put to the e-vote. In other cases, consensus was elusive.

While many of the discussions saw active participation by a variety of Members, the total number of Members that participated in the online discussion was only 137 (<10% of the Membership), of which more than 70% were from the West Europe and North America and the Caribbean Regions. Further, only about 40 Members (<3% of the Membership) were responsible for 80% of the comments in the discussion.

Table 2 below shows the number of comments made per constituent type, compared to the past two Congresses. While more Members are participating compared to plenary sessions when motions were debated live (e.g. at the 2012 Jeju Congress), the level of participation continues to decrease since the online modality was introduced in 2016.

We strongly believe that more needs to be done to strengthen the Union's democratic character by significantly increasing the participation of Members in the discussion of motions across all Membership categories and across geographies.

Table 2: Online discussion comments by constituent type 2016–2025

Constituent	# comments 2025	# comments 2020	# comments 2016
Members	137 Members: 1,794	139 Members: 3,669	206 Members: 4,133
Commissions	239	266	399
Committees	6	22	31
Secretariat	21	12	16
Council	3	30	38
Facilitators	479	632	544
Total	2,542	4,631	5,161

2. Motions submitted to an electronic vote before Congress

After the closing of the online discussion, the Facilitators provided the MWG with a revised text for each of the 138 motions, based on the comments received. Following careful consideration of the outcome of the discussion, **the MWG submits one hundred (100) motions to an electronic vote prior to Congress, nine of which have amendments to be considered.** This is in line with the MWG’s mandate as defined in Rule 62^{quinto} of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress. The list can be found in Annex 1.

In accordance with Rule 62^{ter}, the MWG’s decision to send a motion to the electronic vote can be formally appealed within two weeks of publication.

Note that according to the Rule, “the only permissible ground for appeal is that an error was made in not classifying the motion as qualifying for consideration at the Members’ Assembly.” All appeals need to be brought forward to the Congress Preparatory Committee acting as appeals body. Such appeals need to be made jointly by the proponent of the motion with at least five of its co-sponsors. **Appeals should be sent by email to motions@iucn.org with the co-sponsors in copy, clearly indicating in the subject line “APPEAL MOTION [#]” by 13:00 GMT/UTC on 1 August.**

3. Motions submitted for further discussion and vote at Congress

The MWG refers thirty-eight (38) motions, as amended during the online discussion, to the Members’ Assembly for continued debate and vote.

They are listed in Annex 2.

For 30 of these motions, it was not possible to produce a consensus text to be submitted to the electronic vote given the divergence in views and amendments expressed during the discussions (Rule 45^{bis}(c)ii)).

Meanwhile, the MWG identified eight motions as warranting debate at the

global level to be further discussed and voted upon during the Congress (Rule 45*bis*(c)i)).

4. Governance motions

Four (4) motions on IUCN governance proposed by the Council and published on 9 July (including amendments to the Statutes) will also be discussed and voted upon during the Congress (Rule 45*bis*(d)).

These motions are listed in Annex 3.

5. Electronic vote on motions

The system for the electronic vote on motions will be open **from 27 August at 13:00 GMT/UTC until 10 September at 13:00 GMT/UTC**. In due course, Members will receive specific and detailed guidance on the modalities of the electronic voting system and how to vote on motions, including those that are submitted together with additional amendments.

In accordance with Rule 62*septimo*, “Motions adopted by electronic ballot by Member Category A and by Member Categories B and C combined shall have the same validity as motions adopted during sittings of the Members’ Assembly. The Members’ Assembly will ‘record’ *en bloc* the adoption of motions through an electronic ballot prior to Congress but shall not, however, re-open the discussion or the vote on any of them. The motions whose adoption by electronic vote is so recorded by decision of the Members’ Assembly shall be effective as of the date of such decision.”

6. Note of thanks to the Facilitators of the online discussion of motions

In preparation for the online discussion of motions, the MWG called for volunteers from all IUCN constituencies to act as Facilitators. Eighty individuals volunteered, and the MWG wholeheartedly thanks all of them:

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We continue to be available to support you through the motions process and look forward to your active and robust engagement in the work of the Union.

Respectfully,

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Annex 1: Motions submitted to an electronic vote prior to Congress

#	Title ¹	Rationale	Amendments
002	Accelerating action for nature-positive, sustainable agriculture and food systems	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
003	Developing a unified global definition of 'peatland and peat'	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
004	Trails and conservation	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
005	Protection and restoration of diverse native grasslands	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
009	Protection of biomes and ecosystems threatened by native vegetation conversion	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (4)
010	Preserving forest soils and their biodiversity	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
012	Advancing the IUCN Green List Standard of protected and conserved areas to enhance effective and equitable in situ conservation	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
013	Management and restoration of areas affected by Eucalyptus monocultures in regions outside their natural distribution	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
015	Primary and old-growth forests at the next World Conservation Congress	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (2)
016	Springs under threat: mobilising urgent action for neglected freshwater systems	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (3)

¹ Some of the titles in these annexes are pending official translation.

