

► Category A: Subnational Governments (SN)**IUCN REQUIREMENTS** [[IUCN Statutes Article \(5\); Regulations, Paragraph 4](#)],**Subnational governments**

- shall be organisations, institutions and, when applicable, government departments, which form part of the machinery of government in a State, including those agencies of the components of federal States or of States having an analogous structure.
- In addition, subnational governments, which are governmental entities at the state, provincial, local, territories or regional level that have been elected must have:
 - competences to adhere to the Statutes of IUCN;
 - effective decision-making authority in the field of conservation of nature; and/or
 - competences to provide for the equitable and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources

IUCN REQUIREMENTS [[IUCN Statutes, Article 7](#)]**The IUCN Council must determine that:**

- the applicant shares and supports the objectives of IUCN;
 - the applicant has as one of its central purposes the achievement of IUCN's objectives and a substantial record of activity in the conservation of nature and natural resources; and
 - the objectives and track record of the applicant* embody to a substantial extent:
 - (i) the conservation of the integrity and diversity of nature; and, either or both:
 - (ii) the aim to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.
 - (iii) dedication to influencing, encouraging, and assisting societies to meet the objectives of IUCN.
- *These can take many forms, including field action, community involvement, research in the natural and social sciences, policy development, advocacy, legal activities, education and public awareness, and fundraising where these are for purposes in line with the mission of IUCN. While determining the relative importance of an activity is necessarily to some extent subjective, it is here considered that "substantial" can be assessed in terms of the applicant's programme and projects, resource allocations, organisational structures and outputs.*
- the applicant does not pursue objectives or carry out activities that conflict with the objectives or activities of IUCN.

INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT VIA THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PLATFORM, BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE

- **Description of the organisation governance and structure + objectives, mission, and activities, including its date of establishment** (questionnaire available in the respective pages of the Membership application platform).
- **Activity report**
- **Details of the following contacts for the organisation:**
 - “Primary contact”: This person will receive all correspondence from IUCN and is responsible for dissemination within your organisation.
 - “Financial contact”: This person will receive the invoice for the payment of membership dues and will be contacted for any membership dues issues.
 - “Head of organisation”: This person will only be contacted for matters of the highest importance, e.g. to designate the Head of Delegation for Congress, for any electronic ballots, etc.
 - “Authorized vote holder”: This is the person who is authorized by the Member to receive the link to the electronic system and to cast the Member’s vote(s) when electronic votes take place.
- **Deposit payment corresponding to the entire current year of membership.** A deposit equivalent to the entire current year of membership is payable at the time of submitting the application. If you are admitted as a Member, the membership dues for that year are calculated on a pro-rata basis of the total annual membership dues starting the month following admission. Any surplus will be credited to the following year’s dues. The deposit will be reimbursed in full by IUCN if the application is rejected.
 - Payment by bank transfer: payment details are indicated in the respective page of the online Membership application form.
 - Payment by credit card: a credit card payment link can be requested in the respective page of the Membership application platform. Once requested, this should be provided to you by email within 2 working days.
 - For other payment method, please contact your [Membership Focal Point](#)
- **Proof of the organisation membership deposit payment**
- **Signed declaration of Truth and of sharing IUCN’s objectives by the Head of the Organisation.** The form is available in the respective page of the Membership application platform.
- **Statement by the head of the agency setting forth its competence to adhere to the IUCN Statutes.** The form is available in the respective page of the Membership application platform.
- **Declaration of conflict of interest.** The form is available in the respective page of the Membership application platform.