

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

January 2022

Updates



COMMUNICATIONS

INPUT NEEDED: None at this time

IMPORTANT UPCOMING ACTIONS:

Preparing positions for the March CITES and CBD meetings.

RECENT/UPCOMING MEETINGS AND DATES OF INTEREST:

- CITES Zoonotic Disease Working Group meeting: Oct 28, 2021; Feb 11, 2022
- CBD Open-ended Working Group (GBF Framework Negotiations): March 13-29, 2022
- CITES Standing Committee (Policy body that will make recommendations to CITES CoP): March 7-11, 2022
- CITES CoP Documents/Recommendation Development: February - May 2022

UPDATES

IUCN

Important outcomes of the World Conservation Congress were concerns about equity and inclusion, a recommendation to review the IUCN Sustainable Use Policy, and numerous resolutions (see back page). Recently, the Director had the opportunity to engage with the Chairs of the IUCN Commissions, the Director General, and the North American Regional Councillor.

CBD

The Open-ended Working Group is responsible for developing the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) for adoption at the CBD CoP in 2022. The GBF text negotiations are scheduled for March 2022.

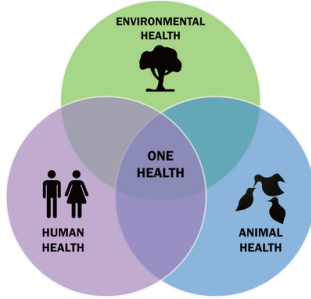
CITES

The CITES Working Group on Zoonotic Diseases (WG) developed a list of opportunities and constraints to CITES engaging in and contributing to reducing the risk of zoonotic disease spillover in trade. The WG also developed a list of potential actions and is in the process of prioritizing them and making recommendations at the next WG meeting for consideration by the CITES Standing Committee.

IPBES

No current updates

PRODUCTS/ACTIONS OF INTEREST



WILDLIFE TRADE, USE, AND CONSUMPTION; ZONOTIC DISEASES; AND ONE HEALTH

These discussions are front and center across the globe. There are proposals to ban wildlife trade, use and consumption in international fora and the U.S. Congress; develop new protocols under the UNCTOC; and action within CITES. One way to engage has been with the position paper developed by the Committee, Wildlife Conservation, Consumption, and Use in a Post-COVID-19 World.



IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST

The full list of resolutions passed in September 2021 can be found [here](#).

- #2: inclusion concerning indigenous peoples
- #8, 30, 32, 44, 110, 114: Climate-related
- #73: Ecological connectivity conservation in the post-2020 GBF
- #80: Recognizing, reporting and supporting other effective area-based conservation measures
- #98: Saving the world's otters
- #101: Addressing human-wildlife conflict



IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST (CONT.)

- #116: GBF recommendations including 30x30
- #118: Indigenous peoples and local communities rights and roles in conservation
- #119: Renunciation of the Doctrine of Discovery
- #137: Affirming the right of Indigenous Peoples and local communities
- #138: Including subnational governments in IUCN
- #150: Addendum to the IUCN Program 2021- 2024
- #160: The Marseille Manifesto



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