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- **Where the world comes together to set priorities and drive conservation and sustainable development action**
- **The largest global knowledge marketplace of conservation science, policy and practice**



Seven decades of impact

Decisions at IUCN congresses have been instrumental in shaping conservation and sustainable development.

Conventions with their roots in IUCN congresses include:

- the [Ramsar Convention on Wetlands](#),
- the [UNESCO World Heritage Convention](#),
- the [Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora \(CITES\)](#)
- the [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#).



Convention on
Biological Diversity



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization
Organisation des Nations
Unies pour l'éducation
la science et la Culture



World Heritage
Convention
Convention
du patrimoine mondial



Global challenges, natural solutions



A decisive step in a critical year

- The IUCN Congress is the only decision-making platform that involves both government and civil society
- Congress outcomes will shape decisions at Convention on Biological Diversity COP 15



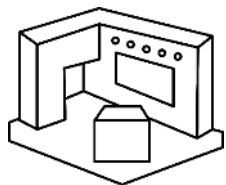
A Congress with three parts



Forum

12–15 June 2020

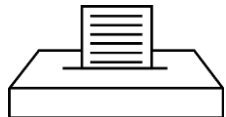
- 500+ sessions hosted and attended by experts, civil society and government representatives from around the world
- The latest conservation initiatives, innovations and solutions
- Aligned with the priorities of the 2021–2024 IUCN Programme



Exhibition

11–17 June 2020

- Allows exhibitors to showcase their research, innovations and other work to a broad audience



Members' Assembly

16–19 June 2020

- IUCN's highest decision-making body deciding on the most pressing conservation and sustainable development issues.
- Composed of 1300+ government, non-governmental and indigenous peoples' organisations from more than 160 countries



The Congress themes

1. Managing landscapes for nature and people
2. Conserving freshwater to sustain life
3. Restoring ocean health
4. Accelerating climate change mitigation and adaptation
5. Upholding rights, ensuring effective and equitable governance
6. Leveraging economic and financial systems for sustainability
7. Advancing knowledge, learning, innovation and technology





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The 2020 Congress – the location



The next Congress – 11 to 19 June 2020



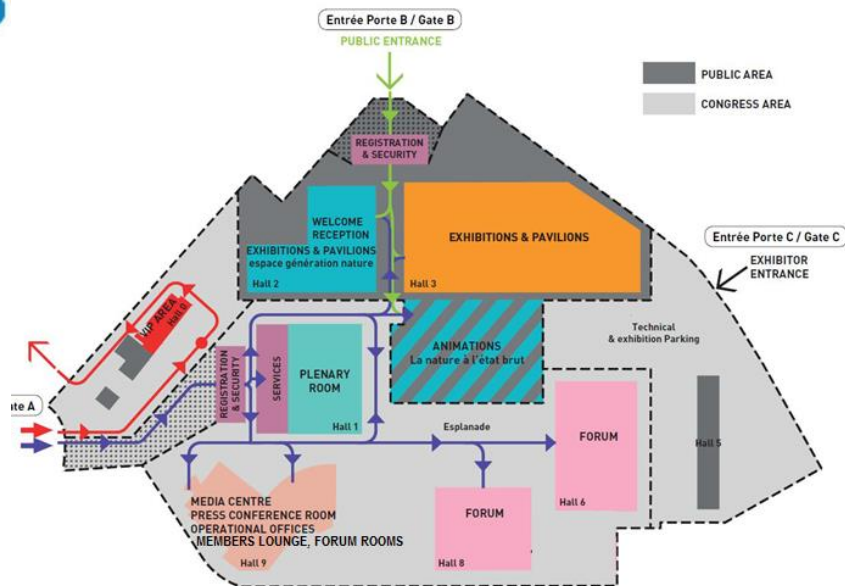
Hosted by the
Government of France
at Parc Chanot in
Marseille, France



MARSEILLE
Second largest French city
(population 1m). Situated on
the Mediterranean Sea and
capital of the “Provence-
Alpes-Côte d’Azur” region



The venue – Parc Chanot





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The Forum



The Forum – 12 – 15 June 2020



Thematic plenaries



High level dialogues



Thematic stream sessions



Campus



Speaker pitches



Breakfast with...



Let's connect!



Call for proposals - Selection criteria



- ✓ Clear alignment with, and contribution to:
 - the Congress Themes and the draft IUCN Programme 2021-2024
 - the Forum objectives
- ✓ Overall merit of proposals (e.g. novelty, solutions orientation, expected outcomes etc.)
- ✓ Diversity of the partners associated with the proposal
- ✓ Gender-responsiveness: relevance of sessions to mainstreaming gender issues
- ✓ Engagement of youth (aged 15-24) and young professionals (35 years of age and under) at all levels
- ✓ Use of innovative participatory techniques and demonstrated interactivity
- ✓ Relevance of the title (e.g. clarity, how catchy / interesting it is etc.)
- ✓ Overall balance of session types and topics proposed for inclusion in the Forum



Call for proposals – Selection process

- Proposal submission
 - **6 May – 17 July 2019**
- Technical merit review
 - **Independent review by at least 2 volunteer reviewers**
 - **Call for volunteers to open Mid-June**
 - **Review process: 18 July – 28 August 2019**
- Strategic review - Advisory panel
 - **Diversity of perspectives, including Host country**
 - **September 2019**
- Final selection announcement
 - **31 October 2019**





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The Members' Assembly



Members' Assembly – IUCN's highest governance body



Motions
(res. & rec.)



IUCN Programme
2021-24



Commission
mandates



Governance
reforms



Elections

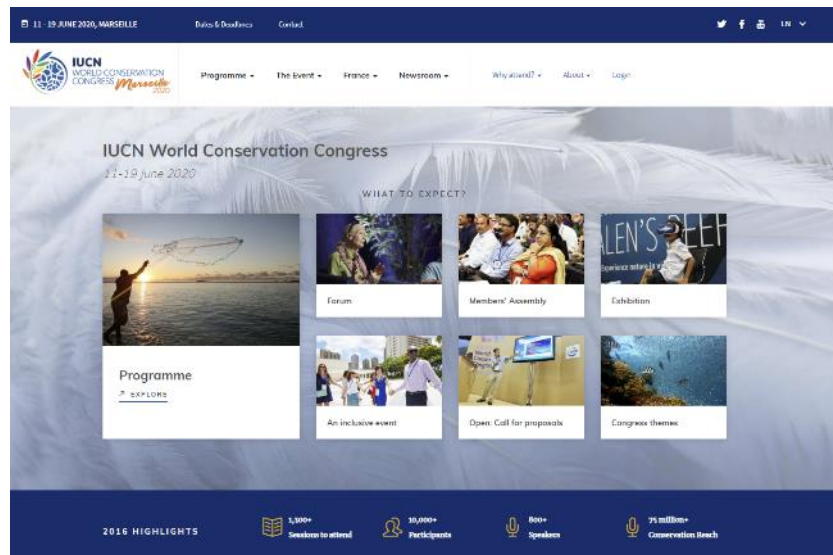


IUCN awards

Issues of strategic
Importance for IUCN



The IUCN Congress website



<https://www.iucncongress2020.org/>

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Thank you

