

French Committee

IUCN

The World Conservation Union

- **IUCN was founded** in 1948 in Fontainebleau, France. It gathers more than 1000 members (States, public agencies and NGOs) and a network of 10 000 experts.
- **Its vision** is to promote a just world that values and conserves nature.
- **The French Committee** for IUCN, founded in 1992, is the network of IUCN members in France. It gathers 2 Ministries, 5 public agencies, 35 NGOs and 200 experts.

Its missions are:

Addressing issues of biodiversity in France

- The IUCN French Committee contributes to define **actions and policies on biodiversity and sustainable development** (National strategy for biodiversity and sustainable development, International cooperation policy on African tropical forests, Protected areas policy...). Regularly, the Committee is consulted by the French government to communicate its position and propositions on the **main international events** (WSSD, G8 summits...).
- Each year, during the **French Conservation Congress**, organizations and experts of the Committee adopt concrete **recommendations** in order to influence national policies on environment.
- Thanks to its expertise, the Committee also highlights **French responsibilities** on worldwide biodiversity, especially in **overseas territories**, that are present in 4 of the 25 world biodiversity hotspots.



Enhancing French expertise abroad

- The IUCN French Committee participates in several international conferences to follow up the **world conventions related to biodiversity**. It also implements **programmes in the field**, especially with Secretariats of international conventions (Bonn Convention on Migratory Species, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands) and carries out **assessment missions** abroad.
- The IUCN French Committee contributes to IUCN programmes, particularly in **Europe** and the **Mediterranean**. Finally, it coordinates French members contributions to **IUCN World Congresses** and has supported the **IUCN Francophone Members Network** since its creation in Amman (2000).



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