

IUCN UK - Implementing the IUCN Global Programme 2009-12

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IUCN Members in the UK will know that one of the purposes of their National Committee is to assist in the delivery of the IUCN Global Programme.

We began in April with the conference "Nature - What's in it For Me?" which explored the programme theme of ecosystem management for human well-being. In this edition of *Synergy* three conferences in the UK are highlighted as directly contributing to two other themes of the IUCN Global Programme, and a fourth which underpins them all.

Global Programme Theme: Changing the Climate Forecast

Biodiversity and Climate Change

Inverness, 5th November 2010 www.cifalfindhorn.org

From policymakers to crofters, foresters to tourist operators, fishermen to farmers, land managers to the news media; all have a vital interest in the profound implications of climate change on Scotland's biodiversity, the world they live in, and from.



The Highlands International Biodiversity and Climate Change conference, part of the United Nations' International Year of Biodiversity, is the forum to find the latest information about how climate change is affecting the unique habitats and resources of the Highlands and Islands, and learn about innovative solutions to enhance biodiversity under the pressure of climate change.

This conference is also an unparalleled opportunity to meet experts in both land and marine ecology and network with people from all walks of Highland life, passionate about maintaining Scotland's unique biodiversity.

Species Conservation in a Changing Climate Clifton Pavilion, Bristol Zoo Gardens,

25th November 2010 www.bcsf.org.uk

IUCN Member Bristol Zoo's sister organization, Bristol Conservation and Science Foundation, has selected the impact of climate change on animal and plant species as



the topic for this year's symposium, in particular to highlight the urgency of effective mitigation measures to protect whole groups of species from the imminent danger of extinction.

They aim to bring together experts on various species groups and evaluate the level of threat that climate change imposes on those groups, and suggest

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The Conference, to be held in Liverpool between the 8th and 10th November 2010, will showcase and celebrate recent landscape thinking, building on the European Landscape Convention's call to protect, manage and enhance landscapes everywhere: in town, country or coast and help you in your work to influence change between people and place.

Further details on the conference can be found here www.uklandscapeconference.org

possible mitigation scenarios. They will place special emphasis on the potential role of zoos, aquaria and botanical gardens in helping mitigate the effects of climate change on biodiversity.

The symposium is supported by IUCN UK and is an official contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity 2010.

Invited speakers include:

- ❖ Simon Stuart (International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
- ❖ Lloyd Peck (British Antarctic Survey)
- ❖ Suzanne Sharrock (Botanic Gardens Conservation International)
- ❖ Paul Pearce-Kelly (Zoological Society of London)
- ❖ Oliver Watts (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)
- ❖ Matthew Hatchwell (Wildlife Conservation Society)
- ❖ Stephen Widdicombe (Plymouth Marine Laboratory)
- ❖ Aylin McNamara (Zoological Society of London)
- ❖ Andrew Hartley (Met Office, Hadley Centre)

Global Programme Theme: Greening the World Economy

The Economics of Nature: taking stock, sharing action

- meeting the global challenges of the TEEB report.

City Point, Ropemaker Street, London EC2

Tuesday 16 November 2010

<http://carbonleapfrog.org/iucn-carbon-leapfrog-event/>

IUCN UK has teamed up with climate charity Carbon Leapfrog to bring together leading thinkers from across the finance, legal and business sectors to examine ways of meeting the challenges set out in the TEEB report.

The groundbreaking Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study and business report focuses on:

- ❖ the global economic benefit of biodiversity
- ❖ the costs of the loss of biodiversity
- ❖ the implications of the failure to take protective measures versus the costs of effective conservation

The report will be launched in October at the United Nations CBD meeting in Nagoya, Japan.

www.teebweb.org/ForBusiness/tabid/1021/Default.aspx

The main format of the day will consist of a series of panel discussions designed to encourage participation from the 120-strong invited audience. Each panel will comprise five CEO-level representatives from the corporate, investment, banking and finance, insurance, legal and environmental sectors.

