



Australian Committee for IUCN  
(ACIUCN)  
Annual Report 2022

1 July 2021 to 31 June 2022



*A just world that values and conserves nature*



## International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

IUCN is a membership union comprised of over 160 Countries, 1400 member organisations and 15,000 experts. States, government agencies, NGOs large and small, Indigenous Peoples' organisations, scientific and academic institutions, and business associations, 6 Commissions of volunteer experts, and a Secretariat which work together "in a combined effort to conserve nature and accelerate the transition to sustainable development".



## Australian Committee for IUCN (ACIUCN)

The Australian Committee for (ACIUCN) was founded over 40 years ago to advance IUCN's global mission and programme in Australia. ACIUCN provides a convening role to bring together IUCN Members, Commissions, Regional Councillors and the Secretariat under the IUCN One Programme approach to further the vision and mission of IUCN in Australia. ACIUCN brings diverse interest groups together to pursue common conservation outcomes, develop policy advice, share knowledge, build capacity and work towards IUCN's Vision of 'a just world that values and conserves nature'.

ACIUCN is an incorporated association and registered charity. We are regulated by NSW Fair Trading, the ATO (Australian Taxation Office) and the Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission (ACNC).

## Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

ACIUCN acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we live, work and play. We recognise and celebrate their continuing connection to the land, waters and seas. We pay respect to Elders – past and present – and acknowledge the rich contribution of Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islanders.



## Board Report

The ACIUCN is pleased to present the FY 2022 Annual Report, for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 June 2022.

Many of us stepped carefully through the 12 months that was the FY 2022. Promises of a new world while living with and managing the daily impacts and inconveniences of the Covid-19 pandemic were front and centre for most of us.

Despite this, ACIUCN was able to strengthen governance systems, expand our membership and tackle some hefty conservation issues.



### Governance

In the FY 2021-2022, the ACIUCN Board met six times throughout the year formally and many more times informally.

National & International Engagement Manager for Parks Victoria, Jo Hopkins (previous Board Member as a government representative) was asked to take up the position of a special advisor to the Board as the Liaison for IUCN Commissions and will be working to improve connections between the work of ACIUCN and the IUCN Commissions, particularly in Australia.

ACIUCN also welcomed a new staff member, Lisa Malcolm in May 2022 who takes up the part-time role of Project Coordinator. Lisa is based on the sunshine coast and as well as being an environmental scientist, has extensive experience in event management and communications. She will work closely with the ACIUCN Director on events and communications through our quarterly newsletter, social media platforms and website.

### Supporting and expanding our membership

We would like to thank all ACIUCN members for their continuing support, interest and engagement in IUCN activities in Australia.

To expand our network, ACIUCN conducted a membership drive in early 2022 and are very pleased to welcome a number of new Associates and welcomes back some former Associates for the FY 2023. A very big welcome to [Birdlife Australia](#), [Country Needs People](#), [International Fund for Animal Welfare](#), [Australian Wildlife Conservancy](#), [Invasive Species Council](#), [The Nature Conservancy](#), [South Endeavour Trust](#), [Earthwatch](#), [Conservation Volunteers Australia](#) and [Land for Wildlife](#).





We are excited to collaborate with all our new Member and Associate organisations.

ACIUCN Chair Peter Cochrane, together with the Director Kate Davey, have had the opportunity to provide in person briefings to our Melbourne Members and senior staff at Parks Victoria, as well remotely with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) in Western Australia.

## Conservation

### Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Workshop & Report

In November 2021, ACIUCN in partnership with the Australian Conservation Foundation, the World Commission on Protected Areas and Deakin University, held a national workshop to review and discuss the first draft of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). Over 30 organisations were represented from across the country to hear from experts and review in detail the vision, mission, goals and targets of the GBF.

The [workshop report](#) is now available on our website. The report is intended for use by representatives from the Australian Government and others to inform of the GBF ahead of the final ratification at the CBD meeting in Kunming, China and Montreal, Canada in 2022.



This workshop together with our previous [workshop](#) in 2019 and our planned events in late 2022 and 2023 represent an ongoing commitment from ACICUN to work together to halt biodiversity loss by 2030 and deliver on the vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050.

## Reimagining Conservation Forum

A working group, made up of members of the Board and partners organisations including North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) and the Protected Areas Collaboration (PAC) has been established to develop an inspiring 3-day program am, being held in Brisbane in November 2022. This First Nations-led Forum is aiming to bring together First Nations and non-Indigenous leaders and practitioners involved in the policies and practices of land and sea management across Australia. The event has attracted many partners, and significant sponsorship including Parks Australia, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, IUCN Commission on Economic, Environmental and Social Policy, Zoos Victoria, Great Ocean Road Authority, Landcare Australia, The Nature Conservancy and Australian Land Conservation Alliance.



## Communications

In 2022, ACIUCN started a quarterly newsletter which is currently distributed to over 1200 people. It provides useful information on key issues, the latest news, reports and research, it promotes and reports on events for IUCN in Australia and promotes ACIUCN Members' and Associates' events and highlights their achievements.

