Describe when and where the event will take place: IUCN’s Member Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) are leading the organizing of the World Summit of Indigenous Peoples and Nature. This summit will be held virtually on the 3rd of September 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Marseille time).

Indicate the link to the session in the Official Programme:

Describe the objectives of the Summit: This Summit will bring together representatives of indigenous organizations who are actively working on biodiversity and natural resources, climate change, and management of indigenous lands and territories around the world.

It aims to unite the voices of indigenous peoples from around the world to raise awareness that enhanced measures are required to protect the rights of indigenous peoples and their roles as stewards of nature.

The Summit will highlight and share learning about the contributions of indigenous peoples to sustaining biodiversity, combating climate change and ensuring sustainable development. Together, participants will define a set of key proposals that will be open to statements of commitment and support from States, international organizations, civil society and other stakeholders of the wider conservation community.

The IP Summit will provide an opportunity for indigenous leaders to voice and advance their priorities and proposals for nature and people at the IUCN Congress and in other subsequent events such as the CBD Conference of Parties and the UNFCCC COP26. The Summit will focus on highlighting indigenous solutions for nature, the actions needed to realize those solutions, and indigenous proposals for the conservation community and other actors.

Describe why your Summit is relevant to non-specialised audiences: Indigenous peoples make up 4% of the global population, and they own or manage at least 25% of the world’s land surface, including approximately 40% of terrestrial protected areas and 37% of ecologically intact landscapes. These areas house the world's most biodiverse and precious resources - the voices, leadership and knowledge of indigenous peoples are essential in the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss. Join the World Summit of Indigenous Peoples and Nature to hear from indigenous leaders from IUCN's membership and to learn more about how indigenous peoples envision a global agenda for the governance of indigenous lands, territories and natural resources -- and how you as part of the global community can play a role.

Indicate if it is possible to attend the event, if it will be behind closed doors and/or if it will be possible to watch the event online: The IP Summit will be a virtual (online) event open to the wider indigenous peoples and the conservation communities who register for the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC).

Indicate how to register for the event if it requires a registration: Interested participants should first register for the IUCN World Conservation Congress, which will then give them access to register for the IP Summit. Further information and links to the registration process for the IP Summit will be posted in the next coming weeks.

List planned and confirmed speakers: IUCN IPOs are currently going through a virtual planning process through which they will identify speakers for the IP Summit in the next few weeks.

Provide planned programme (Agenda) – A document can be attached to the webpage: See attached updated concept note, which includes a tentative indicative program. Please note that this agenda will most likely change, since IPOs are still planning details of the IP Summit, including details of the agenda.
Provide a contact that website visitors can ask questions directly to organisers:

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