



CIC – International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation

70th General Assembly

18 – 21 April 2024, Cascais, Portugal

Bridges to Biodiversity **PROGRAMME**

The upcoming 70th General Assembly in Portugal is set to embrace the theme "Bridges to Biodiversity". The theme acknowledges CIC's role as a convener, uniting diverse stakeholders around a common vision in support of the 2030 Global Biodiversity Framework with the adoption of the CIC 2030 Strategic Programme.

Program – Day 0, Thursday, 18 April 2024

CIC Business Meetings

Registration for GA

13:00 – 14:45	CIC Council Meeting (Including State Members and National Association Meetings)
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:00 – 16:45	CIC Council Meeting (Including State Members and National Association Meetings)
16:45 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:30	CIC Executive Committee Meeting
19:00	Council Dinner

Program – Day 1, Friday, 19 April 2024

Bridges to Biodiversity

7:30 – 20:00	Registration
9:00 – 09:45	Opening Ceremony – 70th CIC General Assembly <i>Welcome Address</i> Álvaro Moreira, <i>Head of Portuguese Delegation of the CIC</i> Carlos Carreiras, <i>Mayor of Cascais</i> <i>Opening Address</i> Dr. Philipp Harmer, <i>President of the CIC</i> <i>Keynote Address</i> Humberto Delgado Rosa, <i>Director Biodiversity, DG Environment, European Commission</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Hunting in Portugal Dr. Artur Torres Pereira, <i>President of CIC Portuguese National General Assembly & President Clube Português de Monteiro</i>
10:00 – 10:45	Bridges to Biodiversity: Spotlight on the Portuguese Perspective <i>Moderator</i> Dr. Artur Torres Pereira, <i>President of CIC Portuguese National General Assembly & President Clube Português de Monteiro</i> <i>Panel Discussion</i> Helena Freitas, <i>Universidade de Coimbra</i> João Maria Bravo, <i>President of Sodarca Group</i> Nuno Banza, <i>President of Instituto da Conservação da Natureza e das Florestas (ICNF), Portugal</i> Dr. José A. Alves, <i>Principal Researcher at CESAM, University of Aveiro</i> Dr. Paulo Célio Alves, <i>Associate Professor at the University of Porto</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:00	Bridging Humanity: Unveiling the Untold Stories of Hunting and Conservation <i>Introduction</i> Dr. Zoltán Kovács, <i>State Secretary for International Communication and Relations of Hungary & Head of Hungarian Delegation of the CIC</i> <i>Keynote Speaker</i> Dr. Robert Kroger, <i>Founder and Executive Director of Blood Origins</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 13:05	Bridging Hunting Communities: Enabling a Connected Hunting and Game Management Experience Carl von Eckermann, <i>CEO of Natlink</i>
13:05 – 14:45	Bridging Continents: North American Insights for Global Conservation <i>Introduction and Moderator</i> Shane Mahoney, <i>President of Conservation Visions & President of CIC Policy and Law Division</i>

