

WCFEG 3rd Steering Group Meeting 5 July 2022

Participants: advisor Mr Stanley Johnson, coordinators: Ms Nicola Crockford, Mr Alex Zhang (Chair), Task Team co-leads: Mr Tim Badman, Dr Yinfeng Guo, Dr Ming Luo, Professor William Sutherland, Dr Wenhai Lu, Dr Micha Jackson; observer Mr Ivan Ramirez; members: Dr Gang Luo and Professor Xiuzhen Li.

The purpose of the 3rd SG meeting was to update the work progress of Task Teams and prepare for the 3rd EG meeting on 17 August 2022.

Agenda 1 Update from Task Team 1 — the draft charter

Co-leads Mr Tim Badman and Dr Yinfeng Guo gave a brief introduction to the charter. The SG members **basically reached a consensus on the charter** and also proposed some revisions and suggestions for the next steps.

Feedback from three convention secretariats and IUCN was discussed.

CMS raised the **importance of state participation**.

CBD and Ramsar would like the WCF to have a list of specified activities

IUCN has appointed a special contact person to interface with the WCF.

The discussion concluded that activities were already included in Paragraph 4 of the Charter and that **specifics could be reflected in the programme of work**.

ACTION: TT1 to finalise the draft Charter with feedback from TT co-leads and submit it to EG prior to EG3 for discussion and agreement.

ACTION: Consider writing a letter to Dr Bruno Oberle, the IUCN Director General to request that he consider **writing to inform relevant IUCN members (eg governments of coastal states and relevant Commissions) of progress in establishing the WCF and inviting engagement in the process, following IUCN Resolution requests to DG**.

ACTION: TT1 to develop draft **rules of procedure, theory of change and the programme of work**. It is proposed that the programme of work would be discussed, developed and adopted at the first meeting of the WCF in April 2023.

Agenda 2 Update from Task Team 5 — work programme and resource requirements

Co-leads Professor William Sutherland, Dr Wenhai Lu and Dr Micha Jackson introduced **the work programme of Task Team 5**.

The State of the World's Coasts needs to be based on an initial review of existing data sources on different habitats and species in terms of extent/size, change, causes of change, and conservation status/priority importance.

Staff resource is needed a) to undertake this initial review of what information is available to determine the scope of the review and data gaps, and then b) collate the available data into the report itself. The work should build on and complement existing reviews such as the Ramsar Global Wetland Outlook, the UNESCO Global Ocean Science Report and the UN Decade on Restoration report etc.

In terms of the work on evidence/guidance, TT5 should focus on gaps and avoid duplication of work, identifying the key issues areas firstly, collaborating with other organisations as appropriate.

Agenda 3 Update from resource mobilization

Dr Qinghong Wang, a member of the TT1, shared information on resource mobilization, suggesting that the current focus is on attracting more donors, clarifying the mechanisms for donor participation including inviting potential donors to future events. The discussion suggested that the **funding approaches be determined by the partners who sign the charter.**

Agenda 4 Update from Task Team 2 — next events planning

Co-leads Ms Nicola Crockford and Dr Luo Ming shared plans for future events, with a focus on the launching of WCF at Ramsar CoP14, the 1st Meeting of the WCF Governing Body at the end of 2022 and 1st meeting of the World Coastal Forum on 22 April 2023 (World Earth Day).

ACTION: TT2 should start to design the **themes, topics and expected outcomes** for CBD and Ramsar side events and WCF 1st meeting, and could consider cooperation with European and Chinese universities in terms of products.

