

Conservation action to benefit Species, Habitats, and People

IUCN Save Our Species Programme

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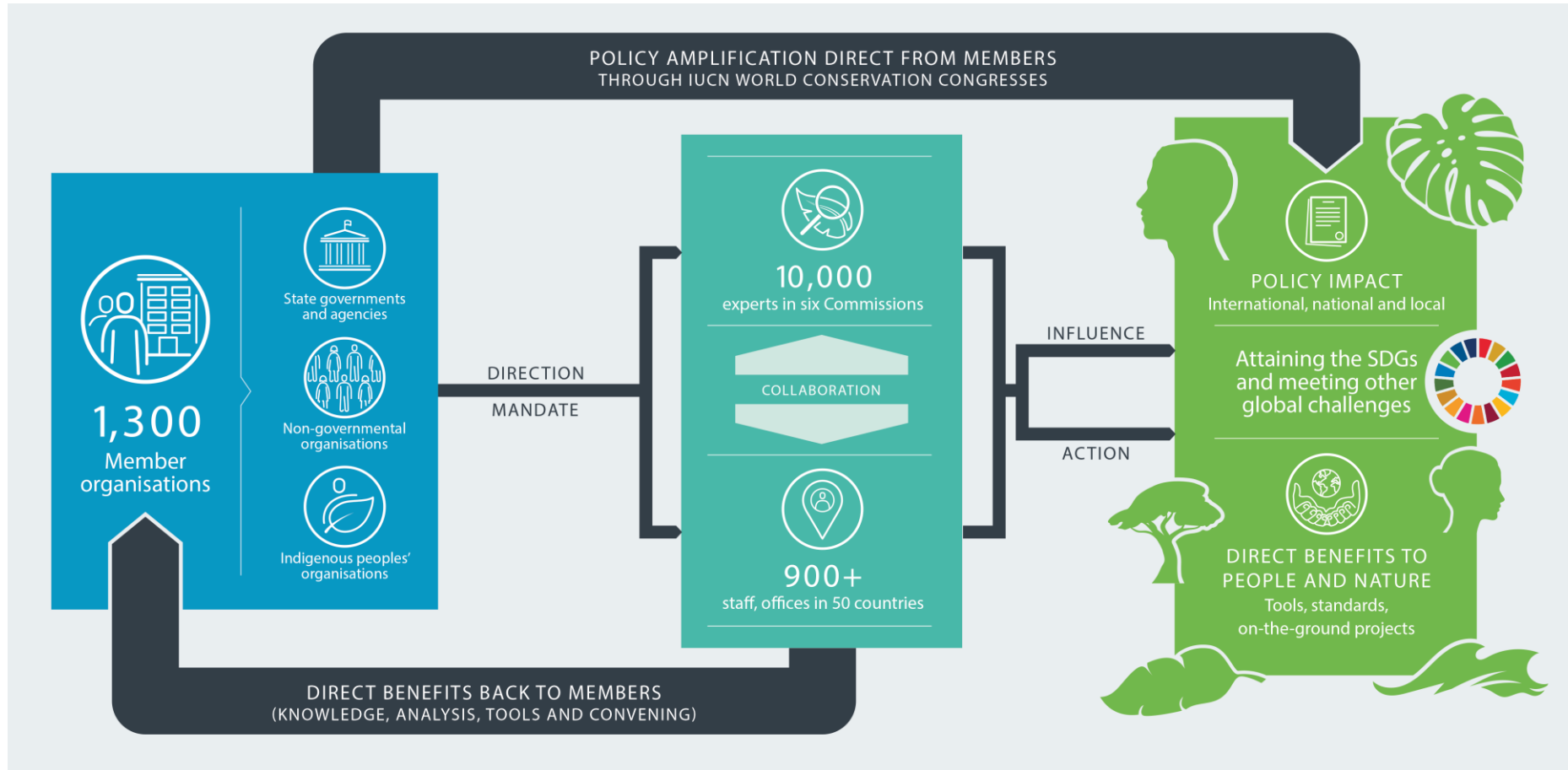