	<p><i>Panel Presentations and Discussion</i> Ronald J. Regan, <i>Executive Director for Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies</i> Tony Wasley, <i>President of Wildlife Management Institute</i> Corey Mason, <i>CEO of Dallas Safari Club (DSC) and DSC Foundation</i> Benjamin Cassidy, <i>Director of Government Affairs at Safari Club International</i></p>	
14:45 – 15:00	<p>Charting the Course: Defining Success and Framing Our Dialogue</p> <p>Sebastian Winkler, <i>Director General of the CIC</i></p>	
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Bridges to Biodiversity: CIC Response on Hunting’s Role in the Global Biodiversity Framework</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Sebastian Winkler, <i>Director General of the CIC</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion</i> Prof. Dr. Klaus Hackländer, <i>President of CIC Applied Science Division</i> Shane Mahoney, <i>President of Conservation Visions & President of CIC Policy and Law Division</i></p>	
15:30 – 15:50	<p>Coffee Break</p>	
15:50 – 16:30	<p>Applied Science Division Session 1: Small Game in Europe (ROOM 1)</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Dr. Francis Buner, <i>Head of CIC Small Game Specialist Group & Head of Wildlife Recovery at GWCT</i></p> <p><i>Keynote</i> Dr. Jacques Trouvilliez, <i>Executive Secretary of UNEP/AEWA</i> Péter Pál Hajas, <i>Farmland Game Conservationist</i></p>	<p>Culture Division Session 1: Hunting, Food, and Culture in the Amazon (ROOM 3)</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Thomas Paulic, <i>Project Coordinator at the CIC</i></p> <p><i>Keynote</i> Flávio Bezerra Barros, <i>Professor at the Federal University of Pará and Advisor to the Lula Presidency on Indigenous Peoples</i></p>
16:30 – 17:10	<p>Policy and Law Division Session 1: The Conservation Relevancies of Wild Meat Harvesting (ROOM 1)</p> <p><i>Introduction and Moderator</i> Shane Mahoney, <i>President of Conservation Visions (Wild Harvest Initiative) & President of CIC Policy and Law Division</i></p> <p><i>Presentation</i> Lauren Coad, <i>CIFOR Bushmeat Initiative</i></p>	<p>Culture Division Session 2: Communicating Hunting for Social Acceptance (ROOM 3)</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> International Communications Expert</p> <p><i>Keynote</i> Sarah Roberts, <i>Environmental Author, British Uplands Podcast</i></p>
17:10 – 17:50	<p>Policy and Law Division Session 2: Introduction to Global Wildlife Economy Assessment (ROOM 1)</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Sebastian Winkler, <i>Director General of the CIC</i></p> <p><i>Keynote</i> Shane Mahoney, <i>President of Conservation Visions (Wild Harvest Initiative) & President of CIC Policy and Law Division</i> Craig Bruce, <i>Director Conservation and Communities at Jamma International</i></p>	<p>Applied Science Division Session 2: Large Carnivore Management in Europe (ROOM 3)</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Prof. Dr. Klaus Hackländer, <i>President of CIC Applied Science Division</i></p> <p><i>Keynote</i> Dr. Valeria Salvatori, <i>General Secretary of the Istituto di Ecologia Applicata</i> João Carvalho, <i>Secretary General of the Portuguese Chapter of the European Landowners Organisation</i></p>

19:00	Presidential Reception for Donors – Hotel Palacio, Estoril Buses depart Hotel Miragem at 18:40
20:00	Welcome Dinner – Hotel Palacio, Estoril Buses depart Hotel Miragem at 19:00 Dress-Code: Hunters Elegant

Program – Day 2, Saturday, 20 April 2024

Bridges to Biodiversity: Members Assembly

9:00 – 9:30	Reflecting on Day 1 Outcomes: Towards the CIC 2030 <i>CIC Division Presidents</i> Shane Mahoney (<i>Policy and Law</i>), Prof. Dr. Klaus Hackländer (<i>Applied Science</i>)
09:30 – 10:15	Bridging Nations for 2030 Biodiversity Action: Uniting Existing and New State Members <i>Moderator</i> Dr. Philipp Harmer, <i>President of the CIC</i> H.E. Mr. Dumezweni Mthimkhulu, Botswana , <i>Minister of Environment and Tourism</i> H.E. Mr. Pohamba Penomwenyo Shifeta, Namibia , <i>Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism</i> H.E. Sheikh Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Qatar , <i>Member of the Ruling Family and Officer in the Qatar Armed Forces</i> Brigadier General Donato Monaco, Italy , <i>Deputy Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Agriculture Food Sovereignty and Forests</i>
10:15 – 10:50	Optics Over Outcome: Trophy Bans in Environmental Politics <i>Moderator</i> Wilfried Pabst, <i>CIC Advisor</i> Catherine Chambaud, <i>Head of French Delegation of the CIC</i> Denis Slobodyan, <i>Head of United Kingdom Delegation of the CIC</i> Michael Mantheakis, <i>CIC Member Tanzania, CIC Advisor Africa</i> Tristan B. Breijer, <i>Policy Advisor at FACE</i> Stephan Wunderlich, <i>Communications and Policy Coordinator at the CIC</i>
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee Break
11:10 – 11:30	Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC) Session <i>Moderator</i> Dr. Robert Kroger, <i>Founder and Executive Director of Blood Origins</i> Flávio Bezerra Barros, <i>Professor at the Federal University of Pará and Advisor to the Lula Presidency on Indigenous Peoples</i> Dr. Enkhuvshin Shiilegdamba, <i>Head of Mongolian Delegation of the CIC</i> Thabang Teffo, <i>Head of Responsible Resource Management, South African Wildlife College (SAWC)</i> Bupe Banda, <i>Chair of CIC IPLC Working Group (Zambia)</i>

