

Aloha+ Challenge Model for Sustainable Development

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Original language of motion as submitted:
English

Status:
Submitted

Background information

1. Does the proposed motion:

Fall within the scope of the vision and mission of IUCN:

Yes

Propose an amendment to either the draft IUCN Programme 2017-20 or a proposed mandate of a Commission :

No

Address issues pertaining to the governance of IUCN:

No

2. Specify which IUCN constituents referred to in the operative paragraph(s) of this motion have

Been consulted during the development of this motion:

Conservation Council for Hawai'i (United States of America)
Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law (United States of America)
Harold L. Lyon Arboretum, of the University of Hawaii (United States of America)
Sierra Club (United States of America)
The Nature Conservancy (United States of America)

Collaborated in the development of the motion:

Conservation Council for Hawai'i (United States of America)
Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law (United States of America)
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Sierra Club (United States of America)
The Nature Conservancy (United States of America)

If possible, add here the position or advice from the above mentioned constituents (unless they are co-sponsors of the motion):

Provided valuable input and reviewed motion over the past several weeks.

3. Before submitting this motion, have you searched the IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations Platform:

Yes

Please specify, what is new, over and above current Resolutions and Recommendations and state which Resolutions / Recommendations you have consulted:

This motion to recognize the Aloha+ Challenge, Hawai'i's statewide commitment to implement six locally appropriate sustainable development goals by 2030, is unique and new to the 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress hosted by the United States and State of Hawai'i. It builds on the

recent UN agreement to 17 Sustainable Development Goals from September 2015, which occurred after the last IUCN Congress in 2012. The content of this motion also expands beyond conservation, and demonstrates the interconnected importance of clean energy, local food, solid waste, livability, education and workforce development in addition to natural resource management. It builds on previous motions and resolutions connecting conservation to other areas, such as energy, agriculture, economic growth and climate change (e.g. WCC-2012-Rec-172-EN), but expands even further to package these into a tangible, globally replicable approach for sustainable development.

4. Please indicate whether the proposed motion has been discussed in one of the Regional Conservation Forums held in 2015:

No

5. Does the motion focus on local, national or regional issues :

Yes

Please provide evidence that the matter covered by the motion has been engaged at local, national and/or regional instances:

The Aloha+ Challenge sets six sustainability goals for 2030, and actions are currently underway to measure progress and advance implementation. Numerous local organizations, including many of the sponsors, have been engaged in this initiative for more than one year. Through the Global Island Partnership, Hawai'i has been collaborating with international partners and island leaders on sustainable development challenges and models.

6. Does the proposed motion concern issues arising in a State or States outside the proponents State / Region:

No

Preamble

NOTING that the planet is faced with urgent issues, such as climate change, urban growth, water scarcity, biodiversity loss, and poverty, which require collaborative solutions;

ACKNOWLEDGING the recent climate agreement in Paris at the COP21;

AWARE that islands are particularly susceptible to climate change, and can demonstrate responses to complex global challenges;

NOTING that pre-contact, the Hawaiian Islands supported a population of up to 1 million through sustainable management practices;

ALSO NOTING that the State of Hawai'i is a member of the Global Island Partnership, which co-develops "challenges" that inspire leadership and catalyze commitments to build resilient communities through innovative partnerships and best practices;

RECOGNIZING that the Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability, He Nohona 'Ae'oiia, is a shared commitment by the State of Hawai'i signed by the Governor, all County Mayors, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in 2014, unanimously endorsed by the State Legislature, and supported by a network of public-private partners;

NOTING that the Aloha+ Challenge outlines six sustainability goals with specific targets to be achieved by 2030, including: clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart

production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart sustainable communities, and green workforce and education;

NOTING that the State of Hawai'i is an early sustainable development leader within the United States, with a focus on renewable energy, marine conservation, watershed protection, biosecurity and community-based sustainability initiatives.

ALSO RECOGNIZING that at the 2014 UN SIDS Conference in Samoa, the U.S. Department of State announced the Aloha+ Challenge as a model for green growth that could be replicated regionally and globally; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Aloha+ Challenge aligns with the recently adopted UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Hawai'i, United States of America, 1-10 September 2016:

Operative paragraphs

CALLS UPON the Director General and the IUCN Council to recognize the Aloha+ Challenge as a globally replicable model that can be adapted to incorporate local values, culture and context for the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals; and

REQUESTS the Director General, IUCN Council and IUCN Members support collaborative initiatives to adapt the Aloha+ Challenge framework for locally appropriate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, fostering a global culture of sustainability for future generations.

Proponent and co-sponsors

You are submitting this motion on behalf of:

Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (United States of America)

Co-sponsors:

Conservation Council for Hawai'i (United States of America)

Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law (United States of America)

Harold L. Lyon Arboretum, of the University of Hawaii (United States of America)

Kua`aina Ulu `Auamo (United States of America)

Sierra Club (United States of America)

Te Ipukarea Society (Cook Islands)

The Nature Conservancy (United States of America)

Explanatory Memorandum

As the IUCN World Conservation Congress convenes in Hawai'i, one of the planet's most isolated populations, the urgent need for action on climate change and a green growth strategy is exemplified more than ever. Like many islands and regions around the world. Hawai'i is facing extreme biodiversity

islands and regions around the world, many are facing extreme weather, loss, invasive species threats, pressure on freshwater resources, dependence on energy and food imports, and is increasingly vulnerable to catastrophic natural disasters like hurricanes and floods, which could have devastating long-term economic impacts.