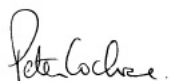


This year, we have also been developing a communications plan for ACIUCN that includes increasing our reach to the conservation community through our social media platforms LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook, increasing our connections with IUCN Commissions and adding further useful elements to the ACIUCN website.

The ACIUCN website is a great resource for ACIUCN members, associates and the conservation community and we are constantly working to improve it and keep our information up to date.

### IUCN Oceania Regional Office (ORO)

The [IUCN Oceania Regional Office](#) continues to play an important role in support of ACIUCN and our work. ACIUCN would like to formally thank the Oceania team for their ongoing support and acknowledge their commitment to the people and biodiversity of the Pacific.



Peter Cochrane

On behalf of ACIUCN Executive Committee

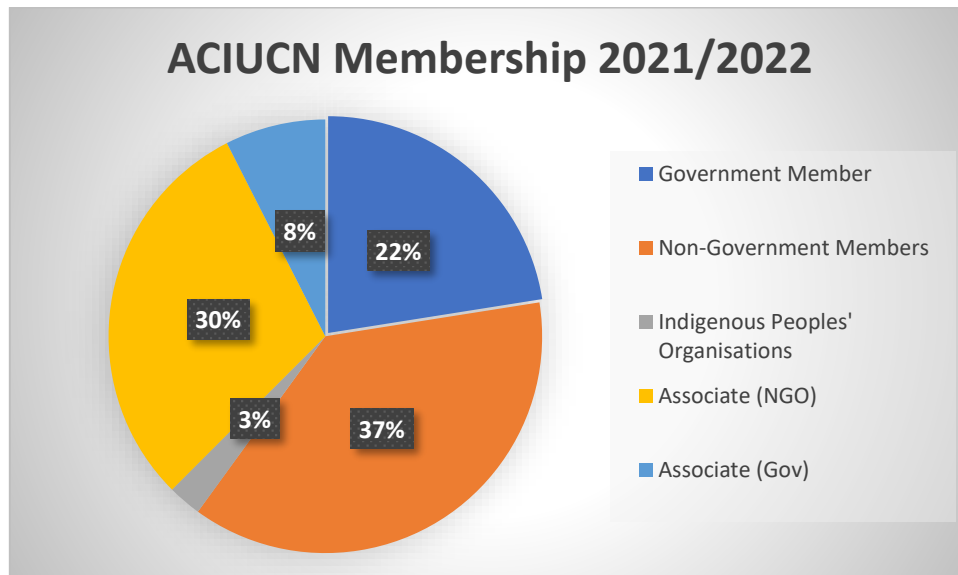
## Board Membership

In accordance with the new Constitution the current ACIUCN board members were elected at the 2021 AGM for a period of two years.

Name	Role	Organisations
Peter Cochrane	Chair	IUCN Council
Fleur Downard (Stacey Mills-Smith proxy March – June 2022)	Government representatives	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
Jo Wilson	Government Representative	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
Ted Plummer	NGO representative	Wilderness Australia
Basha Stasak	NGO representative	Australian Conservation Foundation
Blathnaid Byrne	Treasurer	Commonwealth Bank of Australia

## ACIUCN's Network

ACIUCN network as of June 30, 2022, is made up of 41 organisations and 4 individuals. Our voting members consist of 9 Government organisations, 1 Indigenous Peoples' Organisation and 15 Non-Government Organisations. Our Associate organisations consist of 3 Government and 12 Non-Government Organisations.



### Government Member (voting)

1. Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
2. NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
3. Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, SA
4. Department of Environment and Science QLD Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning, Victoria
5. Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Queensland
6. Parks Victoria
7. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions WA
8. Zoos Victoria

### Indigenous Peoples Organisations (voting)

1. North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance Limited (NAISMA)

### Non-Government Members (voting)

1. Australian Conservation Foundation
2. The Wilderness Society
3. WWF-Australia
4. Environmental Defenders Offices of Australia
5. Australian Rainforest Conservation Society



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6. Australian Marine Conservation Society
7. Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand
8. Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute
9. Institute of Foresters of Australia
10. Nature Conservation Council of NSW
11. National Environmental Law Association
12. Colong Foundation for Wilderness
13. Conservation Volunteers Australia
14. Earthwatch Institute (Australia)
15. Tierra Mar

### Associate Organisations (non-voting)

#### Government Associations

1. NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust
2. Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (ACT Government)
3. Taronga Conservation Society Australia

#### Non-Government Associations

4. Trust for Nature, Victoria
5. Bush Heritage Australia
6. Humane Society International
7. Pew Charitable Trusts
8. University of Queensland, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences
9. Great Eastern Ranges Inc.
10. The Major Projects Foundation
11. National Parks Association of NSW
12. People and Parks

In 2022/23 ACIUCN are welcoming the following organisations to our ACIUCN network:

Welcome to [Birdlife Australia](#), [Country Needs People](#), [International Fund for Animal Welfare](#), [Australian Wildlife Conservancy](#), [Invasive Species Council](#), [South Endeavor Trust](#), [The Nature Conservancy](#), [Earthwatch](#), [Conservation Volunteers Australia](#) and [Land for Wildlife](#).

ACIUCN is excited to be working with our growing membership to secure a just world that values and conserves nature.

