

Towards the World Conservation Congress

Barcelona, 2008

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The World Conservation Union



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Purpose of Congress

- Set the global conservation agenda
- Facilitate sharing of knowledge and experiences
- Showcase and debate critical conservation issues
- Elects officers
- Sets IUCN's general policy and programme

Approach

Vision: A diverse and sustainable world

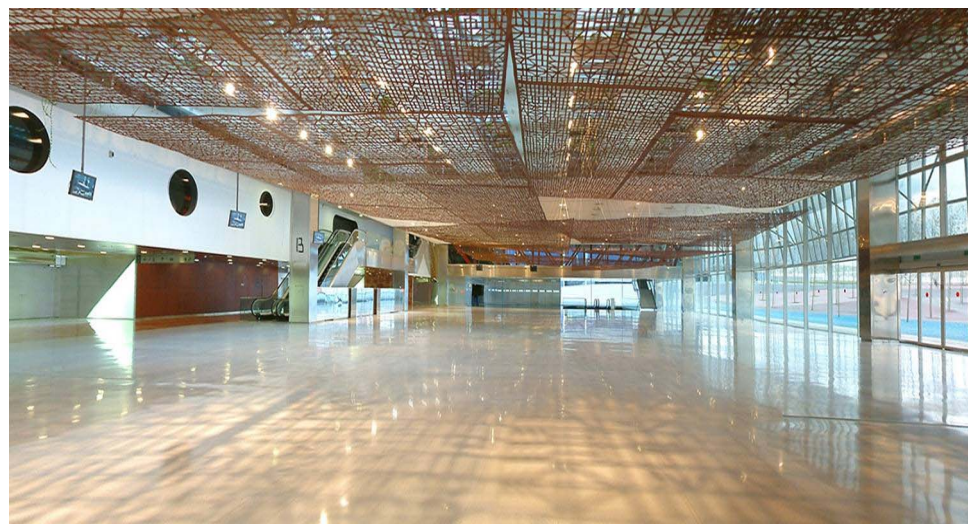
- **Sub-themes:**
 - A new climate for change
 - Healthy environments - Healthy people
 - Safeguarding the diversity of life
- **Barcelona Legacy**



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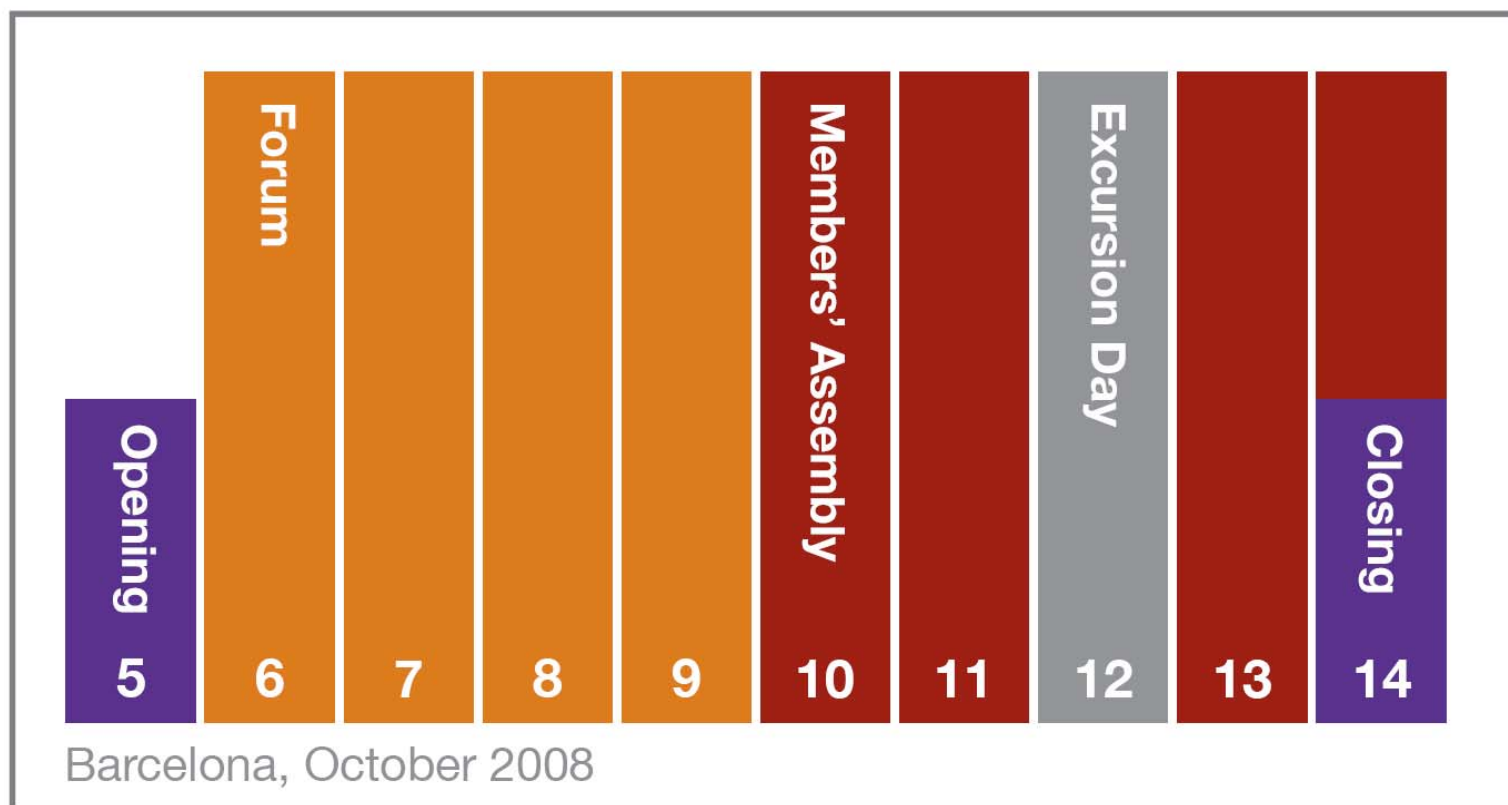
Venue

- Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona (CCIB)
- Hosted by:
 - Spanish Government - Ministry of Environment
 - Catalan Government - Ministry of Environment and Housing
- Organized by:
 - The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)





Congress schedule



Congress elements

Forum (4 days)

- Global Synthesis Workshops
- Member/ Partner Sponsored Events
- Knowledge marketplace
- Community Dialogues
- Exhibition
- Ministerial/CEO high-level roundtables
- Cultural events and receptions
- Conservation Cinema
- Training courses
- Press conferences

Members' Assembly (4 days and Excursion)

Elections:

- President, Treasurer, Regional Councilors, Commission Chairs

Approval:

- Next inter-sessional programme
- Commission mandates
- Membership dues levels

Adoption:

- Resolutions and Recommendations
- General Policy

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- Set IUCN's global policy and intersessional work programme

Members' Assembly

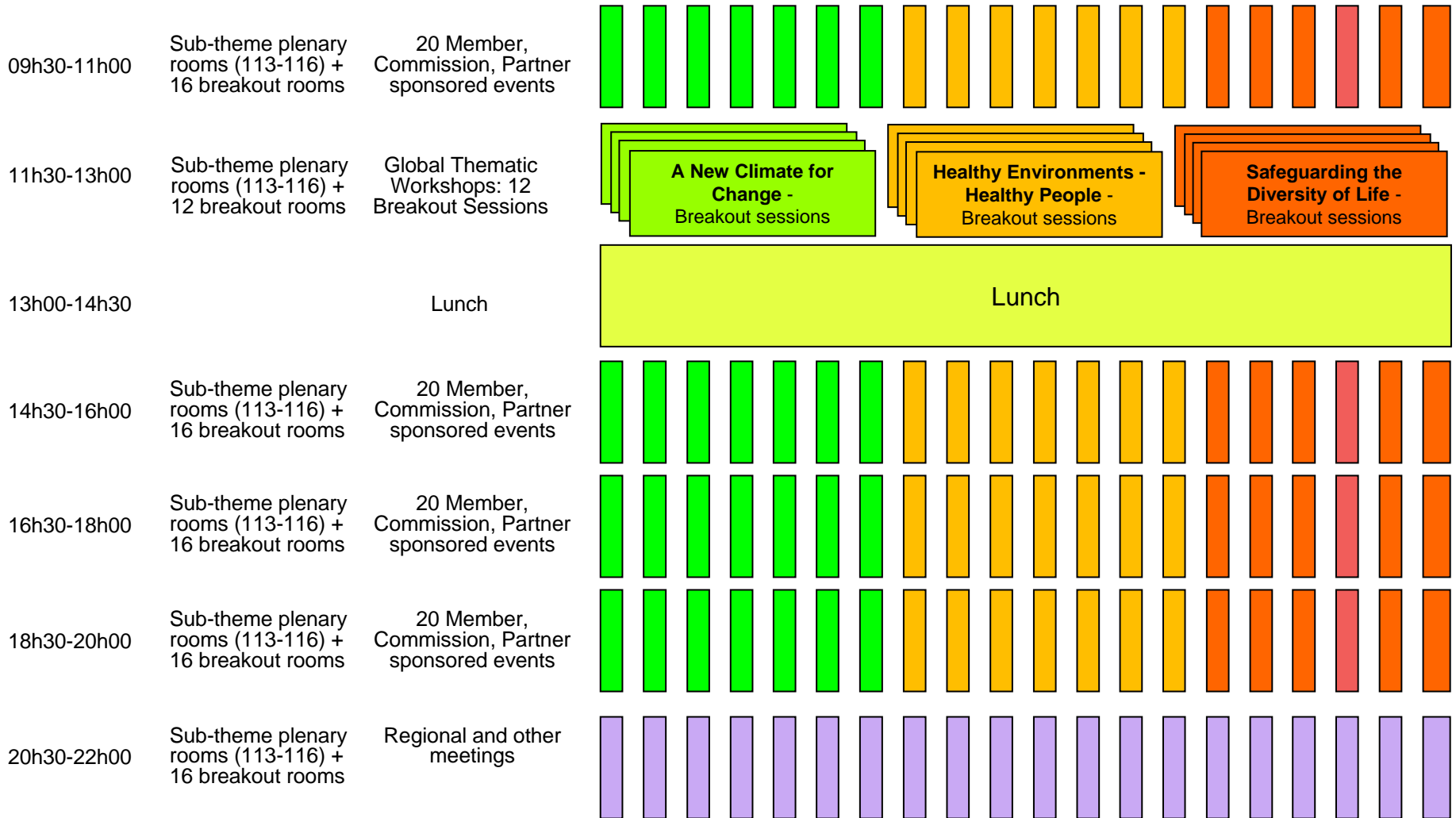
- Defines the general policy of IUCN
- Receives reports
- Approve the programme and financial plan
- Determine the number of Commissions and their mandates;
- Elects President, Treasurer, Regional Councillors and Chairs of Commissions...

