

## **Mediterranean consultation between IUCN Councillors, Chairmen of IUCN National Committees and IUCN Secretariat**

**Malaga, Spain, February 21 - 22, 2003**

### **Background**

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IUCN – The World Conservation Union was founded in 1948 and brings together 79 states, 112 government agencies, 760 NGOs, 37 affiliates, and some 10,000 scientists and experts from 181 countries in a unique worldwide partnership. Its mission is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable. The IUCN Centre of Mediterranean Cooperation started its activities in October 2001, with a mission to influence, encourage and assist Mediterranean societies to conserve and sustainably use the natural resources of the region, as well as work with IUCN members and cooperate with other agencies that share the objectives of IUCN.

The five key themes that the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation is working on include:

- a) Biodiversity conservation
- b) Islands
- c) Sustainable use of natural resources
- d) Water resources and catchments
- e) Arid lands, transition areas and desertification

### **Objectives of the Meeting**

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- ✍ Review the 2002 activities undertaken by the Centre;
- ✍ Expose the planned activities for 2003;
- ✍ Discuss preparatory steps for defining the 2005-2008 Programme of Work (World Conservation Congress 2004);
- ✍ Set the mechanism for the IUCN Mediterranean consultation process;
- ✍ Set vision for strengthening cooperation between the Centre and other regional offices, commissions and initiatives;
- ✍ Expose the Murcia meeting and the common vision to be carried to Durban;
- ✍ Suggest the role and mechanism of involvement of the members in the Forum of Culture meeting in Barcelona in 2004;
- ✍ Review the MCSD Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development.

## Agenda

<b>DAY 1</b>	<b>Friday February 21, 2003</b>
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Puri Canals, IUCN Councillor
	Prof Zohir Sekkal, IUCN Councillor
	Dr Alia Hatough Bouran, IUCN Councillor
	Bill Jackson, Director of Global Programme, IUCN HQ, Gland
	Jamie Skinner, Director, IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation
	Introduction of participants
<b>9:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation Programme Update</b>
10 mins	? Overview of progress in 2002, Jamie Skinner, Director
5 mins each + questions	? Administrative and Financial Report for 2002, Isaac Jimenez, Finance and Administration Officer
	? Marine Programme Update, Jamie Skinner, Director and Imène Meliane, Marine Programme Officer
	? Forests, Islands, Desertification, North-South linkages Programme Activities, Rami A. Salman, Programme Coordinator
	? Mediterranean Protected Areas Programme, Andres Alcantara, Protected Areas Coordinator
	General Discussion
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Programme Update (continued)</b>
10 mins	? Water and Wetlands Programme, Jamie Skinner
5 mins each + questions	? Communication Activities, Lourdes Lazaro, Communications Officer
	? Perspectives from WesCANa, Dona Khanfour,
	? Perspectives from RoFE, Tamás Marghescu
	? Programme outlook for 2003 and 2004, Jamie Skinner
<b>12:30-14:00</b>	Discussion and identification of key issues for 2003 and 2004
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	Discussion of key issues identified (1)
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>

<b>17:30 – 18:30</b>	From Murcia to Durban: A Common Mediterranean Vision Andres Alcantara Rami A. Salman
	Discussion
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>Saturday February 22, 2003</b>
<b>9:00</b>	Discussion of key issues identified (2)
<b>10:30</b>	Forum of Culture, Barcelona 2004 – Its Significance to the Mediterranean Region and the input of IUCN Puri Canals
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>12:00</b>	Steps and process towards developing the 2005-2008 programme – towards the IUCN World Conservation Congress – Thailand 2004 Bill Jackson
<b>13:00</b>	The IUCN Mediterranean consultation mechanism
	Discussion
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>15:30</b>	Exposing the MCSD - Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>17:00</b>	Conclusions and Wrap up
<b>17:30</b>	Closure of Meeting