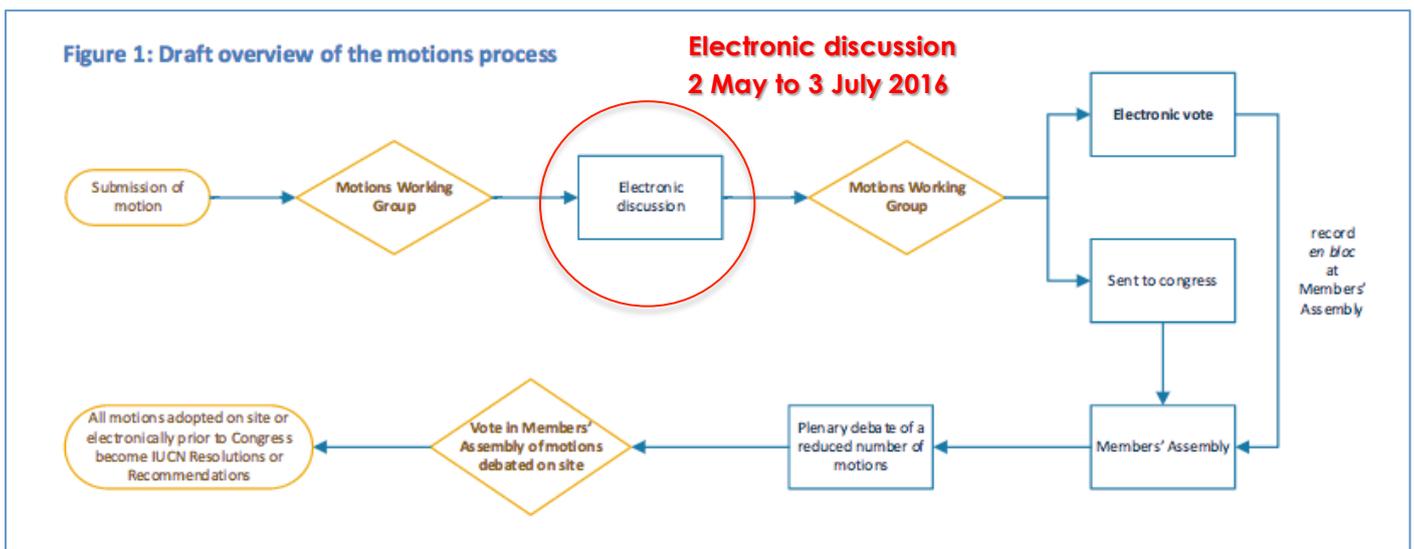


ACIUCN BRIEFING TO AUSTRALIAN IUCN MEMBERS ON THE MOTIONS VOTING PROCESS FOR THE 2016 IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Dear Australian IUCN Members,

The Australian Committee for IUCN (ACIUCN) has produced this briefing to provide an overview of the online discussion phase of the revised voting process for motions, to support Australian IUCN Member engagement in the 2016 World Conservation Congress.

An overview of the revised motions process is outlined in Figure 1. The motions submitted by Members in early 2016 have now been considered by the Motions Working Group and will be discussed by the global IUCN Constituency in the online **consultation period from 2 May to 3 July 2016**. All Members are strongly encouraged to engage in this discussion process and are reminded that this is a **two-stage process**.



Source: IUCN motions guidance document: <http://bit.ly/1SwAwlf>

How will the online process work?

The new electronic process will provide a 2-month online discussion platform through which IUCN Members can voice their support for motions, express concerns, debate pros and cons and suggest specific edits to the text of motions using the new electronic system. Commission members, representatives of National Committees and members of the Secretariat may also take part in the online discussion of motions in an advisory and support capacity.

The online voting process will begin on 2 May and close on 3 July 2016. It is important for Members to note that the **discussion process has two stages**. The first stage will span four weeks of online discussion (2-29 May) (Figure 2: '1st

Reading'), followed by a 1-week break for facilitators to incorporate changes proposed during the discussion (30 May - 5 June). The second stage will then provide a 3-week opportunity to comment on the incorporated changes (6-26 June, Figure 2: '2nd Reading') and the last week is provided for facilitators to incorporate final changes (27 June – 3 July). **Members are strongly encouraged to take part in both discussion stages of this process.**

Figure 2: The two readings of the online discussion

Week 1 02.05- 08.05	Week 2 09.05- 15.05	Week 3 16.05- 22.05	Week 4 23.05 - 29.05	Week 5 30.05-05.06	Week 6 06.06- 12.06	Week 7 13.06- 19.06	Week 8 20.06- 26.06	Week 9 27.06-03.07
1st Reading				Facilitator incorporates changes	2nd Reading			Facilitator incorporates changes

How will the discussion be facilitated?

The online discussion will be facilitated by a number of qualified individuals who were identified by the Motions Working Group. Each motion's discussion will be moderated by one facilitator.

How do I engage in the online discussion?

A full outline of the logistics involved in the online discussion process is provided in the IUCN briefing document hyperlinked below. The briefing explains the electronic system step-by-step, with detailed information on how to use the different functionalities and features of the system, how to comment, etc. Please ensure that any representatives engaging in the online discussion are familiar with the process before the online discussion begins.

IUCN Briefing on the process: <http://bit.ly/2434G8u>.

Which motions will be discussed?

A list of all accepted motions is now available on the IUCN Member Portal: <https://portals.iucn.org/congress/assembly/about>. All Members are encouraged to review this list prior to the start of the online consultation period.

It is noteworthy, that all listed motions will be discussed and voted on during the online process prior to Congress, except for those marked with an asterisk (*). Those marked with an asterisk warrant debate at the global level during Congress and will continue to be discussed and voted upon during the Members' Assembly. The motions identified for global debate at Congress are as follows and can each be viewed in greater detail on the motions page via the link above:

- **026** - Protected areas and other areas important for biodiversity in relation to environmentally damaging activities*
- **049** - Advancing conservation of biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction*

- **063** - Natural Capital*
- **064** - IUCN Policy on Biodiversity Offsets*
- **065** - Improving standards in ecotourism*
- **066** - Mitigating the impacts of oil palm expansion on biodiversity*

What happens next?

The next guidance note focusing on the electronic vote of motions will be made available in June/July 2016.

Questions?

For queries regarding the online motions process contact motions@iucn.org.

Useful links:

- **Overview of the revised motions process:**
http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/introduction_to_iucn_motions_process_2016_en.pdf
- **List of approved motions:**
<http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/programa/asamblea-de-miembros/motions>.
- **Link to the online motions process** (live from 2 May):
<https://portals.iucn.org/congress/assembly/motions>

On behalf of ACIUCN, I wish all Australian IUCN members and Commission members an actively engaged and productive motions voting process in the coming months.

Kind regards,



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