

## Election Officer: Dr Nilüfer Oral



**Nilüfer Oral** is currently Director of the Centre of International Law (CIL) at the National University of Singapore. She remains a member of the law faculty at Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey. She is also member of the UN International Law Commission and is Co-chair of the Study Group on Sea-level rise in relation to international law. Nilufer has experience working with the Turkish Foreign Ministry which included serving as a climate change negotiator for the Turkish Ministry (2009 – 2016). She actively participated in the negotiations of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

She has been an active member of the IUCN since 2004, including co-chair of the WCEL Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs, Chair of the IUCN Academy (2013-2016) and was elected to the IUCN Council between 2012 and 2016. She was appointed as the Council Oceans Focal Person.

Nilufer also worked on different projects with different national agencies, including the Turkish Science Council on projects concerning climate change, oil spill response preparedness, ballast water management project with the IMO and transposition of EU Directives, UNDP climate change project on adaptation.

She was the lead for the IUCN-WCEL team that represented the IUCN before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the “*Request for an advisory opinion by the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC) concerning IUU fishing.*”

Nilufer is a Distinguished Fellow of the Law of the Sea Institute at Berkeley Law (University of California Law Berkeley); Senior Fellow of the National University of Singapore Law School; and Honorary Research Fellow at University of Dundee.

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