In response to these challenges, Hawai'i's Governor, four Mayors and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs launched the Aloha+ Challenge: He Nohona 'Ae'oaia, A Culture of Sustainability, a visionary statewide commitment to sustainable development. The Aloha+ Challenge outlines six ambitious, yet achievable sustainability goals for 2030, including: clean energy, local food production, natural resource management (including freshwater security, watershed protection, biosecurity, marine management and native species), solid waste reduction, smart sustainable communities (including climate resilience, smart growth and livability), and green workforce and education. Native Hawaiian culture is the foundation for the systems-thinking approach of the Aloha+ Challenge, and provides the guiding principles and values for collaborative action across the state.

The Aloha+ Challenge was unanimously endorsed by the Hawai'i State Legislature, and has broad support by public-private partners, including over 100 leaders from Hawai'i Green Growth - an innovative partnership that brings together government, non-governmental and cultural organizations with business, academia and philanthropy. Elected officials and statewide partners jointly launched the Aloha+ Challenge Dashboard as an online mechanism to track progress, ensure accountability and provide transparency on Hawaii's shared statewide commitment.

With the recent adoption of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 and climate agreement in Paris, Hawai'i's statewide sustainability initiative - the Aloha+ Challenge - can serve as a model for local implementation strategies that align with the global agenda and demonstrate an integrated approach to sustainable development, healthy ecosystems and resilient communities.

As a partner to the Global Island Partnership, Micronesia Challenge and other initiatives, Hawai'i understands the invaluable practice of sharing best practices, innovative solutions and successful models to address global challenges. The IUCN's recognition of the Aloha+ Challenge as a model locally appropriate means of implementing the Sustainable Development Goals will help create a pathway to share a globally replicable and adaptable framework with IUCN members and the international community. By adopting this motion, the IUCN will help catalyze the adoption of holistic, place-based sustainable development initiatives around the world.

Information required for the implementation of the motion

1. Provide

a) A preliminary description of the actions (strategies and/or processes) with, as far as possible, a timeline and an estimate of the financial and human resources needed to implement the motion:

Type of actions:

Capacity-building
 Convene stakeholders/Networking
 Education/Communication/Raising awareness
 Policy influencing/advocacy

Preliminary description of implementation strategy:

Hawai'i Green Growth, a public-private partnership platform of diverse leaders committed to achieving the Aloha+ Challenge, will collaborate with the IUCN, island partners and all interested entities (regional, national and international) to share an adaptable, replicable framework for local implementation of SDGs. Hawai'i Green Growth is committed to sharing best practices, establishing last relationships and working with international partners to catalyze high-level leadership commitments, innovative partnerships and measurement mechanisms to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Estimated budget necessary to implement the motion (in US \$):

1000-49999

Estimated human resources necessary to implement the motion, for example new staff positions, type of expertise required, and:

Hawai'i Green Growth is willing and able to provide a replicable framework, expertise and support to the IUCN Director General, Council and members to help advance local implementation of sustainable development. No funding is requested with this motion; however, resources may be needed later for widespread implementation.

b) Description of the contributions which proponent and co-sponsors intend to make towards the implementation of the motion**Proponent****Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (United States of America)**

Proposed Actions: Convene stakeholders/Networking, Education/Communication/Raising awareness, Scientific/technical activities
 HCA can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

Co-sponsors**The Nature Conservancy (United States of America)**

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness
 The Nature Conservancy can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

Kua`aina Ulu`Auamo (United States of America)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness
 KUA can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

Conservation Council for Hawai'i (United States of America)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness, Policy

influencing/advocacy

CCH can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

Te Ipukarea Society (Cook Islands)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness

Te Ipukarea Society can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

Environmental Law Program at the William S. Richardson School of Law (United States of America)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness

Richardson School of Law ELP can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

Harold L. Lyon Arboretum, of the University of Hawaii (United States of America)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness, Scientific/technical activities

Lyon Arboretum can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

Sierra Club (United States of America)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness, Policy influencing/advocacy

Sierra Club can assist interested IUCN members and entities in learning about Hawaii's approach to sustainable development, conservation, and the Aloha+ Challenge framework.

2. Provide here the name of a focal point who would be in charge of reporting annually on the followup and implementation of the motion if adopted.

Focal point

Name: Breanna

Surname: Rose

Institution: Hawaii Green Growth

3. If the operative paragraph(s) of this motion is/are directly related to the mandate and work of one or more IUCN Commission(s), has the Steering Committee of the relevant Commission(s) committed to oversee implementation and assist in the gathering of data on the implementation of the Resolutions involved:

Not applicable

Scope

Please specify to which area of the draft IUCN Programme 2017-2020 this motions is related:

Effective and equitable governance of nature's use

Indicate to which issues this motion is linked by selecting the relevant keywords:

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Capacity building

Islands

Sustainability

Indicate the geographic scope of the implementation of this motion:

Global