

Community Based Natural Resource Management

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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)
Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (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)
Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (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.

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 builds on past WCC resolutions such as WCC-2012-Res-77-EN and WCC-2012-092-EN and their predecessor motions, which support models of community governance by indigenous peoples, small-scale fishers and local communities. This motion calls upon the IUCN to encourage community based natural resource management efforts in Hawai'i and the world.

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:

Community based natural resource's management is still not sufficiently supported governments who should do more to co-manage natural resources with communities. An example of the need for further IUCN leadership is in Hawai'i. While there is a broad base of rural fishing communities and families in Hawai'i who support and seek CBSFAs as a viable management strategy for protecting their fisheries and perpetuating indigenous fishing traditions, implementation of CBSFAs has been hampered by lack of funds and administrative resources at the State of Hawaii.

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

No

Preamble

NOTING decentralized management enables local people to address unique social, political, and ecological problems and find solutions ideal to their situation;

FURTHER NOTING community based natural resources management (CBNRM) projects are beneficial for the environment and partnerships between wildlife and communities;

RECOGNIZING the contemporary importance of indigenous Hawaiian principles such as kuleana (the indivisibility of rights and responsibilities) and aloha `āina (the love of the land which feeds) to the well-being of Hawai`i and the world;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that the indigenous people of Hawai'i developed a culture of environmental interdependence, achieving an abundance of resources that sustained a population near current levels;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the State's adoption of CBNRM projects and indigenous Hawaiian resource management knowledge, principles, and practices further the spirit of reconciliation expressed in the United States formal apology resolution in 1993 to the Native Hawaiian community for the overthrow of their government, and their inherent right to self-determination;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that Hawai'i Constitution Article XII Section 7 protects Native Hawaiian customary and traditional rights, and supports land and marine laws and programs that empower community input and CBNRM;

AWARE that Hawaii's voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a is sailing around the globe, bringing the message of Mālama Honua (Care for the Earth) from Hawai'i to the world;

RECALLING that past WCC resolutions such as WCC 2012 Dec 077 EN and

RECALLING that past WCC resolutions such as WCC-2012-RES-077-EN and 092-EN support indigenous co-governance and CBNRM as a foundation for sustainable development;

COMMENDING the State of Hawai'i for passage of the milestone 2015 Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) rules for Hā'ena, Kaua'i; and

CELEBRATING Hawai'i's application of CBNRM principles as an example for the United States and the world;

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

Operative paragraphs

REQUESTS IUCN, its members, and commissions, recognize and promote CBNRM principles that support the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources by the local community, through adopting and applying local and traditional knowledge, and through customary institutions and regulations;

CALLS UPON the Director General of the IUCN to send notice of support of CBNRM to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, its Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Legislators and Congressional delegation, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and all County Mayors and Councils;

CALLS UPON the IUCN, its members, and commissions, to encourage and support communities who wish to pursue CBSFA designations and rules;

CALLS UPON the IUCN, its members, and commissions, to encourage the State of Hawai'i to increase its support of CBNRM and indigenous Hawaiian principles in conservation by providing adequate funds and administrative resources to support communities seeking to implement CBNRM; and

RECOMMENDS that the IUCN, its members, and commissions, significantly strengthen institutional frameworks to promote collaboration and co-governance or co-management in a spirit of partnership with communities among government at all levels.

Proponent and co-sponsors

You are submitting this motion on behalf of:

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

Co-sponsors:

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

Conservation International (United States of America)

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

Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (United States of America)

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Limited (Australia)

Explanatory Memorandum

The Convention for Biological Diversity Aichi Target 11 sets a 2020 goal of at least 10 percent of coastal and marine areas conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well-connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscape and seascape. Community-based Subsistence Fishing Areas in Hawaii provide a legal mechanism for communities, Native Hawaiian peoples, small-scale fishers and government to effectively and equitably manage coastal and marine areas through management strategies grounded in traditional and sustainable place-based fishing practice. The State of Hawaii constitutionally protects indigenous Hawaiian "customary and traditional" rights, has adopted the public trust doctrine and has created both land and marine-focused laws and programs that guard such rights by empowering community input and CBNRM.

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:

Education/Communication/Raising awareness
Policy influencing/advocacy

Preliminary description of implementation strategy:

Communities who wish to pursue Community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) will be able to utilize this motion and IUCN support to assist their efforts in pursuit co-governance or co-management such as CBSFAs.

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:

Existing staff and resources could be utilized to implement this motion if adopted by members.

b) Description of the contributions which proponent and co-sponsors intend to make towards the implementation of the motion

Proponent

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

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

KUA can serve as a connector and resource to the communities who wish to pursue Community-based Subsistence Fishing Area designations; KUA can facilitate collaboration between these communities and IUCN Commissions and Member States in efforts to promote community-based natural resource management and traditional community-based management principles that support the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources by the local community, through adopting and applying local and traditional knowledge, and through customary institutions and regulations.

Co-sponsors

Conservation International (United States of America)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness
Conservation International's Hawai'i program is an important partner in building capacity and resources for the communities in the networks KUA serves.

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

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

CCH can assist IUCN members and entities in learning about Community-based Subsistence Fishing Area effort

Hawai'i Conservation Alliance (United States of America)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness
HCA can assist IUCN members and entities in learning about Community-based Subsistence Fishing Area efforts.

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

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness
ELP can assist IUCN members and entities in learning about Community-based Subsistence Fishing Area efforts.

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Limited (Australia)

Proposed Actions: Education/Communication/Raising awareness
NAILSMA is part of a network of indigenous communities with which KUA is working to build connections for indigenous and community practitioners to share and exchange lessons learned from their CBNRM initiatives.

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: Kevin K.J.

Surname: Chang

Institution: Kuaaina Ulu Auamo (KUA)

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

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:

Fisheries & harvesting aquatic resources

Indigenous People and Traditional Communities

Marine and Coastal

Indicate the geographic scope of the implementation of this motion:

Local/Sub-national