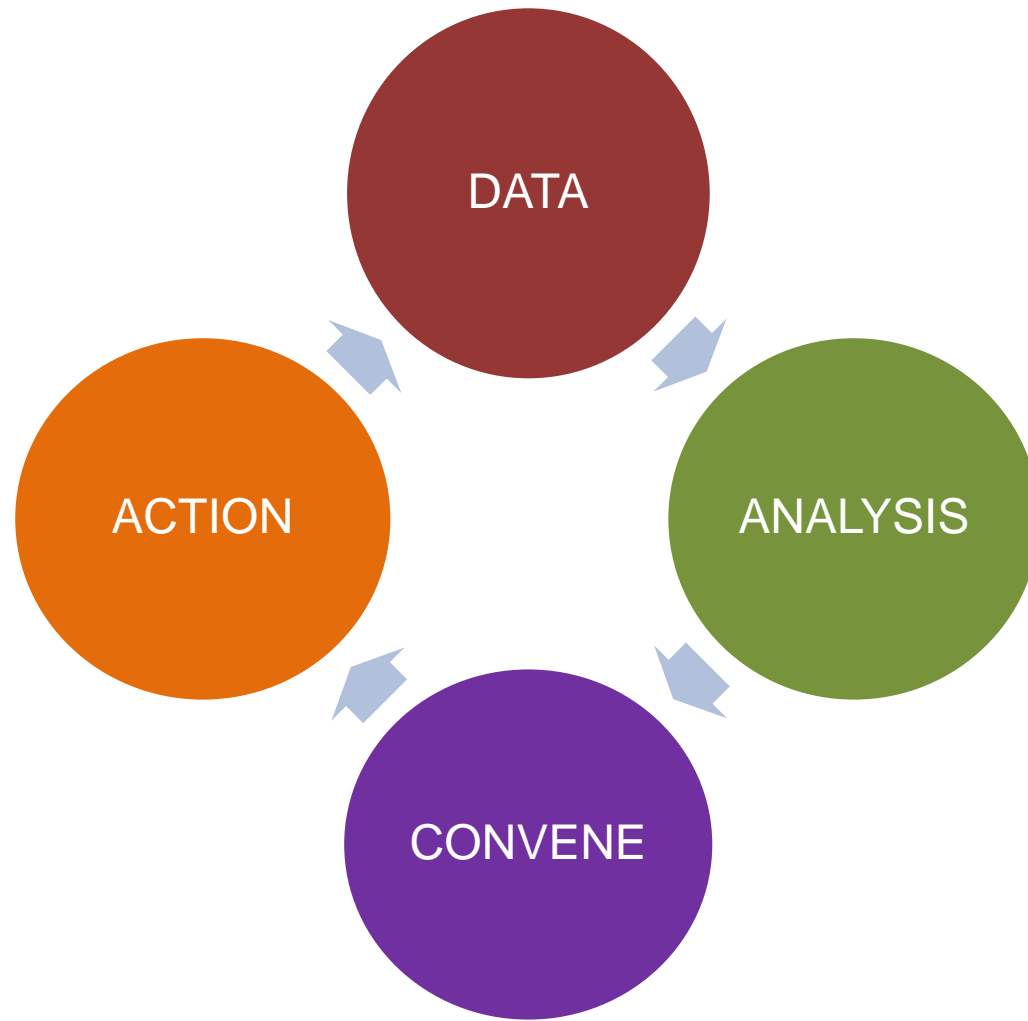
Presentation Outline

1. Introduction to IUCN
2. Spotlight on the re-granting mechanism
3. The IUCN SOS African Wildlife Initiative
4. Collaboration with CMS on the African Carnivore Initiative



IUCN is the World's Largest Environmental Network





IUCN Save Our Species ... Approach

Support science-based conservation action

- Informed by the **IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™** → efforts focused on species most in need.
- Working with the **IUCN Commissions (SSC and WCPA)** → develop integrated initiatives in line with globally agreed conservation strategies, evaluate projects and provide technical assistance.

Thinks global, acts local

- IUCN Save Our Species channels funds from donors to existing **frontline conservation actors**

Capacity building and Policy

- Capacity building of CSOs on project management, conservation issues
- Influencing national, regional and global policy
- Sharing lessons learnt across the portfolios



IUCN Save Our Species ... Our Pillars

SPECIES

Create conditions for species populations to increase and recolonise.



HABITAT

Build capacity for better protected area and habitat management.



PEOPLE

Reduce unsustainable dependency on natural resources through alternative livelihoods.



Save Our Species – Regranting Mechanism

IUCN SOS represents a credible and effective vehicle for donors to channel their investments into the best frontline conservation projects.

Through IUCN SOS, we

- Develop initiatives that provide funding for **Threatened Species Grants** to achieve targeted and impactful conservation goals;
- Provide **Rapid Action Grants** to address emerging conservation issues where immediate response is required;
- **Monitor** project implementation to **assess** conservation successes and the **impact** of investments;
- Provide **project management** support;
- Raise **awareness** about biodiversity;
- **Mobilize innovative financing**, in particular through private sector engagement;
- Contribute to meeting **global biodiversity targets**

Region-focused



Species-focused



Save Our Species – Regranting Mechanism

Highlights

- Used by several donors (public, private)
- Recognised as a support mechanism for the implementation of the ACI Programme of Work

Structure

- Incorporates governance structures at various levels
- Take up administrative and financial burden
- Informed by IUCN knowledge and expertise;
- Incorporates capacity building elements to grantees
- Continues to raise awareness on the challenges, impacts and opportunities
- Organisations leverage funding

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African Wildlife Initiative



SOS African Wildlife Initiative (2017-2025)

A partnership between the European Union and IUCN to respond to conservation challenges facing key threatened species in sub-Saharan Africa.

