



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE A MEMBER OF THE IUCN EXPERT ASSESSMENT GROUP FOR THE GREEN LIST (EAGL) FOR MIDDLE EAST AND WEST ASIA

Dear Madam/Sir,

During the past few years, IUCN ROWA has issued the first call for expression of interest to establish the Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL) for the Middle East- West Asia Region MEWA. We have received excellent applications and have formed the EAGL for Middle East and West Asia MEWA region. In examining the skills brought by the current EAGL members, we concluded that we need to reinforce the following areas and fields of expertise: Governance, Marine, and socio-economics. IUCN and WCPA are committed to achieve gender balance in the EAGL, so female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

This is the third call for expression of interest to be a member of the IUCN expert assessment group for the MEWA Region, with a focus on addressing the above-mentioned gaps. Interested individuals are kindly requested to submit all of the following information no later than the 31st of March 2023 to Natalia Boulad at Natalia.boulad@iucn.org and Zeinab Habibah at Zeinab.Habibeh@iucn.org :

1. A complete and current CV. 2. Complete self-evaluation form provided in Appendix 1. 3. A short statement on why you are interested to join the EAGL, based on meeting the competency criteria listed in Appendix 2 below. 4. Confirm your commitment to an average of 10 to 15 days of volunteer time per year to perform tasks related to the MEWA EAGL, over an expected term of at least two years. All travel logistic expenditures will be covered in case travel is required to participate in events, trainings and site evaluations.

The IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), IUCN ROWA, and an independent reviewer will evaluate all applications and select a group of 5 to 9 additional individuals to join the Middle East and West Asia EAGL. All applicants will have an opportunity to join the WCPA as members, so long as they meet the WCPA membership criteria.

Please feel free to get in touch with Natalia Boulad at Natalia.boulad@iucn.org should you wish to find out more about the IUCN Green List and the EAGL or if you have any other queries.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Hany El Shaer, Regional Director

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature - Regional Office for West Asia

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About the IUCN Green List and the EAGL:

The IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas (IUCN Green List for short) programme is a recent IUCN initiative officially launched in 2014 at the World Parks Congress to recognise and promote fairly governed and effectively managed protected and conserved areas around the world. The main objective of the programme is to encourage protected and conserved areas to measure, improve and maintain their performance through globally consistent criteria that benchmark (i) good governance, (ii) sound design and planning, (iii) effective management, and (iv) successful conservation outcomes. For more details on the IUCN Green List programme, please visit www.iucn.org/greenlist

The Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL) is at the heart of the IUCN Green List implementation process and has to be established in every participating country. This expert body has to evaluate and assess applications of protected / conserved area's to become a Green Listed Area according to a global standard that is adapted to the national context. The EAGL will assess applications based on evidence provided by the applicant protected / conserved areas, and will evaluate all applications based on their knowledge and expertise. All Applications are submitted based on a voluntary commitment to being Green Listed by the site manager. For more information about the competencies and roles of EAGL members see the Appendices further below.

The EAGL is formed through a Call for Expressions of Interest such as this one. Benefits of becoming an EAGL member include advancing protected area management effectiveness and fairly governed protected areas in West Asia, membership with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas; and an opportunity to become part of a global community of protected and conserved area practitioners. It is important to note that EAGL members are expected to work on a voluntary basis, in their personal capacity, and according to their expertise without representing any organisation.

APPENDIX 1: SELF-EVALUATION OF EXPERTISE**(applicants please mark the applicable levels)**

Professional experience with public or private protected and conserved areas (P/CAs):

	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	Over 15 years
PA management			
Government ministry or PA agency			
Community or economic development			
Independent auditing or assessment of Pas			
Scientific research within or about Pas			
Other academic research within or about Pas, including social sciences			
Sustainable development or environmental issues at a management, operational, technical, policy or governance level			
Community or indigenous rightsholder / stakeholder organisations			

Other skills (applicants please mark the applicable level):

	Basic	Medium	Strong
Knowledge of PAs in the jurisdiction			
Network of regional contacts			
Analytical skills			
Oral communication skills			
Written communication skills			
Command of Arabic			
Command of written and spoken English			
Regionally recognised leadership in PA issues			
Skills in conflict resolution and negotiation			

APPENDIX 2: COMPETENCY CRITERIA AND ROLES OF EAGL MEMBERS

Candidates for membership in the EAGL shall meet the following competency criteria:

- 1) At least 10 years of work experience with public or private protected or conserved areas (P/CAs) in a professional capacity, such as:
 - P/CA management and specific knowledge of P/CAs in West Asia
 - Government ministry or protected areas (PA) agency
 - Community or economic development
 - Independent auditing or assessment of P/CAs
 - Scientific research within or about P/CAs
 - Other academic research within or about P/CAs, including social sciences
 - Sustainable development or environmental issues at a management, operational, technical, policy or governance level
 - Community or indigenous stakeholder organisations, if relevant in the context of the jurisdiction
- 2) Good network of regional contacts to be able to reach out to key actors and experts.
- 3) Ability to analyse and integrate diverse information from various sources and derive a conclusion from this information.
- 4) Strong oral communication skills, ability to craft and deliver messages in an articulate manner.
- 5) Preferably fluent in Arabic.
- 6) Basic command of written and spoken English is desirable.

Roles and responsibilities of EAGL:

- 1) Receive training on the IUCN Green List Standard, its Generic Indicators and its associated User Manual as appropriate (at least at commencement of appointment and after scheduled Standard, Indicator and User Manual revisions)
- 2) Establish a working relationship with the assigned Reviewer(s)/ Associate Reviewer(s) to enable formation of the EAGL, adaptations of the Generic Indicators and evaluation of P/CAs
- 3) If necessary, adapt the Generic Indicators as per the rules and procedures of the User Manual to make them applicable to the respective jurisdictional context
- 4) Evaluate P/CAs for compliance with the approved indicators following the User Manual's rules and procedures and recommend P/CAs for addition to the Green List if they are found to comply with all Indicators
- 5) Deal with received alerts to potential triggers for unscheduled reviews of Green Listed P/CAs
- 6) Coordinate with the nearest representatives of the IUCN Green List Programme, WCPA and, wherever possible, with relevant authorities.
- 7) Support IUCN Green List communication efforts of the Operational Team and Green List P/CAs where needed and appropriate