



UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE AND WORLD CONSERVATION UNION

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The World Heritage Convention aims at the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of cultural and natural heritage of outstanding universal value. Evaluations of nominations are carried out by the Advisory Bodies to UNESCO. The Advisory Bodies will evaluate whether or not properties nominated by States Parties have outstanding universal value, meet the conditions of integrity and/or authenticity and meet the requirements of protection and management. Evaluations of natural heritage nominations will be carried out by IUCN.

WORLD CONSERVATION UNION (IUCN)

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What is the World Conservation Union?

- The World Conservation Union is the world's largest and most important conservation network. The Union brings together 83 States, 110 government agencies, more than 800 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and some 10,000 scientists and experts from 181 countries in a unique worldwide partnership.
- The Union's 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 World Conservation Union is a multicultural, multilingual organization with 1100 staff located in 40 countries. Its headquarters are in Gland, Switzerland.

What does IUCN stand for?

- The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.
- Use of the name "World Conservation Union" began in 1990, but the full name and the acronym are often used together as many people still know the Union as IUCN.
- The World Conservation Union was founded in October 1948 as the International Union for the Protection of Nature (or IUPN) following an international conference in Fontainebleau, France. The organization changed its name to the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in 1956.