



Summer 2015

## Members Meeting October 2015



IUCN Members in the UK are warmly invited to attend a Members Meeting at the WWF Living Planet Centre in Woking on Thursday 8th October 2015. This is the first step on the Road to Hawai'i and will provide Members with the opportunity to discuss the motions that they are proposing to the 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress and encourage support for them.

Also on the agenda will be the IUCN Programme which is currently out for consultation, as well as the programme's delivery in a national and European context.

### National Committee work plan

The work of NCUK for 2015-16 will focus on the *Road to Hawai'i*, all efforts being directed towards ensuring that UK Members have an optimal input into the World Conservation Congress in 2016.

## Dates for the diary...

### **IUCN UK Members Meeting**

WWF Living Planet Centre in Woking - 8th October 2015

### **IUCN Regional Conservation Forum**

IUCN Regional Conservation Forum - 14-16 December 2015, Finland

### **IUCN World Conservation Congress 2016**

World Conservation Congress - 1-10 September 2016, Hawaii

## IUCN Regional Conservation Forum



All IUCN Members are invited to participate in this important quadrennial event, which this time will be held in Helsinki, Finland on 14-16 December 2015. Details at: [http://www.iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/europe/regional\\_conservation\\_forum/](http://www.iucn.org/about/union/secretariat/offices/europe/regional_conservation_forum/)

Reasons to attend the RCF:

- Influence priorities and policies
- Network with peers and partners and get inspired
- Participate and meet other members
- Understand and exchange ideas
- Teach, Learn and find opportunities

Despite the proximity of this event to the seasonal festive period, you may like to consider some of the other benefits of visiting Finland at this time of year, not least visiting Helsinki's excellent Christmas Markets, exploring the Arctic Circle home of Santa Claus and maybe seeing the Northern Lights.

## IUCN World Conservation Congress

The IUCN Congress takes place every four years and the 2016 Congress will take place in Hawai'i, from 1 to 10 September 2016.

The call for contributions for the WCC 2016 is now open - it is your chance to propose an event and help define the programme of this influential environmental gathering.

Interested parties have until 15 October 2015 to identify partners, develop and submit their proposals for events.

Details at

<http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/>



## IUCN welcomes John Muir Trust

IUCN Council has approved the application of the John Muir Trust which now joins over 40 UK-based IUCN organisation Members.

Stuart Brooks, the CEO of JMT has been chairing the IUCN National Committee UK as a representative of IUCN Member Scottish Environment Link until now. JMT is a very welcome new addition to the UK member list, specialising as it does in protecting wild land.



## IUCN Director General visit, House of Lords

The IUCN Director General, Inger Andersen, visited the UK in June and spoke to 40 invited guests at a reception in the House of Lords, sponsored by Baroness Parminter and organised by the NCUK.

In her speech, the Director General urged all parties to be impatient with the pace of progress and said that focused, urgent action is required now.

She also encouraged participation in the consultation process for the next IUCN 4-year programme 2017-2020 and in particular urged members to participate in the Regional Conservation Forum in Helsinki in December and the Programme's eventual implementation.



## Members feature - CIEEM Awards



On 25th June, the Birmingham Botanical Gardens played host to this year's prestigious Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) Awards. A day to celebrate excellence in the fields of ecology and environmental management, honouring individuals, organisations and projects that demonstrate exemplary and inspirational best practice in the industry, with previous winners including Sir David Attenborough. John Box, President of CIEEM, opened proceedings and was followed by the guest speaker, independent environmental expert, Tony Juniper.

We are delighted to say that Diana Pound, a Member of the IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (*pictured third from the left above*), accepted an award, on behalf of her company Dialogue Matters, in the "Best Practice Award for Stakeholder Engagement" category for their study entitled "Green Economy Project in the UK Overseas Territory of the Turks and Caicos Islands"

Perhaps the highlight of the event, the presentation of the prestigious accolade of the CIEEM Medal to Professor David Goode, recognised for his achievements in urban ecology and nature conservation, and to Penny Anderson recognised for her achievements in promoting high standards of professional consultancy and her contribution to upland management. Further information about these Awards can be found here:

<http://www.cieem.net/previous-award-winners-2015-award-winners-604>

IUCN NCUK are actively looking to establish new projects. If you have an idea that fits our unique niche and adds value please do get in touch.