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# PRESS CONFERENCE

# IUCN report to reveal climate change impacts on natural World Heritage

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, is launching the *IUCN World Heritage Outlook* 2 – a global assessment of all 241 natural World Heritage sites: their threats, protection and quality of management.

This is the first update of the 2014 *IUCN World Heritage Outlook* report. It shows trends and changes in the threats and protection of some of the world's most iconic natural places – such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Galápagos Islands, Kilimanjaro National Park – and projects their future outlook.

Among other findings, the report will reveal the scale of climate change impacts on natural heritage, and their evolution over the last three years.

Journalists are invited to attend a press conference where IUCN Director General and IUCN World Heritage experts will present the key findings of the report and answer questions from the media.

#### **WHEN**

Monday 13 November 2017 9:00-9:30 CET

#### WHERE

Press Conference Room 1 BULA Zone 3 UN Climate Change Conference 2017 Bonn, Germany

#### WHO

Inger Andersen, IUCN Director General Tim Badman, Director of IUCN's World Heritage Programme Peter Shadie, Manager, IUCN World Heritage Programme Elena Osipova, Lead Author, IUCN World Heritage Outlook

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**Natural World Heritage sites** are globally recognised as the world's most important protected areas, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List for their unique natural values, such as the scale of natural habitats, intactness of ecological processes, viability of populations of rare species, as well as exceptional natural beauty.

#### About IUCN

IUCN is a membership Union uniquely composed of both government and civil society organisations. It provides public, private and non-governmental organisations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together. Created in 1948, IUCN is now the world's largest and most diverse environmental network, harnessing the knowledge, resources and reach of 1,300 Member organisations and some 10,000 experts. It is a leading provider of conservation data, assessments and analysis. Its broad membership enables IUCN to fill the role of incubator and trusted repository of best practices, tools and international standards. IUCN provides a neutral space in which diverse stakeholders including governments, NGOs, scientists, businesses, local communities, indigenous peoples organisations and others can work together to forge and implement solutions to environmental challenges and achieve sustainable development. Working with many partners and supporters, IUCN implements a large and diverse portfolio of conservation projects worldwide. Combining the latest science with the traditional knowledge of local communities, these projects work to reverse habitat loss, restore ecosystems and improve people's well-being <a href="https://twitter.com/IUCN/">www.iucn.org/cop23</a>
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