



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
ENVIRONMENT

The Director-General

Brussels,
ENV.D.2/JPP/FB

Subject: Motion 101 at IUCN Congress

Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your message to the European Commission's Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans who asked me to reply on his behalf.

We welcome your effort to support stringent measures to protect global biodiversity and we concur with you on the need to act swiftly in order to avoid governments to go back to "normal" after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The European Commission, together with the 27 EU Member States, is strongly advocating for an ambitious Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be adopted at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention for Biological Diversity in China. One of the main features of the future Framework is the significant increase of Protected Areas and Other Effective Conservation Measures to cover at least 30% of land and 30% of the oceans by 2030. This is also in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

As the EU is not a member of IUCN, the EU representatives did not participate in the IUCN Members Assembly and it did not vote on the IUCN Resolutions.

Yours faithfully,

e-signed
Florika FINK-HOOIJER