Speakers and panel Chairs include:

- ❖ Julia Marton-Lefèvre, IUCN Director-General
- ❖ Josh Bishop, IUCN Chief Economist, and TEEB for Business report co-ordinator
- ❖ John Elkington, CEO, Volans
- ❖ Paul Turner, Head of Sustainability, Lloyds Bank
- ❖ Sunny Sehgal, Head of Sustainability, HSBC Insurance
- ❖ Simmons & Simmons
- ❖ David Hopkins, Spartacus Communications and Carbon Leapfrog charity
- ❖ Chris Mahon, Chair, IUCN UK Committee
- ❖ Garry Charnock, Chief Executive, Carbon Leapfrog charity



A high point of the Wildscreen Festival each year is the prestigious keynote event, the **Sir Peter Scott Lecture**, which is held in honour of Wildscreen's co-founder.

Forty years after the world's first Earth Day, awareness of environmental issues is greater than ever. Yet, after decades of NGO campaigning and widespread media coverage, public motivation to do something does not come near to what is needed.

Species extinction and habitat destruction accelerate. Global temperatures continue to rise. Why is the message not getting through and what are the solutions?

Panel:

Dr George Schaller, Vice President of Panthera & Senior Conservationist, Wildlife Conservation Society

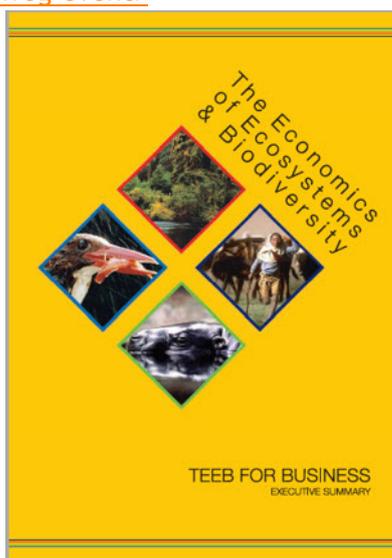
Dr Jim Leape, Director General, WWF International

Julia Marton-Lefèvre, IUCN Director General

Dr George C. McGavin, Scientist and "Lost Land of the Tiger" Presenter

Ed Gillespie, Co-Founder, Futerra

FREE admission, but you must register to reserve a seat by contacting 0117 328 5950 or by email info@wildscreen.org.uk



The need for appropriate communication is an important element in the future delivery of IUCN Global Programme delivery and general understanding of the issues.

The following event should help:

‘Communicate’ conference Council House in central Bristol, 3rd and 4th November 2010 www.bnhc.org.uk/home/communicate/programme.html

Communicate is a conference for environmental communicators attracting a cross-sector of representatives from environmental and conservation organisations, business and CSR, policy makers, media, and national and local government bodies and natural history filmmakers.

The theme for 2010 is “Connecting with Nature”. The themes we will cover this year include: Biodiversity in cities, language in conservation, biodiversity and social health, media and communication tools and much more

Keynote speakers include

- ❖ Sir David Attenborough (broadcaster and presenter)
- ❖ Fiona Reynolds (Director General, National Trust)
- ❖ Martin Spray (CEO, Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge)
- ❖ Richard Benyon MP (Minister for Biodiversity)

IUCN Council’s Work on Governance 2009 - 2012

The Members Assembly in Barcelona adopted a number of resolutions related to the governance of the Union and noted a number of on-going governance issues presented in the report of the Chair of the Congress Governance Committee. In response, the IUCN Council established a Governance Committee to address these matters by undertaking analysis of the relevant issues, developing recommendations for Council and consulting with Members, National and Regional Committees, and Commissions on proposed governance changes.

Two thirds of Council members are participating in Governance Committee with the Committee’s analysis and recommendations going to the full Council for review. The Director General participates in the meetings of the Governance Committee.

The Governance Committee is addressing priorities and requirements for governance of the Union through two types of governance changes:

- ❖ **Improvements** to governance which do not require changes in the “law of IUCN” but which Council can approve and introduce to improve the workings of the Union through better guidance and practices; and, where applicable,
- ❖ **Reforms** which require changing the Regulations (within the authority of the Council) or revisions to the Statutes of the Union to be decided by the Members’ Assembly at the 2012 World Conservation Congress.

