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*“Rendering services
to nature and society.”*

Foreword

Since 1930, the CIC has been advocating for the conservation of wildlife and natural habitats, as well as for the livelihoods and cultures of those connected to them. Indigenous peoples and local communities are at the centre of our vision – a world where wildlife is valued and conserved as part of nature for the benefit of humanity.

By supporting conservation through sustainable use, we are building a brighter future. One where biodiversity and human wellbeing are thriving whilst being interconnected.

I am honoured to serve as President over an organisation with such rich history and values. Accomplishing our mission would not be possible without the commitment and support of CIC members past, present and future.



Dr. Philipp Harmer, President of the CIC



“Conservation through sustainable use.”

International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation

What We Are

The International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) is a non-profit, international NGO that advocates for biodiversity conservation through the sustainable use of wildlife resources.

It is among the oldest conservation organisations in the world, with the CIC currently representing 27 government bodies within its 1,800+ strong membership. Today, the CIC is active in over 80 countries.

Mission

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

Vision

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



“The CIC global presence.”

Membership

The CIC membership consists of States, national and international organisations, individual members, as well as experts and sponsors. It has over 1,800 members in over 80 countries. The CIC also has 40 National Delegations, which are responsible for coordinating activities in their respective countries.

Membership categories

There are seven broad membership categories in the CIC:

- State Members
- Governmental Organisations
- Association Members (representatives of national or international non-governmental organisations)
- Individual Members
- Expert Members
- Young Opinion Members (<35 years old)
- Sponsor Members

The CIC is among the first and few international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) in the world which counts states or governmental agencies among their membership. Its Administrative Office therefore has a diplomatic status and it enjoys inter-governmental organisational status vis-à-vis the United Nations.

Why become a member?

By joining the CIC, not only are you joining a worldwide network of like-minded individuals and entities with a rich and distinguished history, you are also directly benefiting from the CIC's scientific credibility, its grounded knowledge base and convening power. In addition, members gain access to extensive networking opportunities to high-level decision makers.

- Direct access to advice and support on sustainable use and in particular wildlife conservation issues on a global scale
- A qualified source of information about hunting and rural development issues
- Access to a high-level network of sustainable use/hunting/wildlife scientists and experts from around the world
- Opportunity to communicate and consult with states, government agencies or national associations
- Direct access to the CIC's database of over 1,800 members from around the world
- As a wildlife enthusiast, having hitherto enjoyed hunting and by joining the CIC, you have a possibility to provide the same opportunity for future generations

How to become a member?

The CIC is a decentralised organisation. Within the framework of the CIC Statutes, its National Delegations have their own by-laws and regulations. As such, when applying for membership, the candidate should be supported by two patrons (CIC members of the relevant National Delegation), as well as the Head of Delegation of their respective country. Applications submitted without the required support will not be processed.

Where a National Delegation does not exist in a given country, the Head of one of the closest National Delegations (or one of the Vice-Presidents of the CIC) should be asked to sign the form.

More details on the process of becoming a member can be found:

<http://www.cic-wildlife.org/the-cic/membership/>



Organisational Structure

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

The **CIC Council** is composed of Heads of National Delegations and CIC Executive Committee members. The Council is entitled 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, which guides 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 as well.

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 various bodies of the CIC.

The Council

Heads of Delegations (as of July, 2023)

