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*"Rendering services
to nature and society."*

Foreword

Since 1930, the CIC has been one of the global authorities on wildlife and habitat conservation, and for the people who inhabit these realms. Indigenous peoples and local communities are the stewards of these fragile ecosystems. Their knowledge and traditions embody the essence of our vision: a world where the sustainable use of wildlife is embraced as a cornerstone of conservation and an enduring legacy for generations to come.

Conservation through sustainable use builds a better future for all of us. Now more than ever, your support and engagement are essential in ensuring that this principle thrives in a rapidly changing world.

As President, I am deeply honoured to lead an organisation whose rich history is matched only by its unwavering commitment to serving nature and society. Our achievements have been made possible by the tireless dedication of CIC members – past, present, and future – and by the invaluable collaboration of our partners. Together, we are shaping a future where nature, culture, and sustainable use are inextricably linked.

We must continue to work hand in hand, to raise awareness that hunting renders services to nature and society, for the betterment of our planet.



Dr. Philipp Harmer LL.M., President of the CIC



*Conservation Through
Sustainable Use*

The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation

Who We Are

The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) is a global, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to biodiversity conservation through the responsible and sustainable use of wildlife.

Founded in 1930, the CIC is one of the world's oldest conservation organisations. It unites stakeholders across 29 governments, more than 90 NGO partners, and a diverse membership of over 1,900 individuals representing countries and communities from across the globe.

Operating in over 80 countries, the CIC is a prominent advocate for hunting-led conservation and practices that prioritise both the protection of wildlife and the support of local communities. We believe that responsible hunting plays a crucial role in preserving ecosystems and traditional livelihoods, embodying a balance between human activity and natural preservation.

Vision

A world where wildlife is valued and conserved for the benefit of humanity.

Mission

To promote and support the conservation of wildlife and related landscapes, local communities, and traditions through sustainable use, including hunting.

For more information, please see the CIC 2030 Strategic Plan on Page 13



From Left: Deputy Director General Arno Wimpffen, Director General Sebastian Winkler, President Philipp Harmer, Honorary President George Aman at the Executive Committee Meeting in Paris, 2023



Visit of President Masisi of Botswana upon announcing his gift of 20.000 elephants to Germany

The CIC Today

Today, the CIC is a unique and distinguished international body, officially recognised by the Austrian Government and the international community as an International Non-Governmental Organisation (INGO). After establishing its headquarters in Vienna in 2003, the CIC has operated with an Administrative Office in Budapest, Hungary, where it has been granted full diplomatic status.

The CIC's impactful work is supported by a devoted membership of over 1,900 individuals and organisations spanning 86 countries. This global network comprises States, national and international organisations and associations, as well as experts, individual members, and sponsors. The CIC is represented at the national level through its delegations, these drive the organisation's mission and coordinate activities within their respective countries.

The CIC is recognized as an International Inter-Governmental Observer Organisation (IGO) to the United Nations and serves as an international advocate for the key environmental agreements. This includes the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), in particular its Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA), as well as Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, and the Bern Convention on European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.

Since 1991, the CIC has contributed to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the world's largest conservation umbrella organisation, and was instrumental in developing the CBD's Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for Sustainable Use.

The CIC is one of the world's leading nature conservation organisations. It promotes cooperation, provides expertise and knowledge, advances essential research, and amplifies the voices of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IP&LCs). We consistently advocate at various global and regional forums.

Through our strong commitment to sustainable wildlife use, the CIC drives conservation efforts on an unmatched scale.



Global Biodiversity Framework

CIC 2030 Strategic Plan

Delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Biodiversity Framework

The CIC is committed to addressing the world's biodiversity crisis through responsible hunting and the sustainable use of wildlife. As one of the oldest international conservation organisations, our work is guided by the 2030 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), adopted at CBD COP15, which places sustainable use at the heart of conservation.

The CIC 2030 Strategy focuses on leveraging hunting as a critical conservation tool, ensuring it contributes meaningfully to nature-based solutions and biodiversity targets. By promoting sustainable practices, protecting Indigenous and local knowledge, and engaging decision-makers globally, we are shaping a future where wildlife and ecosystems thrive.



CIC General Assembly in Paris, Council Meeting, 2023

Strategic Focus Areas

1. Biodiversity Conservation through Applied Science

The CIC is reinvigorating its scientific capacity to drive action in response to the GBF targets. We are:

- Documenting success stories of sustainable use to inspire nature-based solutions.
- Collaborating with scientists to address challenges such as species extinction, invasive species, and human-wildlife conflict.
- Empowering hunters and landowners to restore biodiversity, regenerate ecosystems, and rewild degraded landscapes.

2. Policy Leadership for Sustainable Use

We are placing sustainable use at the centre of global policy change by:

- Helping countries implement Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) to meet the 30x30 target.
- Advocating for bottom-up policymaking, ensuring local communities play a pivotal role in conservation.
- Combating wildlife crime through legal frameworks and advancing wild harvest certification systems.

3. Cultural Heritage and Nature-Based Leadership

We stand with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IP&LCs) to protect their heritage and strengthen their role in conservation by:

- Partnering with IP&LCs to celebrate community-led conservation.
- Promoting traditional practices like falconry and wild harvest as UNESCO-recognised cultural heritage.
- Supporting sustainable diets and slow food traditions to maintain cultural and ecological balance.

4. Inspiring Global Support for Hunting-Led Conservation

To build broad support for conservation, we are:

- Educating global audiences about the value of hunting in biodiversity protection.
- Leveraging social media and communication strategies to shift public perceptions.
- Developing innovative financing mechanisms to ensure institutional sustainability and conservation impact.

A Global Movement for Conservation

The CIC 2030 Strategy aims to unify hunters, indigenous communities, scientists, and policymakers around a shared vision for conservation. Through aligning our work with the GBF targets, we are driving transformative change to restore ecosystems, combat biodiversity loss, and secure the future of wildlife.



CIC General Assembly in Paris, 2023



A Global Organisation

Organisational Structure

The highest organ and decision-making body of the CIC is the **General Assembly**.

The **CIC Council** is composed of the Heads of National Delegations and CIC Executive Committee members. The Council is empowered to take certain decisions during the intersessional period between General Assemblies, including the approval of new CIC members.

The **CIC Executive Committee** is the executive arm of the CIC, guiding the overall activities of the organisation in accordance with the decisions of, and mandates given by, the General Assembly. The Executive Committee also prepares and proposes decisions to be voted on by the General Assembly.