“The Governance Committee is addressing priorities and requirements for governance of the Union”

IUCN Council has decided to undertake a two-step process for consulting with IUCN Members, National and Regional Committees and Commissions:

- ❖ consult in 2010 on key governance issues and proposed improvements to inform these IUCN constituencies and obtain their input to help Council shape the proposed governance changes; and,
- ❖ engage these IUCN constituencies in 2011 to present and test proposed governance reforms for presentation at the 2012 Congress.

The 2010 consultations are taking place by way of a consultation questionnaire, a copy of which can be found on the IUCN website (www.iucn-uk.org), which is being sent to all IUCN Members, members of the Steering Committees of IUCN’s Commissions and the National and Regional Committees, and through face-to-face consultations in regular meetings of IUCN National and Regional Committees and Commission Steering Committee meetings already scheduled to be held in the period August 2010 to November 2010.

IUCN UK launch “Putting Nature on the Map” project.



Land and sea areas in the UK where nature and landscape are given priority.

Middlemarch Environmental have been contracted to undertake the recently launched IUCN UK project “Putting Nature on the Map” project.

On completion of the project in 2011, the Cambridge-based UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), which runs the World Database on Protected Areas, will have a comprehensive digital and mapped record of the land and sea areas in the UK where nature and landscape are given priority. This information will be freely available to all decision makers in the UK, and updated as required.

A summary of background to and goals of the project can be found in a short one page “Putting Nature on the Map” paper to be found here

http://www.iucn-uk.org/Portals/0//Putting_nature_on_the_map_summary.pdf.

News of the projects activities and calls for information and comments will be posted regularly on the IUCN website during the life of the project.

For more information please contact:

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The IUCN Pan-Europe Meeting

The IUCN Pan-Europe Meeting of Regional Councillors and National Committee Chairs met at the Nizhne-Svirskiy State Nature Reserve on Europe’s largest lake, Lake Ladoga near St. Petersburg in the Russian Federation, between 20 and 23rd September 2010.



Delegates at the IUCN Pan-Europe meeting at Nizhne-Svirskiy State Nature Reserve

Under discussion were strategic subjects such as:

- ❖ regional preparation for the next World Conservation Congress in Jeju, South Korea, in September 2012;
- ❖ input to the current and subsequent IUCN Global Programmes;
- ❖ reform of the IUCN Motions Process and the role of National Committees in Europe.

An underlying theme from a previous meeting was to seek improvements to coordination, communication and collaboration within the IUCN Pan Europe region. Among

the outcomes was the agreement to take forward a pre-Congress Pan Europe Forum and propose the establishment of a Pan Europe Regional Committee. New large scale conservation projects in the region were also highlighted as well examples of protected area activity throughout the Russian Federation.

Annual Earthwatch Debate - An Environmental Mascot for Britain

The annual Earthwatch debate takes place on 14 October 2010, at the Royal Geographical Society in London. A prestigious line-up of speakers will go head-to-head to find a species which both represents the UK’s invaluable natural heritage, but also the British people’s inimitable spirit

Chaired by Bloomberg Television’s **Andrea Catherwood**, you can expect a lively contest indeed.

Dr George McGavin, winner of the 2008 Earthwatch ‘Irreplaceable Species’ debate, BBC *Lost Lands* presenter and Honorary Research Associate at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History will argue for the **bumblebee**; **Tony Juniper**, writer, campaigner and independent environmental advisor, will advocate the **song thrush**; **Dr Samantha Burgess**, Earthwatch’s own Senior Research Manager for Oceans will make the case for **deep sea coral**; **Professor Stephen Hopper**, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, will defend the **oak tree** and **Dr Johannes Vogel**, Keeper of Botany at London’s Natural History Museum, will fight for the **bluebell**.

Book a free ticket online - www.earthwatch.org/europe/tickets_in_2010/ or call on **01865 318818**.

Google Earth

The IUCN Members’ layer on Google Earth can be viewed here:

http://intranet.iucn.org/MembersLayer/IUCN_Members.kml

To update your Google Earth data, please contact the nearest Membership Focal Point in your region:

www.iucn.org/about/union/members/contacts/mfp/

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