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Note by the Resolutions Working Group to IUCN Members on preparations for the World Conservation Congress 2012

This note presents information on the motions submitted to the 2012 IUCN World Conservation Congress in Jeju and a proposal on how these motions will be tabled and discussed at the Members' Assembly during Congress.

I – Motions submitted to the 2012 IUCN World Conservation Congress in Jeju as per paragraph 49 of the Rules and Procedures of the World Conservation Congress

A total of 209 motions were submitted within the deadline of 9 May 2012. This number represents a 32% increase compared with the number of motions submitted to the 2008 World Conservation Congress in Barcelona (156 motions were submitted then).

The Resolutions Working Group (RWG), as stipulated in IUCN's Statutes and Regulations, is responsible for verifying the validity of motions and preparing them for submission to the World Conservation Congress. This includes editing, re-organizing and consolidating/merging texts of two or more motions on the same topic as well as preparing comments that provide guidance to Members when considering the motions. The RWG reviewed the motions applying, in a consistent manner, the main elements of which were included in a note sent to Members on February 2012.

The breakdown of the total number of draft motions received and how they were treated is summarized in the following table:

Total motions received within the statutory deadline	209
Motions not accepted due to lack of sufficient sponsorship	-9
Motions not accepted because of redundancy or other reasons	-4
Motions contributing to consolidated/merged motions	-32
Total motions resulting from consolidating/merging	12
Total motions forwarded to the Congress	176

In accordance with paragraph 49 of the Rules of Procedures and in the spirit of greening the Jeju Congress, motions were made public on 8 July 2012 through the Motions blog and the IUCN website that may be accessed at: <http://portals.iucn.org/2012motions/>.

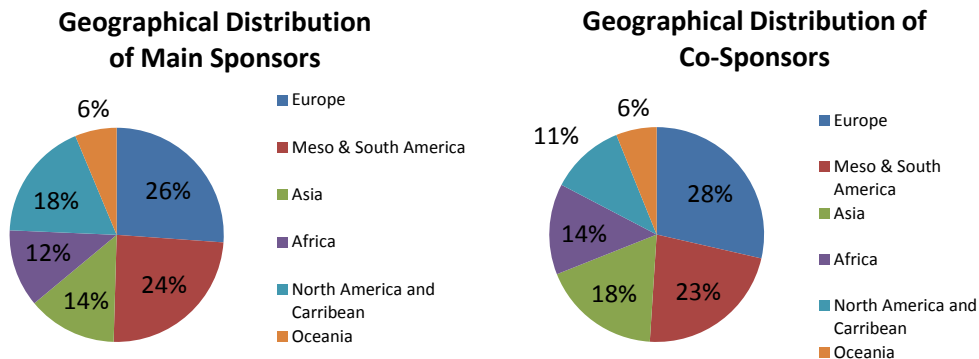
Motions are presented in a standard format: text, sponsors (with the principal sponsor cited first), comments (in italics), and Explanatory Memoranda, when provided. Note that Explanatory Memoranda are only presented in the language of submission.

Statistical information on the submitted motions:

In this initial phase of the motions process, around 40% of IUCN's Membership has participated, either by sponsoring or co-sponsoring motions, as described below:

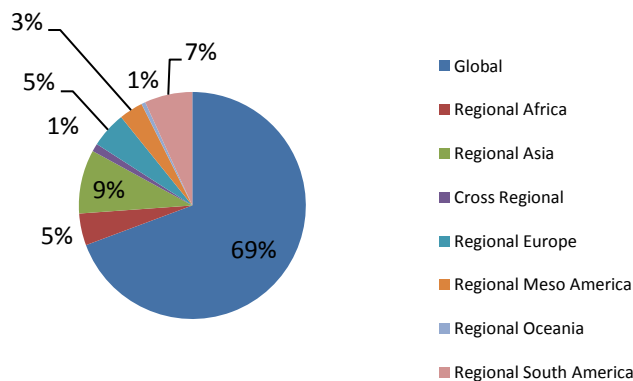
- 111 Members were the main sponsors of the 176 motions.
- 379 Members exclusively co-sponsored motions.
- There were 3 Members who each submitted 7 motions.
- The maximum number of motions co-sponsored by the same organization is 24.
- The IUCN Council submitted 17 Council supported motions.