	<i>Argentina:</i> Alfredo Pablo Roemmers
	<i>Austria:</i> Dr. Wulf Gordian Baron Hauser
	<i>Belgium:</i> Philippe Claeys
	<i>Bulgaria:</i> Vasil Vasilev
	<i>Croatia:</i> Ivica Budor
	<i>Cyprus:</i> Pantelis Hajiyeou
	<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
	<i>Hungary:</i> Dr. Zoltán Kovács
	<i>Iran:</i> Abdol Ali Yazdani
	<i>Ireland:</i> TBC
	<i>Italy:</i> Nicoló Amosso
	<i>Liechtenstein:</i> Constantin Prince von und zu Liechtenstein
	<i>Lithuania:</i> Jonas Talmantas
	<i>Luxembourg:</i> Prince Jean de Luxembourg
	<i>Malta:</i> Lino Farrugia
	<i>Morocco:</i> Dr. Abdeladim Lhafi
	<i>Namibia:</i> Dr. Clemens von Doderer
	<i>Netherlands:</i> Baron Seger van Voorst tot Voorst
	<i>Norway:</i> Carl D. Cappelen
	<i>Poland:</i> Dr. Pawel Lisiak
	<i>Portugal:</i> Álvaro Moreira
	<i>Qatar:</i> H. E. Sheik Abdulrahman bin Saud Al-Thani
	<i>Romania:</i> Mugurel Drăgănescu
	<i>Russia:</i> Tatiana Aramileva
	<i>Serbia:</i> Sanja Momčilović Bognić
	<i>Slovakia:</i> Tibor Lebocký
	<i>Slovenia:</i> Matjaž Prinčič
	<i>South Africa:</i> TBC
	<i>Spain:</i> Juan González Ortega
	<i>Sweden:</i> Gerard Brodin
	<i>Switzerland:</i> Thierry de Loriol
	<i>Tunisia:</i> Ahmed Ridha Fikih Salem
	<i>United Arab Emirates:</i> H. E. Majid Al Mansouri
	<i>United Kingdom:</i> Denis Slobodyan
	<i>USA:</i> Chris Hudson

Executive Committee

Dr. Philipp Harmer

President of the CIC



George Aman
Honorary President



Dr. Nicolás Franco
Honorary President



Dieter Schramm
President of Honour



Rudolf Graf Colloredo-Mannsfeld
Honorary Deputy President



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Fernández-Nespral**
Deputy President



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Dürkheim-Montmartin**
Vice President



**Prince Alexandre
Poniatowski**
Vice President



Dr. Árpád Sárkány
Vice President



Nicolas Graas
Vice President



Michael Cassidy
Vice President



Tony Pouppez de Kettenis
Vice President



Dr. Giovanni Pejrone
Vice President



Count Dr. Torsten Mörner
Vice President



Shane Patrick Mahoney
Division President (Policy and Law)



Dr. Max Graf Schaffgotsch
Deputy Division President (Policy and Law)



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<p>Prince Michael von Sachsen-Weimar <i>Advisor (Europe)</i></p> 	<p>Dr. Rolf Baldus <i>Advisor (Africa)</i></p> 
<p>Danene van der Westhuyzen <i>Advisor (Africa)</i></p> 	<p>Dr. Imrich Šuba <i>Advisor (TES)</i></p> 



“Fact driven, science based.”

Policy and Law Division

The Policy and Law Division (PLD) supports the three pillars of sustainability – economic, environment and social – by coordinating policy inputs to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and supporting CIC State Members in the implementation at the national level.

Wildlife science has always been the backbone of the organisation's work in conservation. The PLD works to adapt scientific advances into real world policy that can be implemented on the ground.

The CIC actively contributes and provides guidance to a number of UN processes as an inter-governmental observer.

- AEWA (Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds)
- CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)
- CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity)
- Wild Harvest
- CMS (Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals)





AEWA

AEWA MOP8, Budapest (2022)

As patrons of the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA MOP8) in Budapest, Hungary the CIC closely supported the AEWA Secretariat in the organisation of the conference.

As a permanent member of the AEWA Technical Committee, the CIC also helps shape AEWA policy with input on the wildlife science related to migratory birds.

CITES

CITES CoP19, Panama (2022)

The CIC was in attendance at the Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES CoP19), hosting two side events and a press conference on the topic of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Among the successful outcomes derived from these events was the rejection of a proposal to shift the African elephant to Appendix I and decisions for a greater involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities in CITES.