The core activities of the CIC are conducted through three **Divisions** (Applied Science, Policy & Law, and Culture) and three **Working Groups** (Young Opinion, Artemis and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities). The **CIC Administrative Office** supports the implementation of activities by the CIC bodies.


























CIC and European Hunting Directors visiting the Hungarian Parliament, September 2024

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Heads of National Delegations as of February 2025

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	<i>Croatia:</i> Ivica Budor
	<i>Cyprus:</i> Pantelis Hajiyerou
	<i>Czech Republic:</i> Dr. Martin Žižka
	<i>Denmark:</i> Paul Carsten Pedersen
	<i>Finland:</i> Mikael Antell
	<i>France:</i> Catherine Chambaud
	<i>Germany:</i> Dr. Steffen Koch
	<i>Greece:</i> Georgios Arampatzis
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	<i>Sweden:</i> Gerard Brodin
	<i>Switzerland:</i> Thierry de Loriol
	<i>Tunisia:</i> Ahmed Ridha Fikih Salem
	<i>Ukraine:</i> Olga Dzhochka
	<i>United Arab Emirates:</i> H.E. Majid Al Mansouri
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	<i>USA:</i> Chris Hudson

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Dr. Wilhelm von Trott zu Solz
Advisor (One Health)



Michel Mantheakis
Ambassador for Africa



Danene van der Westhuyzen
Advisor (Africa)



Tamas Marghescu
Ambassador for Europe





Fact Driven, Science Based

Policy and Law Division

The Policy and Law Division (PLD) addresses the political, administrative, and legal aspects of hunting and wildlife conservation. Its goal is to integrate the latest scientific findings into the development of policies concerning hunting laws, firearms regulations, ammunition, wildlife trade, and poaching. Additionally, the PLD coordinates the contributions of the CIC to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and actively supports the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). As an intergovernmental observer, the CIC plays a significant role in various UN processes through offering its expertise.



Policy and Law Division President, Shane Patrick Mahoney



Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

The CIC Policy and Law Division attends all relevant CITES meetings to represent the interests of CIC members through promoting sustainable harvest and trade of wildlife species. It frequently organises press conferences, side events and networking opportunities which bring together international experts and government representatives to highlight solutions to some of the most urgent challenges. The PLD closely monitors topics which include the involvement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in CITES decision-making processes, One Health, Livelihoods, Strategic vision of CITES and other issues that are instrumental to the effective implementation of the Convention.



"Amplifying Voices" CIC Side-Event at CITES Standing Committee 78 in Geneva, 2025

Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD)

The CIC has been a longstanding advocate for the integration of sustainable use into global conservation efforts, actively contributing to the work of the CBD and its initiatives.



Sebastian Winkler, Director General of CIC; Ivonne Higuero, Secretary General of CITES; Dilys Roe, Chair of IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Working Group; Dr. Hanieh Moghani, Vice-Chair, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) at CBD COP16, Colombia, 2024

In 2008, the CIC established the **Markhor Award**, a prestigious recognition for globally significant projects that link the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity with human livelihoods. For more information, see page 47.

The CIC played a pivotal role in founding the **Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW)**, a coalition of 13 international organisations that leads global efforts on sustainable use and conservation. This partnership assists countries in developing and implementing effective wildlife and habitat management practices that align with CBD objectives, ensuring biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods go hand in hand.

The CIC's Policy and Law Division (PLD) was instrumental in shaping the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)**, adopted in December 2022 during CBD COP 15. The framework embeds sustainable use into its targets, particularly through goals addressing species conservation, ecosystem restoration, and community involvement.

Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

The Division actively contributes its technical expertise to the Convention and its various agreements, including the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA). The PLD provides the AEWA Scientific Committee with the latest scientific data, which helps in the development of National Species Action Plans. Additionally, the CIC chairs a working group within the AEWA Technical Committee and plays an active role in coordinating the Committee's implementation efforts.

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance

The CIC was one of the founding members of the Ramsar Convention and continues to provide valuable scientific data on wildlife, habitats, and changes in ecosystems. The PLD plays a crucial role in advising the convention on issues related to the wise use and sustainable management of wetland habitats. Additionally, the division was actively involved in drafting the Convention's Strategic Plan.



CIC Director General Sebastian Winkler with Dr Musonda Mumba, RAMSAR Secretary General

Bern Convention

The PLD oversees key issues essential for the effective implementation of the Bern Convention and participates in technical working groups responsible for the 2030 strategic plan. The division actively monitors discussions about large carnivores and wildlife management in protected areas.

Hunting is Essential to Achieving GBF Targets



Sustainable hunting directly supports key Global Biodiversity Framework targets by maintaining biodiversity, preventing habitat loss, and promoting conservation through responsible wildlife management.



Science for Conservation

Applied Science Division

The Applied Science Division ensures scientific rigour across all CIC activities and delivers cutting-edge scientific innovations in promoting sustainable wildlife management, particularly in light of climate change and biodiversity loss.

By collaborating with academia, governmental departments, and agencies, as well as environmental NGOs, the Division ensures that principles of best practice are applied to wildlife management programs around the world.

The Division covers numerous aspects of sustainable wildlife management:

- Sustainable Use
- Large Carnivore Management
- Small Game Management
- Migratory Bird Management
- Wildlife Health and Game Meat
- Trophy Evaluation
- Wildlife Crime



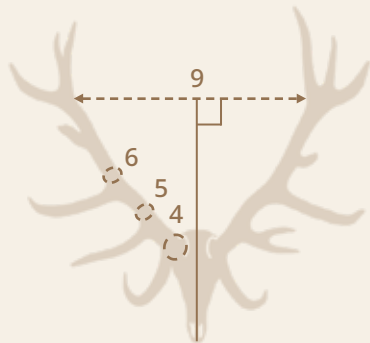
*Prof. Dr. Klaus Häckländer,
Division President*

Research, Monitoring, and Management

“The Chamois in Europe” (2020): A study comparing the differences in monitoring and management of the Alpine chamois across individual countries in the Alpine region. Published jointly with the German Wildlife Foundation and the German, Austrian, and Swiss Delegations of the CIC.

“Large Carnivore Monitoring in the Carpathian Mountains” (2021): A report comparing various large carnivore monitoring methods across seven countries, to establish a transboundary monitoring scheme.