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017	For a protection of glaciers and post-glacial ecosystems	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
018	Advancing and tracking global river conservation to meet biodiversity and climate goals	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
019	Activating sustainable management of inland fisheries	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
020	Implementing an aquascape approach to conservation and management of fresh and saline water ecosystems	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
021	For an international framework for the preservation of watershed heads and the strengthening of their resilience in a changing climate	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
022	For a sustainable management of freshwater resources in atolls	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
023	Prioritising wetlands conservation and restoration to tackle the dual climate and biodiversity crises	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
024	Declaration on the urgent preservation of high mountain wetlands in Latin America and other regions of the world	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
025	Recognizing India's First Dugong Conservation Reserve	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
026	Conservation of the environmental integrity of the San Matías Gulf in Argentina	Had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
027	Establishment of a Marine Biodiversity Conservation Area in Macaronesia	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
028	Strengthening the knowledge and protection of oceanic mesophotic ecosystems	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
029	Establishing an international governance for the management of Sargassum seaweed in the Caribbean basin	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	

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030	Definition and principles of the regenerative Blue Economy	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
031	Protecting the Gulf of California World Heritage Sites of Mexico from industrialisation for liquefied natural gas development	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (2)
034	Promotion of collaborative marine spatial planning and sensitivity maps for sustainable offshore wind energy development	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
035	Protection of mesopelagic ecosystem integrity	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (1)
036	Facilitating synergistic delivery of multilateral commitments on conserving coastal ecosystems	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
037	Fourth global coral bleaching event: urgent action to reduce the risk of catastrophic loss of the world's coral reefs	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
039	Mobilising the role of wild animals in ecosystems as a climate solution	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
040	Reducing the impact of disasters caused by natural hazards on wild biodiversity by implementing specific measures (prevention, rescue, restoration)	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
043	Integrating biodiversity conservation in carbon pricing and trading programmes for climate change mitigation	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
044	Preventing population impacts of wind energy facilities on bats	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
045	Reducing the impacts of forest biomass energy on climate and biodiversity	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	

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046	Global strategy for natural darkness restoration: protecting key habitats and mitigating light pollution	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
047	Promotion of strategic and spatial planning of electric grids to minimise impacts on nature	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
048	Crimes that Affect the Environment (CAE)	Motion 048 and 052 were merged into one consolidated motion by their proponents, with the consent of the MWG. The consolidated text was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved. The MWG sends the consolidated motion "Crimes that affect the Environment" to electronic vote.	
049	Strengthening safe civic spaces to fulfil the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
050	Return to the annual frequency of the ordinary and technical meetings of the Convention for the Conservation and Management of the Vicuña	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
051	Mainstreaming gender equality in biodiversity policies, programmes, actions and funding	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
052	Crimes that Affect the Environment (CAE)	Merged with 048. See rationale above.	
053	Inscription of the Forest of Fontainebleau on the UNESCO World Heritage List	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (1)
057	Ensuring conflict-sensitive conservation and protection of the environment in fragile and conflict situations	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
058	Addressing wildlife trafficking and the management of seizure or confiscated live wild animals	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
060	Nature conservation diplomacy: integrating conservation, peace and security through international cooperation	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	

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062	For an ocean, heritage of humanity	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
063	Strengthening the protection of Posidonia in the Mediterranean: legislation, monitoring and capacity building	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
064	The HIMEK Alliance proposal for mitigation of climate change in the Himalayas and the Mekong Region through forest land restoration and reduction in emissions of black carbon and greenhouse gases	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
065	Establishing mechanisms for engagement with IUCN Members involved in armed conflict, wars and occupation	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
066	Updating the IUCN Policy on the Sustainable Use of Wild Living Resources	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
068	Emergency action to restore 80% of ecological integrity in Amazonia by 2030 preventing cascading tipping points	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
069	Core human rights principles for private conservation organisations and funders	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
071	Calling for a United Nations Decade of Island Resilience	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
072	Recognising the Model Forest Act to enhance forest protection, conservation, restoration and sustainable management of forests	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
074	Enhancing sustainable tourism practices through the incorporation of welfare standards for wild animals in captivity and in the wild	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
075	Urgent scaling up of investment in amphibian conservation needed to prevent further extinctions	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	