Regional Distribution of Sponsors and Co-sponsors

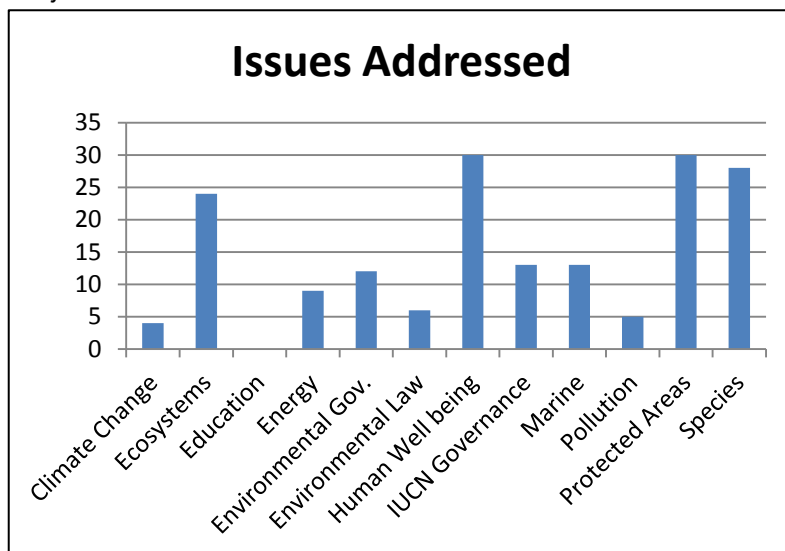


Regional/national/local motions:

Distribution of Expected Geographical Impact



Subjects covered:



It is hoped that these statistics can contribute to a reflection on ways to improve the motions process. Motion 001 is intended for that purpose and we encourage Members to participate in the discussions of this motion.

II – Planning for Congress

Consultations prior to Congress: The RWG encourages Members to take advantage of the period previous to Congress to familiarize themselves with the motions and exchange views through the Motions blog (see link above) with the aim to have more meaningful discussions at the Congress Assembly.

Time allocation to motions and adoption of motions *en bloc*: The table made available through the Motions blog “Tentative time allocation for motions” presents the timing in which motions will be tabled in various sittings of the Members’ Assembly, including an indication of the motions that are proposed to be adopted *en bloc*. The RWG proposes to table some motions for approval *en bloc* when their subject matter is closely related, given the large number of motions and the limited time available for discussion. This will allow for a smooth adoption of those motions that are not expected to lead to much debate and will leave more time for thorough discussions on other motions. Members are kindly asked to communicate to the RWG if there is objection to tabling those motions *en bloc* through an email to motions@iucn.org. If there are no objections, the Resolutions Committee will proceed as proposed.

Amendments to motions: Correction of factual errors, spelling mistakes or translation problems should be sent to the Secretariat Motions Team via email: motions@iucn.org. Note that these corrections will be introduced in the text as the Motions Team and RWG receive them. With regards to substantive amendments, Members may send those to motions@iucn.org so that the RWG can informally take note of them and start considering with the proponent the best manner to put such amendments forward. Members sending amendments regarding motions which are tabled in the plenary sittings of the Members’ Assembly without discussion in contact groups should be warned that they may have to be present, or represented by another Member to whom they have given the proxy to speak on their behalf, during the relevant plenary sitting in order to speak to their amendment.

Quorum for the motions process: As you know, Council is proposing to amend the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress in order to introduce a quorum for the motions process with the view to increasing the number of Members actively taking part in the process of adopting motions and thereby strengthening the legitimacy and ownership of the Resolutions and Recommendations. The quorum requirement responds to a weakness identified in the Barcelona Congress Evaluation. It is important that Members consult Document WCC-2012-1.4: “*Proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress: introducing a quorum requirement*” to be accessed at: <http://portals.iucn.org/2012amendments/sites/2012amendments/files/en/14.pdf>. It is expected that this reform will be put to vote at the first sitting of the Assembly for immediate effect, therefore, to apply to the motions process in Jeju. Members are encouraged to be present and actively participate in the (electronic) voting on motions or give a proxy to a delegation present in the room to do so on their behalf.

Deadline for motions submitted during the Congress: the deadline for submitting motions during the Congress is 12 September at 14:00. Please submit these motions to the Motions Help Desk.

Reducing the use of paper at the Assembly: To help reduce the footprint of the 2012 Congress, all delegations present in Jeju are encouraged to download the documents and avoid requesting photocopies. Hence, we call on all Members to consult motions electronically before and during the Congress through the Congress website. In order to facilitate the electronic access to the Congress documentation, 1,500 tablets/laptops will be made available for Members to use without charge. For more information, please consult the *Guidelines for minimizing paper consumption at the 2012 IUCN Congress* at: http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/guidelines_for_public_on_minimizing_paper_at_congress_final.pdf

We look forward to seeing you in Jeju!

The Resolutions Working Group