Wildlife Management Insights through the CIC Trophy Evaluation System (TES)

Since its inception in the 1930s, the CIC Trophy Evaluation System has become the premier trophy scoring system across Europe and beyond. Initially developed to promote ethical hunting and conservation, the TES has continually evolved to reflect advancements in wildlife management and conservation needs. As a result, it stands as a respected standard in the global hunting community, balancing cultural heritage with scientific rigour.

The TES ensures that all evaluated trophies align with conservation principles by promoting the sustainable harvest of mature animals. No trophy is judged that does not meet these rigorous standards, underscoring the TES's commitment to responsible wildlife management.

Structure and Oversight

The TES is administered through a network of qualified professionals, including Senior International Trophy Judges (STJ) and Certified CIC Measurers (CCM). These individuals are trained and certified to evaluate trophies on behalf of the CIC and to assign CIC points based on established criteria. Each STJ and CCM undergoes rigorous training and an examination process, after which they receive an official Identification Card, confirming their eligibility to perform measurements under CIC standards.

Together, the STJs comprise the CIC Trophy Evaluation Board (TEB), the body responsible for managing the TES. The TEB oversees the entire system, from maintaining measurement standards to training and certifying new CCMs, ensuring consistency and quality across all evaluations.

Role within the Applied Science Division

The TES operates under the CIC's Applied Science Division, and CIC Coordination Fora, as well as national and international trophy-measuring associations registered with the CIC.

Evolution and Digitalisation of our Database

The International Formula for the Measurement and Evaluation of Trophies of the CIC, once known as the Red Book, has undergone comprehensive revisions. It is now published as the CIC Handbook on the Evaluation and Measuring of Hunting Trophies. This handbook provides a detailed and standardised approach to measuring various trophy species, reflecting the system's dedication to precision and transparency.

The TES has embraced digitalisation, creating a robust and expanding database that records both trophy measurements and additional biotic data of harvested game animals. This data assists in monitoring and assessing game populations' health, development, and sustainability, offering valuable insights for wildlife management. The rigorous training of STJs and CCMs ensures high-quality data collection and consistency, making TES data an invaluable resource for conservation research and wildlife management.



Impact and Purpose

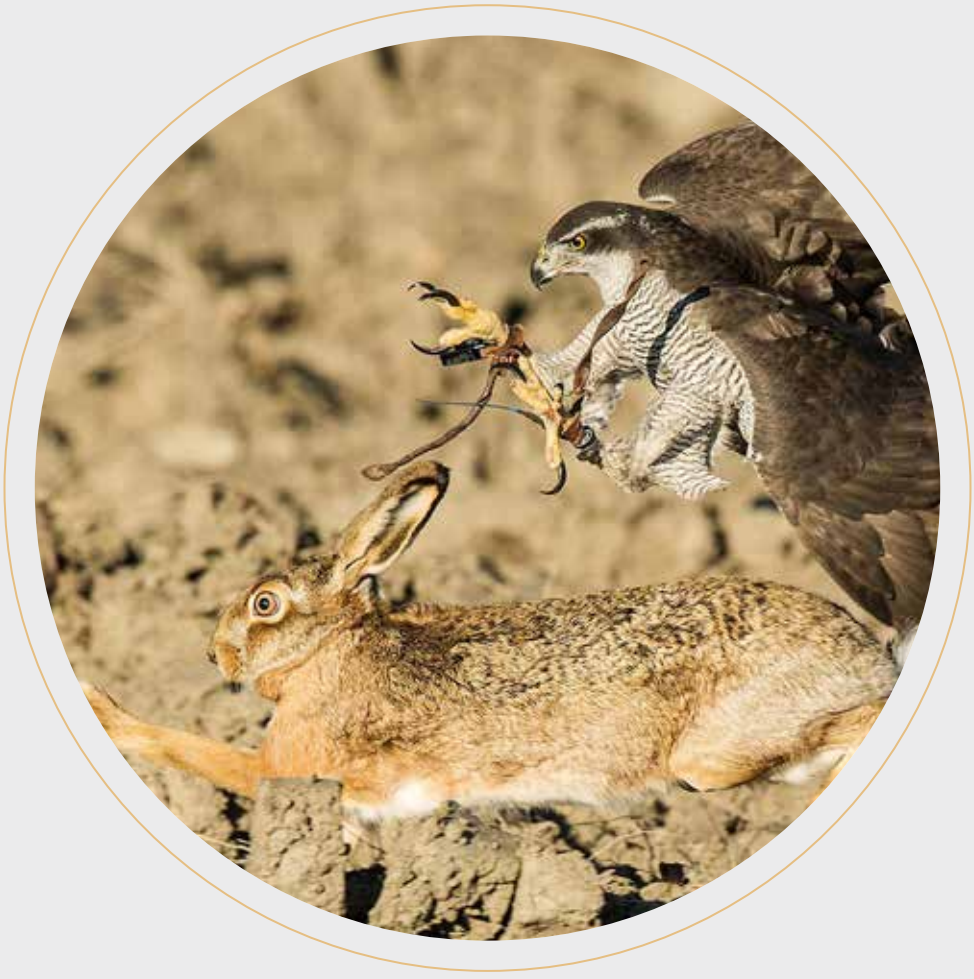
The CIC TES is central to promoting sustainable hunting practices through the selective harvesting of mature animals. This contributes to the conservation of biodiversity. The extensive database and refined methodologies aid conservationists, hunters, and scientists through providing critical data which underpins the adaptive management of game populations globally.



CIC Deputy Director General Arno Wimpffen during a Trophy Evaluation Event in Poland, November, 2024



CIC Deputy President Luis de la Peña, Alonso Álvarez de Toledo (Marquis de Valdueza), Luis Planas (Minister of Agriculture), and Juan Del Yerro San Román at the Spanish National Strategy for Game Management Dissemination Meeting, February, 2025.



Tradition and Heritage

Culture Division

The CIC Culture Division is dedicated to preserving and promoting the deep cultural connections between humanity and the natural world. As global societies grow more urbanised, the divide between people and nature widens. The Culture Division seeks to bridge this gap by celebrating the traditions, values, and artistry that underscore the importance of hunting, conservation, and sustainable use.

Through its work, the Culture Division underscores hunting as a cultural heritage with profound roots, educating both hunters and the public about the intrinsic value of these practices for both conservation and society.