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076	Regulating the environmental impacts of overtourism and promoting sustainable tourism models for biodiversity protection	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
077	Maintain official development assistance for biodiversity preservation channelled through civil society in the event of a geopolitical crisis	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
078	Encouraging agroforestry and mycorrhization practices that promote soil biodiversity	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
080	Ensuring companies disclose and take action to minimise negative impacts on biodiversity in ways that will achieve the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (3)
082	Advancing the sustainable management, use and trade of wild species	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
083	Urgent action to prevent illegal succulent plant trade	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
085	Amplifying the role of businesses in achieving a nature positive world	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
086	IUCN assessments of critical issues pertaining to the status and trends of nature and natural resources	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
088	Task Force on developing a global standard for genetic diversity assessments	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
089	Mobilising resources and strengthening evaluation to ensure the effective management of protected and conserved areas for global biodiversity goals	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
090	Developing knowledge of biodiversity issues among the media and general journalists	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	

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091	Strengthening conservation efforts for fungi and invertebrates	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
092	Promoting free evolution and the tools to sustain it	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
093	Recognise and strengthen the fundamental role of plant and fungal taxonomy and associated herbaria for the conservation of biodiversity, particularly in Global South countries	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
095	Wild plant conservation to ensure the future of Small Island Developing States	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
098	Advancing the One Health approach for biodiversity, health and global cooperation	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (1)
099	Implementation of the One Health Approach, from global to local	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (1)
100	Integrating the preservation and recovery of wildlife and plant species into the creation and restoration of buildings	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
101	Organisation of a Global Youth Summit prior to each IUCN World Conservation Congress	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
102	The role of rangers as essential planetary health workers in particular to achieve the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
103	Reinforcing and developing urban and peri-urban forests in line with the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
106	Promotion of social inclusion and universal accessibility in IUCN practices and in the management of natural areas, parks and green spaces	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	

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109	The need for urgent conservation action to secure the remaining population of Javan and Sumatran rhinoceros in Indonesia (Rhinoceros sondaicus and Dicerorhinus sumatrensis)	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
110	Restoring threatened species in the Arabian Peninsula and Sahelo-Saharan regions	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
111	Urgent action to address the Asian wild pig crisis caused by African swine fever	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
112	Scaling collaborative action for threatened freshwater fishes through ex situ conservation	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
114	Appeal for global prevention of propeller-inflicted deaths on endangered species	The motion gained general agreement to the exception of a few parts which resulted in alternative amendments that can also be put to the electronic vote	Yes (1)
115	Actions to avert the extinction of Rice's whale (Balaenoptera ricei)	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
116	Strengthening gibbon conservation through collaboration and synergy	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
117	Strengthening the prevention of risks associated with invasive alien forest bio-aggressors	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
119	Conservation of clouded leopards (Neofelis nebulosa, Neofelis diardi) (IUCN VU) as a top priority umbrella species for south and southeast Asia	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
120	Archiving Resolutions and Recommendations and making IUCN policy more accessible	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
122	Increasing the participation of subnational governments across and through the Union	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	

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123	Accelerating equitable youth empowerment and engagement across the Union	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
124	Members are the heart of IUCN: strengthening global conservation by strengthening the institutional governance of the world's oldest, largest international conservation organisation	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
125	Identifying Key Geoheritage Areas for safeguarding geoheritage sites of global significance and move towards a holistic nature conservation	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
126	Advancing Citizen Science to Support and Democratize Conservation	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
127	Recognising and Reporting Ecological Corridors	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
129	Global conservation strategy for the high seas based on area-based management tools, including marine protected areas	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
130	Strengthening protective measures for protected areas against unsustainable tourism development	The motion had sufficient discussion and gained agreement or common understanding by participating Members	
131	Protecting the Sápmi forest: safeguarding biodiversity and Indigenous livelihoods	The motion had little discussion and thus the assumption is that there are no strong (or opposing) views from Members	
132	Strengthening Business Engagement In Climate Adaptation For Preservation Of Biodiversity And Ecosystems	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
134	IUCN Red List Solvency and Private-sector Initiatives	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	
135	Recognition of the International Marine Protected Areas Congress as the global MPA community for effective marine biodiversity conservation	The motion was subject to some debate and divergent views that were subsequently resolved	

Annex 2: Motions referred to Congress for continued discussion and vote

Motions that “warrant debate at the global level during the Congress because they are of significant importance for conservation and for the IUCN and its Members” [Rule 45bis(c)i]

#	Title
011	Delivering equitable accountability and means of implementation for international forest protection goals
038	Harnessing IUCN's power: Driving synergy for net zero, nature positive and just energy transition
041	Developing a policy on geoengineering
061	Recognising the crime of ecocide to protect nature
081	Supporting the economy transformation towards a regenerative economy
084	Developing [a circular and sustainable bioeconomy] [a bioeconomy that is circular and sustainable] for sustainable food and agriculture
104	Safeguarding biodiversity and human rights in energy transition mineral governance
121	Confirming the status of the Climate Crisis Commission

