

## **Third Motions Working Group Update**

### **IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025**

#### **04 September 2025**

Dear Members,

In this update, we provide additional information about the motions that were forwarded to the Members' Assembly for further debate, and which will be discussed in contact groups prior to the Congress.

Rule of Procedure 56(d) of the [IUCN Statutes](#) states that, *in order to increase the time for discussion during Congress, the Motions Working Group may convene virtual contact groups in the three weeks prior to the Opening of the Congress*. Given the large number of motions that were sent to the Congress following the online discussion (40 in total), **we have decided to send 16 of those to early contact groups to take place from 18 September to 8 October 2025.**

In deciding which motions to send to these early contact groups, we prioritised (i) those with many brackets, which we believe will need significant time to address, and (ii) those that we deemed to “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 45*bis*). The full list of motions concerned is annexed to this update.

The schedule and further information about these early contact groups will be shared in due course, and will be closely coordinated with the early contact groups that the Council has decided to convene on the Programme, Financial Plan, Strategic Vision, Commission mandates, and Statutory amendments.

We emphasise that **all 40 motions will be discussed in contact groups during the Congress**. We hope that these early meetings will allow Members more time for reflection and debate during the busy days that await in Abu Dhabi.

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

Respectfully,

**The Motions Working Group**

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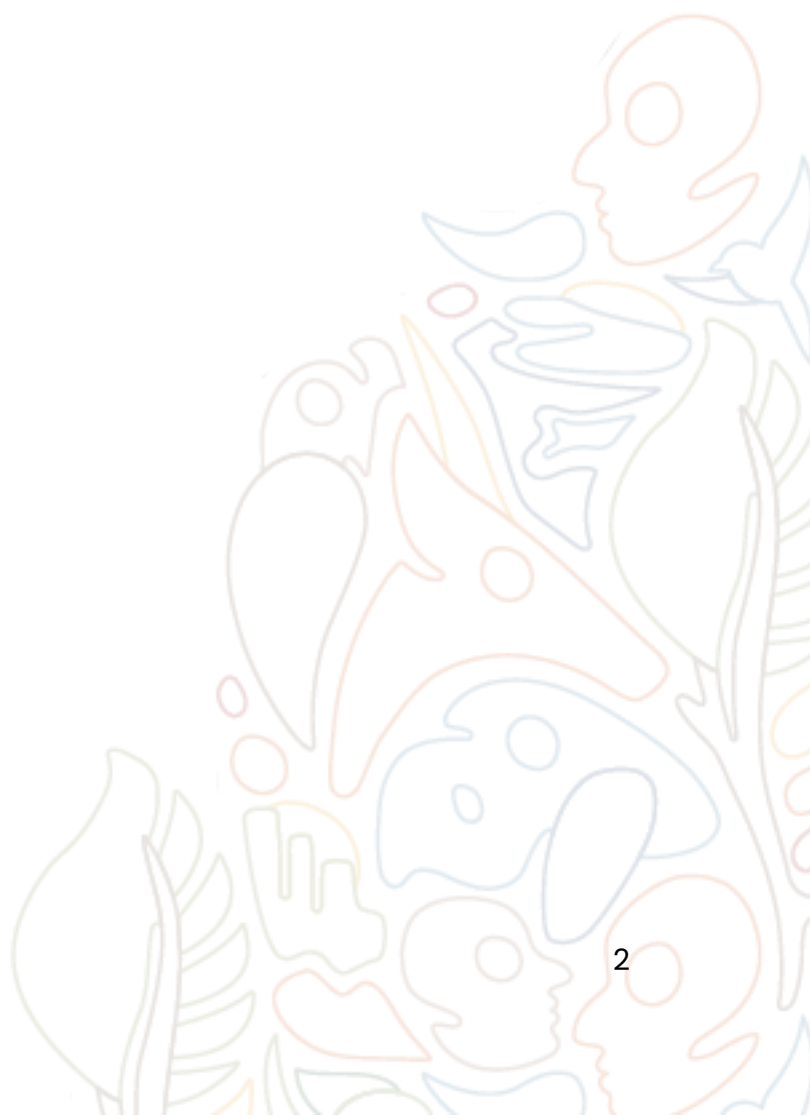
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## Annex 1: Motions submitted a virtual contact group in the three weeks prior to the opening of the Congress

#	Title
<a href="#">001</a>	Improving tree planting practices – Planting the right tree in the right place for the right purpose
<a href="#">011</a>	Delivering equitable accountability and means of implementation for international forest protection goals
<a href="#">033</a>	[Port] State measures regarding illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
<a href="#">038</a>	Harnessing IUCN's power: Driving synergy for net zero, nature positive and just energy transition
<a href="#">041</a>	Developing a policy on geoengineering
<a href="#">061</a>	Recognising the crime of ecocide to protect nature
<a href="#">073</a>	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
<a href="#">079</a>	Regulating financing mechanisms based on biodiversity [credits] [certificates] and guarantee positive effects on nature
<a href="#">081</a>	Supporting the economy transformation towards a regenerative economy
<a href="#">084</a>	Developing [a circular and sustainable bioeconomy] [a bioeconomy that is circular and sustainable] for sustainable food and agriculture
<a href="#">087</a>	IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation <sup>1</sup>
<a href="#">096</a>	Setting area-based targets on scientific evidence and reversing historic injustices
<a href="#">104</a>	Safeguarding biodiversity and human rights in energy transition mineral governance
<a href="#">121</a>	Confirming the status of the Climate Crisis Commission <sup>2</sup>
<a href="#">133</a>	A moratorium on genetically engineering wild species in natural ecosystems <sup>1</sup>
<a href="#">136</a>	Addressing the Direct Exploitation of Wild Species

<sup>1</sup> The Motions Working Group intends to request Members to continue discussing motions 087 and 133 in an integrated manner.

<sup>2</sup> Motion 121 will be considered alongside the discussion on the Climate Crisis Commission draft mandate 2026-2029 (see CGR-2025-6.2-1 at <https://iucncongress2025.org/assembly/documents>).