Collaboration with UNESCO

In close partnership with UNESCO, the Culture Division advocates for the recognition of hunting traditions as part of global intangible heritage. This collaboration highlights the importance of cultural practices associated with hunting in biodiversity conservation, sustaining local livelihoods, and fostering a deep respect for nature.

Awards

The Culture Division supports various initiatives and awards that showcase the intersection of culture and conservation, inspiring appreciation for nature and sustainability among broader audiences. For more information, see page 49.



Culture Division President Bernardin Malou



Working Groups

Young Opinion Working Group

One of the ongoing goals of the CIC is to share its vision and aims with the next generation of nature conservationists and conscious hunters. Young Opinion acts as a platform for young members to meet and to exchange ideas on the future of hunting and wildlife conservation



Young Opinion President Krzysztof Kowalewski after the election

Engaging with our future leaders gives the CIC a fresh perspective on issues and an insight into the needs of the next generation of hunters and conservationists.



All for the next generation

Young Opinion Research Award

The Young Opinion Research Award supports researchers whose projects contribute to the sustainable use of wildlife. For more information, see page 48.

Global Youth for Sustainable Use

Global Youth for Sustainable Use (GYSU) is an annual event hosted by Young Opinion, first launched in 2005. The multi-day event includes a scientific symposium, an introduction to the cultural heritage of the particular country or region, visits to famous hunting sites, and culinary experiences.



Young Opinion Members Host International Events to Connect Across Borders

Artemis Working Group

The Artemis Working Group was established to empower and elevate the role of women in hunting and wildlife management. As more women engage in conservation and sustainable use, Artemis provides a dedicated platform to celebrate their achievements, promote gender diversity, and ensure that women's voices are represented in shaping the future of conservation.



Mission and Objectives

Highlighting the Achievements of Female Conservationists:

By showcasing the contributions of women in hunting, wildlife management, and sustainable use, Artemis brings attention to the often under-recognised efforts of women in these fields.

Supporting Gender Diversity in Hunting:

Recognising the unique perspectives that women bring to conservation, Artemis promotes their active involvement in hunting organisations, policy discussions, and environmental decision-making,



Beatrix Ban
Artemis President

Providing Education and Resources:

With events, workshops, and mentorship programmes, we offer tools and resources to enable women to grow their expertise and inspire the next generation.

Women and Sustainable Hunting (WaSH) Conference:

This annual conference is a cornerstone event, uniting huntresses and conservation leaders. With expert presentations, cultural exchanges, and community-building activities, WaSH provides a unique forum to share knowledge, celebrate heritage, and discuss sustainable wildlife management.

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Working Group

The IP&LC Working Group champions the rights, knowledge, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in wildlife conservation. Recognising rural communities as the cornerstone of sustainable biodiversity management, the CIC advocates for their inclusion in policy-making, resource access, and decision-making processes.

Mission and Objectives

Amplifying Local and Indigenous Voices:

By providing an international platform, the CIC enables indigenous and local communities to share their experiences, perspectives, and conservation successes, thus enriching global discussions on sustainable use.



*Bupe Ritah Banda
President
IP&LC Working Group*

Advocating for Resource Rights and Fair Representation:

The IP&LC Working Group works to protect the rights of rural and indigenous communities to sustainably access and manage their natural resources. This advocacy includes support for their participation at international environmental conventions and consultations with policymakers.

Promoting Traditional Knowledge: Recognising the invaluable conservation practices embedded in indigenous and local traditions, the CIC supports initiatives that blend traditional knowledge with modern science to create effective, culturally relevant conservation strategies.

Key Initiatives

The Working Group advances its mission through impactful initiatives that bridge cultural, geographic, and political divides:

Resolution for IP&LC Rights: In 2022, the CIC General Assembly adopted a resolution to formalise support for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, embedding their rights and priorities into the CIC's policies and operations.

Keep Calm and Let Africa Speak: The IP&LC Working Group hosts events such as the “Keep Calm and Let Africa Speak” press conference, held at CITES CoP17 and followed up in 2022 at the European Parliament. These forums provide a platform for African leaders and community representatives to discuss sustainable use and livelihood issues from their unique perspectives. This initiative garners international attention for the conservation approaches of African nations and strengthens the global advocacy for sustainable use.

Podcast series “Our Voice”: CIC has partnered with Blood Origins on a podcast series providing a space for local voices to be heard and shaping a narrative through unique storytelling on the importance of sustainable use for conservation success.



Vision for the Future

The IP&LC Working Group envisions a future where Indigenous and local communities are not only stakeholders but equal partners in the global conservation landscape. By promoting inclusion, amplifying voices, and supporting resource rights, the CIC aims to establish a conservation model that honours traditional knowledge, respects local livelihoods, and ensures a just approach to sustainable wildlife management.



CIC Global Presence

Membership

The **CIC Membership** is a distinguished and diverse community dedicated to advancing wildlife conservation through sustainable use. Our members include a wide range of stakeholders - governments, organisations, individuals, experts, and sponsors - who are all united by a shared commitment to preserving biodiversity and supporting sustainable use and rural livelihoods. Their contributions empower the CIC to implement impactful conservation initiatives on a global scale.

Membership Composition

The CIC is distinguished to be among the few international NGOs with governments and governmental agencies as members. This reflects the CIC's impact and diplomatic reach, further recognised by our status as an intergovernmental observer at the United Nations.

CIC members are organised into the following categories:

States, Regions or Provinces: Government representatives dedicated to integrating sustainable wildlife management into national policies.

Governmental Organisations: Public entities working at national and regional levels to promote responsible wildlife use.

Association Members: Representatives of national and international non-governmental organisations, contributing valuable perspectives and field experience.

Individual Members: Conservationists, hunters, and advocates of sustainable use who bring a personal commitment to our cause.

Expert Members: Specialists from various fields who contribute knowledge and expertise to advance CIC initiatives.

Young Opinion Members: Emerging conservation leaders under 35, whose fresh perspectives are integral to shaping the future of wildlife conservation.

Corporate Members: Organisations which support the mission of the CIC.

Why become a member?

