



## SCB Global Policy Committee Work Plan

*January-December 2016*

### **Committee members (date appointed):**

- Sarah Reed, Chair of Global Policy Committee (July 2015)
- Bengt-Gunnar Jonsson, Chair of IPBES Subcommittee (July 2013)
- Dominick DellaSala, Chair of Trans-sectional Policy Initiatives Subcommittee
- Carlos Carroll, North America Section (2010)
- Stefan Kreft, Europe Section (November 2014)
- Andrew Wright, Marine Section (January 2013)
- Megan Evans, Oceania Section (December 2015)
- [*Currently vacant*], Latin America and Caribbean Section
- Ahimsa Campos Arceiz, Asia Section (July 2015)
- Stephen Awoyemi, Africa Section (November 2014)

### **Main activities:**

1. Consider policy position statements that involve issues of global or multi-sectional scope, as needed
2. Complete a strategic analysis of SCB's engagement in global conservation policy issues and processes by July 2016
  - a. Convene a subcommittee and recruit a consultant to assist the subcommittee with implementing a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis;
  - b. Solicit input on the SWOT analysis from the SCB Board of Governors, Global Policy Committee, Section Boards, and Section policy committees;
  - c. Identify a list of global conservation policy issues and processes to consider, and identify a group of experts to interview from within and outside of SCB;
  - d. Plan, conduct, and analyze semi-structured interviews of up to 30 selected experts;
  - e. Generate and submit recommendations regarding the needs and opportunities for SCB to engage in global conservation policy for consideration to the SCB Board of Governors.
  - f. Communicate the recommendations to SCB members in a published article or editorial.
3. Complete policy webpages for all Sections on the SCB website by October 2016
  - a. Work with SCB Executive Office to make remaining changes to policy webpage template;
  - b. Work with Sections to create content and post policy pages;
  - c. Consider recruiting an intern to assist the Global Policy Committee and Sections with updating policy webpages and publicizing policy news items.

4. Provide additional opportunities for SCB members to become engaged in policy issues by December 2016
  - a. Work with IPBES Subcommittee to publicize opportunities for SCB members to contribute to IPBES processes;
  - b. Work with SCB Executive Office to streamline information about how to engage in policy on the SCB website;
  - c. Identify additional policy training or networking opportunities for SCB members.
5. Convene a meeting among Sections to follow up on existing or develop new multi-sectional policy initiatives, including:
  - a. EU Overseas Entities
  - b. Primary and old-growth forests

**Potential activities (deferred to a future work plan):**

- 1) Develop and approve policy statements at ICCB and Section congresses
- 2) Contribute to a book or other publication that builds capacity in conservation policy through the identification and documentation of successful initiatives bridging science and policy
- 3) Integrate refugee fellow conservation biologists into policy work
- 4) Infrastructure-free areas, especially roads
- 5) Conservation crime, including illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing, wildlife trade, and bushmeat
- 6) Identifying and suggesting changes in perverse incentives (e.g., in some Asian countries there are economic incentives to replace natural forest with new 'forests,' such as monocultures of rubber or acacia)
- 7) Protected area governance and management
- 8) Education (e.g., should biodiversity and its conservation be included in national syllabi, especially in biodiversity-rich developing countries?)