Motions that “have been the subject of such debate and divergent proposed amendments or that are so controversial that it is not possible to produce a consensus text for submission to a decision by electronic vote prior to Congress” [Rule 45bis(c)ii]

#	Title	Rationale
001	Improving tree planting practices – Planting the right tree in the right place for the right purpose	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online
006	Promoting the model of regional or sub-national protected natural areas to achieve the global target of 30% protected and conserved areas by 2030	The motion had adequate attention and discussion by Members but significant disagreements remain
007	Soil security law	The motion had adequate attention and discussion by Members but significant disagreements remain
008	Conservation and sustainable management of rangelands and pastoralism	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online
014	Promoting hedgerows in agriculture to foster biodiversity, strengthen ecosystem resilience and mitigate climate change	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online
032	Protecting seamounts and other vulnerable marine ecosystems from destructive practices	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
033	[Port] State measures regarding illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
042	Addressing the climate and biodiversity crises through fossil fuel supply-side measures and a just transition	The motion had adequate attention and discussion by Members, but significant disagreements remain
054	Operationalising the rights of nature through their implementation in territories	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote

#	Title	Rationale
055	[Recognition of the rights of Antarctica] [Evaluation of the concept of rights of Antarctica]	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
056	Advancing an ethical human-ocean relationship	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
059	Advancing actions to end plastic pollution to protect human health, biodiversity and the environment	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
067	Living in harmony with rivers through the rights of nature and ecocentric law	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
070	Integrating science, rights-based approaches and harmonious coexistence with strategies for ecological recovery	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
073	Defining a robust Nature Positive for Business framework, to mobilise corporate, civil society and government support for high-integrity nature positive contributions aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	The motion generated such controversy that a clean text was not possible to produce
079	Regulating financing mechanisms based on biodiversity [credits] [certificates] and guarantee positive effects on nature	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online
087	IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation	The motion had adequate discussion and debate in conjunction with motion 133. However, views continue to be divergent and opposed, and consensus was not reached in order to send one consolidated text to the electronic vote. The MWG submits motion 087 together with motion 133 to Congress for further discussion before the vote.

#	Title	Rationale
094	Recognising the importance of Indigenous [and local] languages, knowledge and cultural heritage in biodiversity conservation	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online
096	Setting area-based targets on scientific evidence and reversing historic injustices	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online
097	Mainstreaming mentorship for young ecological stewards to enhance conservation efforts	The motion had adequate attention and discussion by Members, but significant disagreements remain
105	Recognise and support community stewardship of natural resources through dedicated funding	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
107	Scaling-up Indigenous leadership in the protection of biodiversity and the sacred	The motion had adequate attention and discussion by Members, but significant disagreements remain
108	Development of IUCN guidelines to effectively control the commercial pet trade in terrestrial wildlife	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
113	Strengthening planning for preserving biodiversity through the use of Longevity Conservation approaches	The motion generated such controversy that a clean text was not possible to produce
118	Conservation of the Critically Endangered scalloped hammerhead shark (<i>Sphyrna lewini</i>) and its look-a-like species the smooth hammerhead shark (<i>S. zygaena</i>) and great hammerhead (<i>S. mokaran</i>)	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online AND generated such controversy that a clean text was not possible to produce
128	Strengthening human-nature connectedness to advance transformative change for nature	The resulting text has too many amendments that would be difficult to be voted upon online
133	A moratorium on genetically engineering wild species in natural ecosystems	The motion had adequate discussion and debate in conjunction with motion 087. However, views continue to be divergent and opposed, and consensus was not reached in order to send one consolidated text to the electronic vote. The MWG submits motion 133 together with motion 087 to Congress for further discussion before the vote.

#	Title	Rationale
136	Addressing the Direct Exploitation of Wild Species	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote
137	Advancing biodiversity [and geodiversity] finance with a human-rights-based approach	The motion generated such controversy that a clean text was not possible to produce
138	Recognising unequivocally and effectively supporting the crucial conservation role of territories of life and their custodians	The motion had adequate discussion and debate, but views are so divergent and opposed that a consensus text is not possible to be prepared to be put to the electronic vote

Annex 3: Motions on IUCN governance to be discussed and voted upon during Congress

#	Title
A	Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress improving the motions process
B	Proposed amendments to Article 54 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress – Criteria for accepting motions
C	Proposed amendments to IUCN Statutes and Regulations (to adapt the objectives of IUCN to the 20-year Strategic Vision, align the IUCN Statutes with Swiss Law and clarify the nominations process)
D	Proposed amendments to the IUCN Statutes and Regulations – Introduction of a Membership Dues waiver mechanism for IUCN Members facing exceptional financial hardship