To join means becoming part of a global network of leaders in conservation. CIC members benefit from:

- **Influential Network:** Access to an extensive international network of high-level decision-makers, industry leaders, wildlife experts, and sustainability advocates.
- **Conservation Advocacy:** Engage in meaningful discussions with policymakers and have your voice heard to influence sustainable use policies at the national and international levels.
- **Knowledge and Expertise:** Access to cutting-edge research, scientific data, and insights on wildlife management and sustainable hunting practices.
- **Cultural Heritage:** Preserve our traditional practices and a culture which celebrates sustainable hunting, to ensure this continues for future generations.
- **Events and Opportunities:** Access to a range of national and international events to build connections within the membership, as well as access to exclusive and sustainable hunting opportunities.
- **National Delegations:** Connect with CIC's network of over 40 National Delegations, which organize country-specific events, facilitate local conservation efforts, and provide unique networking opportunities.

How to become a member?

The CIC operates as a decentralised organisation. Each National Delegation has its own by-laws and regulations set within the framework of the CIC Statutes. This structure allows National Delegations the flexibility to address local needs while contributing to the CIC's global mission.



CIC General Assembly in Paris, 2023

For prospective members, the application process requires endorsement from two CIC Members (patrons) and the Head of Delegation. This support affirms the candidate's alignment with CIC values and commitment to sustainable wildlife conservation.

In countries where no National Delegation exists, an applicant may seek the endorsement of the Head of an alternative National Delegation or one of the CIC Vice-Presidents.

For further details on the membership application process, please visit the membership section on the CIC website:

<https://cic-wildlife.org/membership/>





Recognising Excellence

CIC Awards

The CIC honours exceptional contributions to wildlife conservation, sustainable use, scientific research, and cultural expression through a diverse set of awards. These awards celebrate individuals, projects, and organisations that advance the CIC's mission, recognising achievements in conservation, scientific research, media, and the arts.

Conservation and Sustainable Use Awards

Markhor Award: Presented biennially at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in partnership with the CBD, IUCN, and the **Wild Sheep Foundation**, the Markhor Award celebrates conservation projects of international relevance that link biodiversity conservation with local community well-being. Named after the endangered markhor goat, the award highlights projects that demonstrate the positive impact of sustainable use on biodiversity and livelihoods.



Edmond Blanc Award: Named after one of CIC's early conservation champions, this award recognises exemplary efforts in sustainable game and wildlife management. It honours initiatives that integrate conservation, community engagement, and responsible wildlife management, serving as models for best practices.

Research and Innovation Awards

Young Opinion Research Award: This award is granted to young researchers whose projects contribute to the sustainable use of wildlife. Recognising academic excellence and practical innovation, the award serves as an example of best practice to encourage the next generation of conservation scientists to explore new ideas and approaches to sustainable wildlife management. Recent winners have addressed issues such as large carnivore depredation, community tolerance, and conservation in challenging ecosystems.



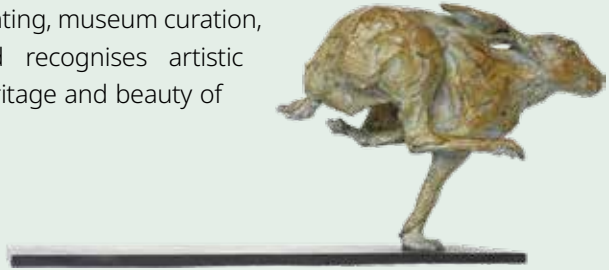
Winner of the 2023 Young Opinion Research Award, Deogratias Gervas Katwana, for his thesis on “Patterns of large carnivore depredation on livestock and community tolerance behavior around Selous-Nyerere ecosystem; A case study of Liwale district in southern Tanzania”

Communication and Public Awareness Awards

Communications Prize: This prize recognises exceptional achievements in media—whether through film, television, or literature—that address the importance of sustainable wildlife use and conservation. The award highlights work that effectively educates the public, challenges misconceptions, and provides a science-based perspective on hunting and sustainable use.

Cultural and Media Awards

Hunting in Art Prize: This prize celebrates artists whose work enhances the cultural and aesthetic values associated with nature and hunting. Honouring achievements across various forms of art, including sculpture, painting, museum curation, and exhibitions. The award recognises artistic expressions that bring the heritage and beauty of wildlife and hunting to life.



*Winner of the 2023 Hunting in Art Prize (sculpture),
Luis de Sousa Cabral*

Wildlife Photo Prize: Created to inspire hunters and conservation enthusiasts to share their passion for wildlife, this award recognises captivating images that showcase the beauty and complexity of the natural world. By providing a platform for individuals to express their connection to wildlife, the CIC promotes an appreciation for conservation, offering others a glimpse into diverse habitats and the wonders of nature through the lens of conservation.



Winner of the 2011 Wildlife Photo Prize, Jean Pierre Ramel (Switzerland)



Growing Awareness

Communications

The CIC has developed a dynamic communications strategy that serves as the backbone of its policy advocacy, member engagement, and public outreach efforts. By connecting with industry media, national news outlets, and policymakers, CIC's communications team drives awareness around sustainable hunting, conservation, and the role of policy in protecting biodiversity. Through events, publications, and digital engagement, the CIC ensures that its mission resonates with diverse audiences, from key policymakers to the public.

Supporting Policy and Public Affairs

Communications are a key driver of the CIC's policy and public affairs work, helping translate the organisation's conservation priorities into actionable insights for decision-makers. CIC's communications team organises high-profile events with influential policymakers, stakeholders, and representatives from CIC's state members. These events foster dialogue and collaboration, enabling the CIC to advocate for sustainable use practices within the broader policy landscape.



President Masisi of Botswana, Wilfried Pabst, and Tristan Breijer

Engaging Members and Public Awareness

With a rapidly expanding social media presence, the CIC communicates its work to a wider public and those in the grassroots sustainable use community, which underpins its influence. Social media serves as a platform to inform members, decision-makers, and journalists about the CIC's conservation efforts, translating complex topics into accessible messages. This engagement amplifies the CIC's impact, helping to educate audiences on the essential role that sustainable hunting plays in conservation.



Publications

Debunking the Myths: This publication series addresses common myths surrounding international hunting, presenting scientific evidence to debunk misconceptions. Using real-life examples and data, Debunking the Myths highlights the benefits of well-managed, sustainable hunting operations as a tool for wildlife conservation and community support.

CIC World Game Cookbook: With a growing interest in sustainable nutrition, the CIC World Game Cookbook offers a unique collection of 207 game recipes from 66 countries, each inspired by local game and traditional flavours. This cookbook showcases wild game as a sustainable, organic food source that supports biodiversity and reduces environmental impact.



