



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the IUCN National Committee UK (NCUK) was held on Wednesday 10th June 2015 at London Wildlife Trust, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF between 1530 and 1700.

Those present:

Stuart Brooks (Chair)

Chris Mahon (Chief Executive)

Luc Bas (IUCN European Regional Office)

Jonathan Hughes (The Wildlife Trusts and IUCN Global Council)

Stephen Grady (Joint Nature Conservation Committee)

Peter Brotherton (Natural England)

Tim Stowe (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)

Ed Maltby (The Sibthorp Trust and Falklands Conservation)

Ben Connor (British Ecological Society)

Mike Pienkowski (UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum)

Matthew Barney (BeadaMoss)

Giles Catermole (Strategy Resource Partners)

PRELIMINARIES

- 1. Welcome by Stuart Brooks, Chair of IUCN NCUK**
Stuart Brooks welcomed the assembled company to the meeting, which had followed on from a successful reception in the House of Lords to welcome the new IUCN Director General to the UK.
- 2. Apologies for absence**
No formal apologies had been received
- 3. Adoption of minutes from the previous AGM of 2014**
These were adopted without further comment.
- 4. Matters arising from the previous AGM**
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

- 5. Review of 2014** Chris Mahon presented a powerpoint presentation covering the highlights of the 2014 year, including a reception at London Zoo for the visit of the IUCN President in February, the 'Nature-based solutions to flood management problems' workshop at the WWF Living Planet Centre, in Woking in May and the River Restoration project expert workshop in Liverpool in September. He reported on the progress made by the Peatland Programme and the Putting

Nature on the Map projects, both of which had been presented on the European and global stages and received well.

He also reported on the leadership shown by the NCUK amongst National Committees in Europe and the production in this year of a toolkit publication to assist them. The presentation generated some discussions particularly around the opportunities for the Peatland Carbon Code and its potential to influence delivery of UNFCCC objectives and the benefits of the PNOTM work, including assisting with the focus of Aichi target 11.

GOVERNANCE

6. Financial Report

Stuart Brooks spoke on the NCUK finances and their currently being satisfactory for the year past and ahead but unless more income can be secured the position is unsustainable. There could be an opportunity for the NCUK to benefit from the IUCN UK Charity by delivering projects but until that is realised spending will need to be modest prior to the WCC in Hawaii in September 2016. A financial summary table is available in the powerpoint presentation accompanying these minutes.

7. Election of Members to the Executive Committee

There were no new Members elected to the Executive Committee but an invitation was made to all to come forward and stand for election if they wished. As the Chair nears the end of his four year term, a Chair Elect will need to be appointed at the next AGM in 2016, to begin the 2017-2020 period.

The IUCN National Committee UK Executive Committee (ExCo) for 2015-16 is as follows:

Chief Executive

Chris Mahon

Elected

Stuart Brooks (Chair, John Muir Trust)

Glyn Davies (WWF-UK)

Jonathan Hughes (The Wildlife Trusts, IUCN Regional Councillor)

Tim Stowe (Royal Society for Protection of Birds)

Kirsten Pullen (BIAZA)

UK Government Representatives

Dominic Whitmee, Michael Sigsworth (Defra)

Stephen Grady (JNCC)

Co-opted

Mike Pienkowski (UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum)

Nigel Dudley, Sue Stolton (World Commission on Protected Areas)

Ex-Officio

Simon Stuart (Chair Species Survival Commission)

Richard Jenkins (IUCN Secretariat, Global Species Programme)

8. A look forward to 2015/16 and beyond

The Chair reiterated the objective for 'A strong IUCN National Committee supporting an active, informed and expanding IUCN member base, contributing to improved biodiversity, ecosystems and landscapes in the UK, UK Overseas Territories, Crown Dependencies and elsewhere.'

In the 2015/16 workplan for NCUK, there will be three work streams

National Committee Work Streams

- i Undertake projects to help deliver the IUCN Programme
- ii Provide opportunities for IUCN UK members to engage with IUCN at all levels of governance and delivery
- iii Coordinate input from IUCN UK members to nature conservation issues in the UK and UK Overseas Territories

and the following:

Priorities for 2015-16

- IUCN UK Peatland Programme
 - Carbon Code
 - International Conference
 - UK Life+ Peatland Project proposal
- Putting Nature on the Map
 - Maintain sub-group to oversee delivery of recommendations
- River Restoration & Biodiversity
 - Publish phase 2 findings
 - Submit phase 3 bid
- Establish at least 1 new project
- Input to IUCN Governance & Actions
 - Contribute to EUPAG – Refit & European NCs
 - Support development of the European Regional Conservation Forum (Finland, Dec 2015)
 - Promote and support UK consultation responses
 - Convene meetings and help coordinate UK input to WCC – including development of motions

Draft Revisions to the Constitution and Rules of Operation will be made available for comment in the coming year.

The draft 2015/16 workplan has been discussed by the NCUK ExCo and will be made available on the NCUK website when final ExCo comments have been received. This includes a proposal for a Members Meeting in September/October to examine UK input to the European Regional Conservation Forum in December. A time table for the period to the end of 2016 is available in the powerpoint presentation accompanying these minutes.

9. Open forum for questions

Is there a protocol for events at the Hawaii WCC and is it better to run things through the NCUK? Processes are being developed for the WCC but in general it could be beneficial for a Member to at least inform the NCUK of their intentions to see if there are advantages in any closer collaboration.

10. Any Other Business

There was none

11. Close of AGM

The Chair closed the meeting at approximately 1730.