11:30 – 12:00	<p>Artemis Session</p> <p>Beatrix Bán, <i>President of CIC Artemis Working Group</i></p> <p>Susana Silva, <i>CIC Portugal Member</i></p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p>CIC Coordination Fora</p> <p>Mikael Antell, <i>President of CIC Nordic and Baltic Coordination Forum</i></p> <p>Dr. Imrich Suba, <i>President of CIC Coordination Forum for Central and Eastern Europe</i></p>
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Lunch</p>
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Young Opinion (YO) Session</p> <p><i>Report Back on Global Youth for Sustainable Use (GYSU) and Other YO Activities</i></p> <p>Krzysztof Kowalewski, <i>President of CIC Young Opinion Working Group</i></p> <p><i>YO Research Award</i></p> <p>Alexandros Karabalis, <i>CIC Belgium Member</i></p> <p><i>YO Promotion Video / Spatial responses of Wild Boar to Driven Hunts</i></p> <p>Hortense Fabre, <i>CIC France Member</i> and Lukas Hamilton Eddy, <i>CIC UK Member</i></p> <p><i>Panel Discussion / Eat, Prey, Dove: Is Meat the Key to a Good Public Image of Hunting</i></p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Oskar Tornvall, <i>CIC Sweden Member</i></p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <p>Audric Ranson, <i>CIC Belgium Member</i></p> <p>Vandrille Spire, <i>CIC France Member</i></p> <p>Gerard Brodin, <i>Head of Swedish Delegation of the CIC</i></p> <p>David Plaz, <i>CIC Treasurer & CIC Switzerland Member</i></p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Bridging Local Perspectives: Paving the Way Forward on One Health, Human-Wildlife Conflict and Climate Change</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Dr. Enkhtuvshin Shiilegdamba, <i>Head of Mongolian Delegation of the CIC</i></p> <p><i>Case Studies</i></p> <p>Olga Dzhochka, <i>Head of Ukrainian Delegation of the CIC</i></p> <p>Merab Dvalidze, <i>Senior Specialist at Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia</i></p> <p>Kurt Alt, <i>Conservation Director, Montana & International Programs, Wild Sheep Foundation</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>A Vaccine Against African Swine Fever</p> <p><i>Moderator</i></p> <p>Count Dr. Torsten Mörner, <i>Associate Professor of Wildlife Diseases at the University of Agricultural Sciences (Uppsala) & Vice President of the CIC</i></p> <p><i>Interventions</i></p> <p>Dr. Árpád Sárkány, <i>Vice President of the CIC</i></p> <p>Dr. José Manuel Sánchez-Vizcaíno Rodríguez, <i>Emerit Professor of the Department of Animal Health of the Veterinary School of the Complutense University of Madrid</i></p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Coffee Break</p>

16:00 – 16:20	<p>Implications of Climate Change on Wildlife: Current Status of the Alpine Chamois Projects</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Klaus Hackländer, <i>President of CIC Applied Science Division</i></p>
16:20 – 17:15	<p>Moving into the General Assembly, Referring to Written Documentation</p> <p><i>Moderator</i> Nick Doherty, <i>CIC Legal Advisor</i></p> <p><u>Report of the President and Director General</u></p> <p><u>Divisions and Working Group Reports</u></p> <p><u>Deep Dive into the 2030 CIC Strategic Plan & Results from 2023 Membership Survey</u> Dr. Philipp Harmer, <i>President of the CIC</i> Sebastian Winkler, <i>Director General of the CIC</i> Alexandra Kalandarishvili, <i>Senior Policy Coordinator at the CIC</i></p> <p><u>Membership Report</u></p> <p><u>Adopting New Bylaws, Statutes Amendments, Resolutions and Recommendations & CIC 2030 Strategic Plan</u></p> <p><u>Reports of the Treasurer and Auditors</u></p>
17:15 – 17:30	<p>Celebrating the Past and the Future</p> <p>Awards Ceremony</p> <p>Flag Ceremony and Closing Words</p>
20:00	<p>Gala Dinner</p> <p><i>Hunting Auction</i></p> <p>Tristan Breijer, <i>Chair CIC Auction Taskforce</i></p> <p>Dress Code: Black Tie</p>

Program – Day 3 – Excursion Day, Sunday, 21 April 2024

Mafru National Palace, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Departure 10:00 and return 16:00 at Hotel Miragem