Press & Journalism

International Journalism Symposium (IJS): The IJS gathers journalists from various backgrounds to address the challenges and innovations in conservation reporting. This annual event has taken place in countries such as Namibia, Spain, Hungary, and the United States, serving as a global platform for discussions on hunting, conservation, and sustainability. Articles resulting from the IJS have been published in prominent outlets like The Guardian and National Geographic, providing a balanced, science-based perspective on sustainable practices.

Sustainable Use Navigator: The CIC's Digital Library on Sustainable Use is under development, and will be an essential resource for academics, journalists, and policymakers. This online database includes reliable data, peer-reviewed research, and multimedia content, supporting informed discussions on sustainable use. With this resource, users can quickly access credible information to respond to questions and challenges around sustainable wildlife utilisation.

Through these initiatives, CIC's communications efforts strengthen the organisation's influence, enhance member engagement, and increase public understanding of conservation through sustainable use. By integrating media outreach, event management, and digital content, the CIC continues to drive impactful conservation narratives that resonate across policy, industry, and public domains.



Bi-Partisan Illegal Bushmeat Roundtable in London, December, 2024

Club 200

Global Wildlife Foundation



Wilfried (Willy) Pabst, Founder of the Club 200

Club 200 is dedicated to advancing wildlife conservation and safeguarding biodiversity by integrating scientific research with practical solutions. The club unites sustainable use advocates to provide essential financial support to the CIC. Through the Global Wildlife Foundation, an independent funding mechanism, contributions are strategically invested to advance the CIC's mission and outreach. These efforts aim to transform the narrative around hunting and conservation, promoting a modern, impactful dialogue to highlight sustainable use's critical role in preserving biodiversity.



George Aman, Honorary President of the CIC, Founding Member of Club 200

By expanding its network, leveraging media outreach & influential partnerships, and promoting education, Club 200 strives to build a global community dedicated to sustainable practices and the long-term preservation of wildlife and natural ecosystems.



Olivier Rolin, Founding Member of Club 200, with his wife Donatienne

Objectives

Fundraising: Building a financial future through professional and consistent fundraising for the CIC. Our goal is to increase available funds two- to threefold annually, enhancing the CIC's capacity to address 21st-century challenges effectively.

Communication Capacity: We aim to amplify communication across all platforms, advocating for sustainable use as a means of protecting nature and wildlife. The message is clear: the world is listening, and with a strong team, we can ensure this - 20,000 elephants are proof of our impact.

Network & Database: Our communication is rooted in facts. We are committed to continually updating and expanding our network while developing an information database to enable swift and targeted outreach across all media platforms.



For more information, visit www.200club.de



Collaboration and Convening

Stakeholder & Partners

In order to achieve its wildlife conservation mission, the CIC works with and through a wide range of stakeholders.

Stakeholders

The CIC engages with various groups and individuals who play crucial roles in conservation efforts. These stakeholders include:



*National and local
government authorities
and bodies*



*Members of the global
hunting community*



Associations



*International environmental
organisations*



Academia



*Multilateral Environment
Agreement bodies and
their Parties*



Private sector



Private and public donors



Individual experts



Media

Partners

The CIC has established alliances to promote sustainable use and advance wildlife policy and legislative development worldwide. Guided by the principle of “wildlife knows no borders,” the CIC collaborates with various organisations, including:

- **United Nations Institutions:** FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme), UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization).
- **Environmental Conventions:** CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity), CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species), CMS (Convention on Migratory Species), AEWA (Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds), Bern Convention, and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.
- **International Non-Governmental Organisations:** IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), WWF (World Wildlife Fund), Wetlands International, IAF (International Association for Falconry), FACE (European Federation for Hunting and Conservation), and IUGB (International Union of Game Biologists).
- **National Non-Governmental Organisations:** CIC’s National Delegations also work alongside national or regional NGOs on issues of hunting and wildlife conservation.



Convention on
Biological Diversity



Corporate Sponsorship

Partnering for Global Conservation

The CIC offers unique opportunities for corporate partners to align their brands with a global mission of conservation through sustainable use. By becoming a CIC sponsor, you gain access to a powerful network of conservation leaders, policymakers, and industry influencers across 80+ countries, including representatives from 29 State Members.

Why Partner with CIC?



Carl von Eckermann, CEO of Natlink, a CIC Platinum Sponsor.

Unmatched Visibility: Showcase your brand to an exclusive audience at international forums, including the prestigious CIC General Assembly, attended by policymakers, experts, and royalty.

Policy Influence: Play a role in shaping the global agenda for sustainable wildlife management and conservation practices.

Tailored Engagement: Enjoy bespoke sponsorship packages designed to meet your branding and visibility goals. From Platinum-level co-branded marketing to targeted exposure at our events, every partnership is customisable.

Networking Opportunities: Connect with high-profile leaders in conservation, hunting, and sustainability, fostering long-term partnerships that make a difference.

A Commitment to Conservation

By sponsoring the CIC, you directly contribute to critical conservation initiatives, from habitat restoration to biodiversity protection, while amplifying your brand's commitment to sustainability and responsible environmental stewardship.





Conservation in Practice

Selected Projects

This selection of key projects illustrates CIC's commitment to addressing today's urgent conservation challenges. From Europe's Alpine heights to Mongolia's vast steppes, the CIC is committed to delivering on-the-ground results for conservation.

Guided by the CIC 2030 Strategic Plan, each initiative reflects our focus on biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and fostering sustainable relationships between people and wildlife.

CIC empowers local communities, drawing on the knowledge of our experts and network to build conservation leaders where they are most needed. Science-based solutions and a dedication to sustainable use, supported through international partnerships, balancing local needs with global goals.



Chamois in a Changing Climate

Led by CIC Applied Science Division President, Professor Dr. Klaus Hackländer, this project examines the adaptive challenges facing Europe's alpine chamois as temperatures shift. While some chamois are retreating to higher elevations, others are moving into lower-altitude forests, adding pressure to forest ecosystems already stressed by drought and pests. CIC's research explores these population shifts to inform sustainable management practices that protect both chamois and their habitats as environmental conditions change.

