

IUCN ASIA COMMUNICATIONS

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INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE





Mission:

Influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.



Why is Communications important for IUCN?

- Strategic communications is critical to achieving our overall goals
- Our brand or image is our most valuable asset and needs to be protected
- Communications is key to relationship-building, sharing of knowledge, inspiring change





OUR COMPLEX COMMUNICATIONS ENVIRONMENT

Communications at IUCN is a network of flows:

- Projects
- Country Programmes
- Regional Office
- Headquarters
- Members
- Commissions
- Donors & Partners
- Council
- External audiences

To support delivery of the Intersessional Programme:

- 1. Valuing and conserving nature
- 2. Effective and equitable governance of natures use
- 3. Deploying nature based solutions to global challenges in climate, food, development



What does IUCN Communications Encompass?

- Communications strategy & project-specific communications plans
- Brand management
- Media relations
- Publications newsletters, annual review etc....
- Online communications website and social media
- Position Papers
- Reports & proposals to donors
- Internal Communications





IUCN's "Personality"

- Science-based
- Neutral convenor bringing all sectors together







Global communications provides services in the areas of:

- corporate communications
- brand management
- media relations
- knowledge management
- website management
- project communications





REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Established in 2004 under Regional Programme Coordination, Regional Communications Unit established in 2011.
- The unit is currently staffed by:
 - Regional Communications Manager, Ann Moey
 - Regional Communications Assistant, Shreeya Joshi
- The unit covers its cost by supporting project implementation.





COUNTRY / PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS

- All offices and large programmes have communications focal points. Each has a reporting line to Regional Communications Manager.
- There are 11 IUCN country offices in Asia

Country Offices

Bangladesh: Naoshin Afroz Cambodia: VACANT China: Bo HOU India: Nisha D'SOUZA Lao PDR: VACANT Nepal: Amit POUDYAL Pakistan: Danish RASHDI Sri Lanka: Kumudini EKARATNE Thailand: VACANT Viet Nam: Thuy Anh NGUYEN Myanmar: VACANT





ROLE OF COMMUNICATIONS FOCAL POINT

- Create strategic direction for communications in their country program, flowing from regional strategic communications plan
- Work with Programme Coordinators to integrate communications into concepts and proposals.
- Provide effective communications support to projects.
- Ensure donors and partners are properly acknowledged in all products.
- Ensure all products meet IUCN visual identity and quality standards.
- Manage press activities and track local media.
- Contribute to corporate products: websites, annual reports, campaigns...
- Disseminate relevant information within component programme (communications updates) and from the programme to the IUCN network.





All staff must follow IUCN guidelines:

- Wide variety of templates and guidelines available
 - Visual Identity
 - Style guide
 - Publications guide
 - Web guide
 - Social media guide
 - Media protocol
 - Etc.







In the spotlight

UCN at the World Heritage committee meeting – new natural World Heritage sites and action to safeguard existing sites among the expected outcomes



Members

IUCN is a democratic membership union – find out about our members and how to join IUCN.



IUCN Congress 2016 Where Members decide the global conservation agenda for the rest four

years. Register here.

Director General Read about the activities of inger Andersen, speeches, statements and social media updates. Key Knowledge
Management platform

- Fully integrated with:
 - Regional and country pages
 - Knowledge products
 - Project information
 - Now marketed with:
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Quarterly newsletter





Digital strategy: web, social media, e-newsletter

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Vision: to build an online digital community

The objective of the digital strategy is to help drive policy change by growing organizational influence through building, engaging and sustaining an IUCN digital community in Asia.





Digital strategy: web, social media, e-newsletter

How the web, social media and the e-newsletter are integrated





IUCN MEDIA GUIDELINES

- Positive media coverage is a prized commodity gained by building relationships with journalists.
- Goal of media engagement for IUCN: To openly communicate with IUCN's target audiences in a clear, transparent and timely manner and in ways that are in keeping with our brand and that advance our mission.
- Core Requirements:
 - Adhere to the DoA of IUCN
 - Consult fully when there is any potential of controversy





Regional Communications Strategy 2014-2017 OBJECTIVES

- To influence government policies and mechanisms to achieve IUCN Asia's programmatic objectives; to influence private sector to create positive change in business practices
- To increase visibility of IUCN brand among key target audiences and promote full understanding of IUCN's role and global mandate
- To support our Membership and strengthen the IUCN Union
- To ensure IUCN's knowledge products/tools are targeted and accessible to key target audiences (in the most effective way to influence change)
- To strengthen internal communications within IUCN Asia