- Co-funded by the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Partnerships
- Aims primarily to **halt the decline of the increasingly threatened species of large African carnivores** (lion, leopard, cheetah, African wild dog and Ethiopian wolf)
- The initiative also contributes to ensuring the **long-term survival of smaller carnivores and prey species**
- Actions funded through the African Wildlife include those that address:
 - **human-wildlife conflict**
 - **poaching of carnivores and their prey**
 - **wildlife trafficking**
 - **law enforcement**
 - **communities empowerment** to participate in conservation as part of **innovative livelihood solutions**



OUR IMPACT

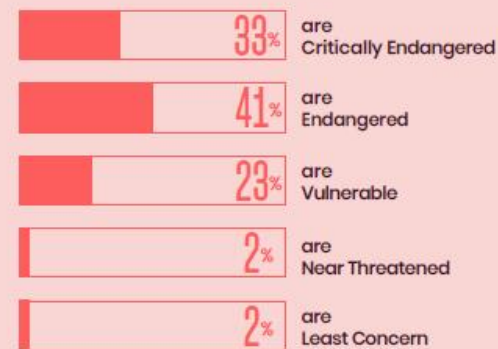
A TOTAL OF € 10'443'991 INVESTED

including € 3'659'837 for Rapid Action Grants, which contributed to projects responding to COVID-19-related conservation emergencies

FOR 87 PROJECTS,



PROTECTING 64 SPECIES,



RESPONDING TO A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT THREATS:



On the Ground Action – Species



Field patrols



Species Monitoring



Community consultations



K9 Units



Infrastructure



Lion Collaring



Tagging



Holding pens (Bomas),



Desnaring/Boots on the ground

On the Ground Action - Habitat



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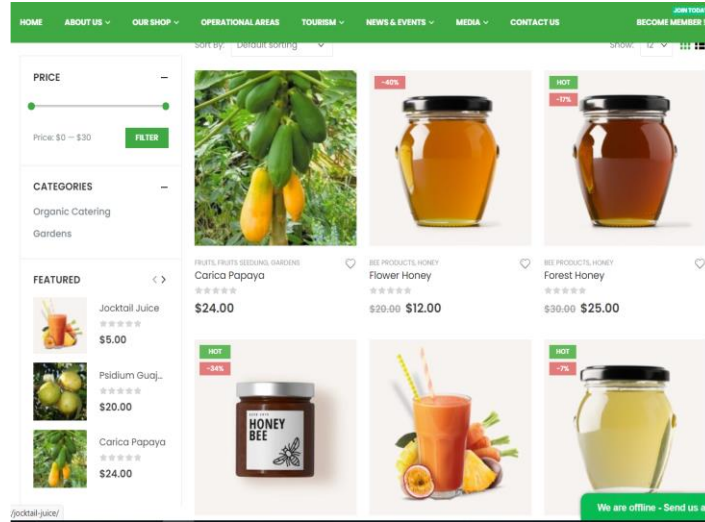
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On the Ground Action - People



Our impact – Cross Cutting Issues

**Capacity building
to CSOs**

Policy influencing

**Raising
Awareness**



Our impact on the ground

Highlights from different countries

IUCN - CMS joining forces to implement the African Carnivore Initiative



IUCN's Support to CMS

- ❖ **MoU that frames the IUCN X CMS collaboration**
- ❖ **Guidelines for the Conservation of the Lion in Africa (GCLA)** – provides a compendium of ideas, practical concepts and tools on best practices, in collaboration with 53 colleagues from across Africa (2018)
- ❖ **Roadmap for the Conservation of the Leopards in Africa** - covers general – and partly global – aspects of leopard conservation and reviews the situation of the leopard in all African Range Countries based on readily available information (2019)
- ❖ **Joint CMS-CITES African Lion Range State Meeting** - attendance by IUCN SSC experts; this was the starting point of the ACI (2016)
- ❖ **1st Range State Meeting of the Joint CMS-CITES ACI** – attendance by IUCN experts (2018)
- ❖ **PoW for the Joint CITES-CMS ACI** - development in collaboration with IUCN experts (2021)
- ❖ **Support in preparing a status report of the southern African Cheetah populations** - as an info document for the Intersessional Working Group on the Conservation and Management of the Cheetah and African Wild Dog
- ❖ **Support of the Co-Chairs of the IUCN Cat SG in drafting requirements for an ACI funding mechanism**



IUCN contribution to the ACI Programme of Work

- 1. Recognition that species conservation requires long term sustainable funding**
- 2. We continue to prioritise, share outcomes, lessons learnt from on the ground action being implemented through our programme. (Objective 2, 3,5,8,10,11)**
- 3. IUCN is ready to use (adapt) our re-granting mechanism to support the implementation of the Programme of Work. (Objective 1)**

THANK YOU!