LECA Project: Conservation of Large Carnivores

In the Carpathian Mountains, where lynx, wolves, and bears are reclaiming their historical ranges, the LECA Project fosters balanced conservation. Funded by Interreg and supported by partners like WWF Hungary and Mendel University, LECA is facilitated by the Carpathian Convention, with CIC representing the voices of hunters and local stakeholders. Our role is critical in developing monitoring protocols, enhancing law enforcement against poaching, and advocating for hunters as conservation allies, helping communities and large carnivores to thrive together.

Flying Vets Mongolia: A One Health Initiative



Launched by the CIC in 2022, the Flying Vets Mongolia project brings together local communities, veterinarians, and conservationists to address zoonotic diseases. The CIC provides training in disease surveillance, rapid reporting, and participatory monitoring, empowering hunters and herders to act as first responders to disease outbreaks and to implement preventative measures. This initiative strengthens both Mongolia's biodiversity and the resilience of its nomadic communities. With funding from UNEP's Nature for Health initiative, the project is set to expand, improving coordination among veterinary, environmental, and community sectors to prevent zoonotic diseases, enhance data sharing, and promote sustainable ecosystem management.

The Wild Harvest Initiative®

Led by Shane Mahoney, President of CIC's Policy & Law Division, the Wild Harvest Initiative® is the first major effort to quantify for any temperate region what wild harvesting truly supports: food security, biodiversity conservation, economic stability and growth, human and animal health and wellness, and the preservation of diverse cultures.



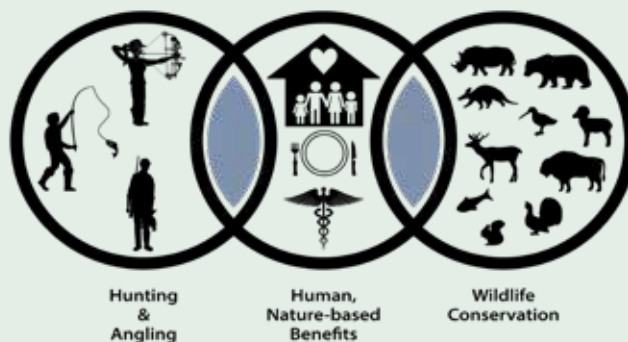
*Shane Mahoney, President of the
CIC Policy and Law Division*


This innovative and science-based approach is reframing debates and providing new insights concerning the relevance of sustainable natural resource use and management in modern society. Its inclusive focus provides a platform to engage discussions between consumptive and non-consumptive users of nature, even those opposed to traditional sustainable use activities.

While the North American arm of the program is well underway, the Wild Harvest Initiative® has recently expanded into Europe and Africa and is now collecting data in these regions.

This work exemplifies the CIC's commitment to conservation through sustainable use, demonstrating the interconnectedness of natural resources and human well-being.

For a broader view of CIC's work, we invite you to explore our project portfolio or visit our website. Each initiative reflects our commitment to a future where people and wildlife thrive together.





*“There can be no
greater issue than that
of conservation”*

*President Theodore Roosevelt
Father of Kermit Roosevelt,
CIC Founding Member*

History of the CIC

The CIC's roots can be traced back to 1910, when an international hunting exhibition was held in Vienna, Austria. The idea of creating a global conservation organisation emerged to harness hunting's longstanding role as a defender of wildlife conservation. This concept gained greater momentum in the aftermath of World War I. The newly established League of Nations in 1920 inspired a wave of international cooperation, including a heightened awareness of nature conservation.



Count Louis Károlyi of Hungary and Maxime Ducrocq of France

Against this backdrop, Count Louis Károlyi of Hungary and French lawyer Maxime Ducrocq embarked on a mission to lay the foundations of this international body. It would unite governments, experts and dignitaries in supporting the utilisation of hunting as one of the premier tools for wildlife and nature conservation. Their efforts culminated in a 1928 international conference in Nové Zámky (formerly Hungary, then Czechoslovakia, now Slovakia). This conference produced the historic "*Declaration of Nové Zámky*," which paved the way for the formal establishment of the CIC in Paris in 1930.

On 7 November 1930, the Constituting Assembly of the CIC was hosted by the French Government in Paris. It welcomed 121 distinguished dignitaries and experts from 23 countries. The delegates were received at the Elysée Palace by the President of France, Gaston Doumergue. Among the many notable figures present were H.R.H. Prince Nicolas of Romania; H.E. Count Ladislaus Esterházy of Hungary; H.E. Count Pálffy of Erdöd of Czechoslovakia; and H.E. Count Colloredo-Mansfeld of Austria.

From the United States, Kermit Roosevelt (son of President Theodore Roosevelt, notable conservationist, and Secretary of the Boone & Crockett Club) as well as his friend zoologist Harold Jefferson Coolidge Jr., who was to become a future co-founder and president of the IUCN and WWF, were in attendance. The event marked a significant step towards international conservation collaboration.

Maxime Ducrocq, who had been a driving force behind the establishment, was elected as the CIC's first President.

The CIC's founding countries included Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Ever since its founding, the CIC has championed management through wildlife biology and conservation science. The organisation continues to play a vital role in supporting significant environmental conventions and initiatives worldwide.



Palárikovo ("Tótmegyer"), estate of Count Louis Károlyi, co-founder of the CIC

Since establishing its Administrative Office in Budapest, Hungary has been a steadfast supporter of the CIC, providing office space free of charge, granting diplomatic status, and offering ongoing financial contributions, including a €1 per hunter initiative, to support conservation efforts.



Presidents and Secretary / Director Generals

The following individuals have served as President of the CIC over the years, leading the organisation in its mission to promote conservation through sustainable hunting and biodiversity preservation:

Presidents



Maxime Ducrocq
(France) 1930 – 49



**Claude Hettier
de Boislambert**
(France) 1950 – 59



**H.R.H. Berthold
Margrave von Baden**
(Germany) 1959 – 62



**Georg Graf
Thurn-Valsassina**
(Austria) 1962 – 65



**Comte Enrico
Marone Cinzano**
(Italy) 1965 – 68



**Dr. Johann Gerhard
van Maasdijk**
(Netherlands) 1969 – 72



Pál Vallus
(Hungary) 1972 – 75



**H.I.H. Prince
Abdorreza Pahlavi**
(Iran) 1975 – 81



**Alfonso de Urquijo
y Landecho**
(Spain) 1981 – 84



Marko Bulč
(Slovenia) 1984 – 87



Dr. Luigi Musy
(Switzerland) 1987 – 90



**Dr. Heinrich
III. Prinz Reuss**
(Austria) 1990 – 93



**Dr. Nicolás Franco
de Pobil**
(Spain) 1993 – 99



**Bergassessor a.D.
Dieter Schramm**
(Germany) 1999 – 2010



Bernard Lozé
(France) 2010 – 2016



George Aman
*(Switzerland)
2016 – 2021*



Dr. Philipp Harmer LL.M.
*(Austria)
2021 – present*

General Administrator



Marcel Villenave
1930-1939



**Claude Hettier
de Boislambert**
1950-1959



Claude Chavane
1965-1971



**François
Edmond-Blanc**
1971-1981



Jean Servat
1981-1999

Secretary General



Werner Trense
1972–1999

Director-Generals



Gábor Rácz-Fodor
1999–2001



Kai-Uwe Wollscheid
2002–2010



Tamás Marghescu
2011–2022



Sebastian Winkler
2022–present

General Assemblies

The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the CIC. As of 2025, a total of 71 CIC General Assemblies have been held since the establishment of the organisation. In addition to the approval of members and the passing of resolutions and recommendations, the General Assemblies are a moment for celebration and networking, as well as a forum for discussion on the latest issues surrounding wildlife conservation through sustainable use. It is tradition for pins to be produced for each General Assembly, with a selection of those produced to-date presented below.



Prague
1937



Copenhagen
1955



Dublin
1967



Mamaia
1968



Budapest
1970



Texel
1972



Warsaw
1973



Tehran
1974



Chambord
1975



Brussels
1976



Marseille
1977



Sofia
1978



Athens
1979



Rome
1980



Munich
1981



Monte-Carlo
1982



Dubrovnik
1983



Innsbruck
1984



Dakar
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Versailles
1986



Budapest
1987



Florence
1988



Stockholm
1989



Luzern
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Marrakech
1992



Krakow
1993



Monaco
1995



Vienna
1996



Buenos Aires
1997



Prague
1998



Milan
1999



Berlin
2000



Slovenia
2001



Istanbul
2002



*Young People of the World
for Sustainable Use*
Helsinki
2003



*Wildlife knows
no borders*
Bucharest
2004



*Falconry:
A World Heritage*
Abu Dhabi
2005



*Conservation of Migratory
Birds – A Shared Responsibility*
Cyprus
2006



*Passion for Wildlife
Means Caring For People*
Belgrade
2007



*Hunting: A Tool for
Sustainable Rural Development*
Marrakech
2008



*Hunting:
A Passion for the Future*
Paris
2009



*Biodiversity of the Mediter-
ranean region: Challenges and
Perspectives for Hunters*
Dubrovnik
2010



*Hunting – A Part of our
Cultural Heritage*
Saint-Petersburg
2011



*Economics of Wildlife
Conservation*
Cape Town
2012



*Hunting: Conserving Wildlife –
Key to Global Cultural Heritage*
**Prague, Bratislava,
Budapest**
2013



*Youth, Hunting
and Biodiversity*
Milan
2014



*Healthy wildlife,
Healthy people*
Bulgaria
2015



*Hunting is
conservation*
Brussels
2016



*Harmony with Wildlife –
Urban and Rural Perceptions*
Montreux
2017



*Hunting:
Facts or Fables?*
Madrid
2018



*Crossroads – Leading the Way
for Wildlife Conservation*
Windhoek
2019



*One with Nature – Rural Voices,
Global Responsibilities*
Budapest
2021



*Conserve – Convene –
Communicate*
Riga
2022



Biodiversity 2030
Paris
2023



Bridges to Biodiversity
Cascais
2024



Mediation
Doha
2025



Achievements

With a successful track record spanning more than 90 years, the CIC and its growing membership have been at the forefront of shaping the global wildlife conservation and sustainable use agenda.

Harold Jefferson Coolidge Jr., was one of the founding members of the CIC and later went on to co-found and preside over the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 1948.

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands: Members of the CIC played a significant role in establishing the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, particularly as Waterfowl Habitat, in 1971.

1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro: During the summit, parties agreed on a Strategy for Sustainable Development, emphasising the role of sustainable use in maintaining biodiversity. The CIC provided critical input, ensuring sustainable use was incorporated into the strategy.

Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity: In 1997, the CIC contributed technical expertise, laying the foundation for these principles, which underscore sustainable use as a pillar of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Joint Projects with International Organisations: The CIC has worked on joint projects with major international bodies like the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), as demonstrated through initiatives like the Flying Vets Mongolia project.

European Charter on Hunting and Biodiversity: Published in 2008, in cooperation with the CIC, this charter established the framework for sustainable wildlife management across Europe.



*Nelson Mandela,
Supporter of the CIC*

Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW):

The CIC is a founding member of the CPW since 2013. This cooperation platform, consisting of 13 international organisations.

International Observer at MEAs: The CIC has Intergovernmental Observer Organisation Status at Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) of the United Nations.

Press Conferences in the European Parliament: The CIC has organised high-profile events such as “Keep Calm and Let Africa Speak” and “Is Africa Being Heard?” to give a voice to Indigenous People and local communities.

Global Biodiversity Framework: The CIC was among several organisations that provided key input for the landmark Global Biodiversity Framework, adopted at CBD COP15 in Montreal in 2022. Thanks to CIC’s advocacy, sustainable use including hunting were incorporated into the framework, which was signed by 188 states.

Creating Awareness on Trophy Import Bans: The CIC raises awareness of the negative consequences trophy import bans have on conservation efforts. Through research and engagement with policymakers, the CIC highlights how regulated hunting contributes to biodiversity conservation and supports local communities.



1991 Audience of hunters at the Vatican, President of the CIC, Dr. Heinrich III. Prinz Reuss and Dr. Nicolás Franco de Pobil and Pope John Paul II



2023 Vatican audience: CIC Executive Committee with Pope Francis



Presidential Reception, General Assembly in Cascais, 2024



*Honorary President George Aman
with Philipp Harmer*



*Deputy President Luis de la Peña
with Philipp Harmer*



Administrative Office

The CIC Administrative Office is responsible for coordinating the organisation's activities and supporting its strategic objectives. The office is staffed by a team of professionals who handle various operational, scientific, and communications functions.

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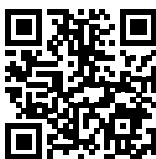
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