Resolutions & Recommendations

- Submitted as motions = draft decisions of Congress and become:
 - Resolutions,
 - Recommendations,
 - Expressions of opinion or
 - Proposals.
- Only members and council can propose
- Must adhere to rules
 - Consistent with objectives
 - Not repeat previous decisions unless unresolved
 - Submitted to the Director General no later than 6 June 2008

The Forum

Tuesday, October 7 & Wednesday, October 8



Species Programme Secretariat Coordinated Sessions



No.	Presentation Title	Collaborators	Lead
1	The IUCN Red List – regional & national assessments	MED, ZSL, IUCN French Nat'l Cttee	Craig Hilton-Taylor & JC Vié
2	Species Assessment – including Global Mammal Assessment, Global Species Assessment, Amphibians, Vertebrates, managing functional units, population trend analysis.	CI, ZSL, SSC-Cetacean SG	Simon Stuart and Biodiversity Assessment Unit
3	Plants, People and Prosperity Initiative – Global Strategy on Plant Conservation	BGCI	Jane Smart & Julie Griffin
4	Human and Wildlife Conflict	HWCC, SSC	Jean-Christophe Vié & Dena Cator

SSC Sessions

No.	Presentation Title	Collaborators	Lead
1	Species-based indicators	SSC SGs, ZSL	Holly Dublin, Carol Poole SSC
2	Climate change and Species Conservation	Wendy Foden, JC Vié, Simon Stuart	SSC
3	Celebrating SSC: past achievements		SSC
4	Celebrating SSC: future vision		SSC
5	What Species Bring to Human Livelihoods	Freshwater SP staff	SSC
6	Introduction to conservation planning for species survival	WCPA	SSC

SGs Presenting at WCC

- Proposals for Congress events were submitted in August and October, 2007.
- Notification of acceptance is almost done.
- List of accepted events will be published on Congress website in February.

Types of SG events at WCC

- **Cetacean SG** - Managing functional units to conserve species: new and old challenges in a changing world.
- **Medicinal Plants SG** - Wild and Well: Sustainable use the herbal products industry.
- **Sustainable Use SG** - Using Resilience Thinking to Solve Wicked Sustainable Use Problems
- **Wildlife Health SG** - Emerging threats to biodiversity - Pharmaceuticals in the Environment
- **South American Camelid SG** - Uso de camelidos silvestres en paises andinos: hacia un paradigma de equidad, alianzas y participacion.

SGs Attending WCC

- Registration system on Congress website in February.
- Specialist Group event at Congress.
- Participation in the Biodiversity pavilion.

SGs not attending WCC

- You still have a way to contribute.
- SG profiles wall, stories and videos in Biodiversity pavilion.
- Publications and promotional material.

Fundraising Options

- WCC funds for Commission members.
- Species Programme funding ideas.