CBD

CBD COP15, Montreal (2022)

The adoption of the 2030 Global Biodiversity Framework was among the key outcomes arising from the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP15), setting bold commitments for biodiversity conservation, restoration and sustainable use.

Among many other organisations, the CIC provided input to the drafting of the GBF, which also includes an explicit decision calling on the CPW to support Parties in implementing the 2030 GBF.

As with every CBD CoP, the CIC Markhor Award was given to a project promoting best practices in sustainable use.



Wild Harvest

The Wild Harvest Initiative (WHI) is a scientific enterprise to evaluate the combined economic, conservation, and social benefits of recreational wild animal harvests in modern society. In 2023, the CIC was among the first international partners to join the initiative, supporting its scaling up beyond North America.

The WHI is providing a new and innovative assessment of wildlife's value and the benefits of wild harvest activities. Not just to hunters, anglers and other harvesters, but to all citizens, including even those who are opposed to animal use.

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WILD HARVEST
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“Science in practice.”

Applied Science Division

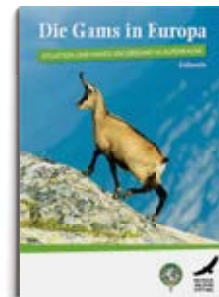
The Applied Science Division ensures scientific rigour across all CIC activities and delivers cutting edge scientific innovations in promoting sustainable wildlife management, particularly in light of climate change and biodiversity loss.

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 works across several Specialist Groups, covering numerous aspects of sustainable wildlife management. The Specialist Groups are dedicated to: Sustainable Use, Large Carnivore Management, Small Game Management, Migratory Bird Management, Wildlife Health and Game Meat, Trophy Evaluation, Wildlife Resource Economics and Wildlife Crime.

Research, Monitoring and Management

“The Chamois in Europe” (2020) is a study that compares the differences in the monitoring and management of the Alpine chamois between the individual countries in the Alpine region. The study was jointly published by the German Wildlife Foundation (Deutsche Wildtier Stiftung) and the German, Austrian and Swiss Delegations of the CIC.



Carpathian Convention

“Large Carnivore Monitoring in the Carpathian Mountains” (2021) is a report that compares the different large carnivore monitoring methods used in seven different countries in order to build towards a trans-boundary monitoring scheme.



One Health

“One Health” is an integrated, unified approach that balances and optimises the health of people, wildlife species and ecosystems.

It recognises that the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment are closely linked and inter-dependent.

The CIC is committed to supporting One Health with the principle incorporated in the updated CIC Statutes (2022) and through a resolution adopted at the 69th General Assembly.

One Health Initiative

The Flying Vets Project (Mongolia)

The Flying Vets in Mongolia is a project that strengthens the country's ability to implement a One Health approach in dealing with wildlife diseases, including zoonoses.

The CIC and the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) kick-started the project by hosting multi-stakeholder meetings in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, bringing together environmental, human health and veterinary sectors to explore the fundamental issues at play.

Mongolia's One Health strategy received \$2 million in funding from UNEP's Nature for Health initiative, after an application endorsed by three Mongolian Ministries was accepted at the end of 2022 and the intent is to scale up the Mongolian pilot to other countries.

Currently, work is being conducted to support Mongolia's wildlife monitoring and management infrastructure, with a focus on four areas.

- Data Collection and Analytics
- Infrastructure and Logistics
- Capacity Building
- Technology and Innovation





CIC-FACE African Swine Fever Task Force

The CIC-FACE African Swine Fever Task Force was formed as a direct response to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) across Europe.

The Task Force's primary aim is to prevent the spread of ASF, particularly to nations neighbouring those with recorded incidents of the disease.

By facilitating the exchange of information and ideas, the Task Force mobilises and utilises an already active network of hunters.

Hunters are regarded as key agents in the fight against wildlife disease, both in the detection and culling of infected individuals.



“Traditions and heritage.”

Culture Division

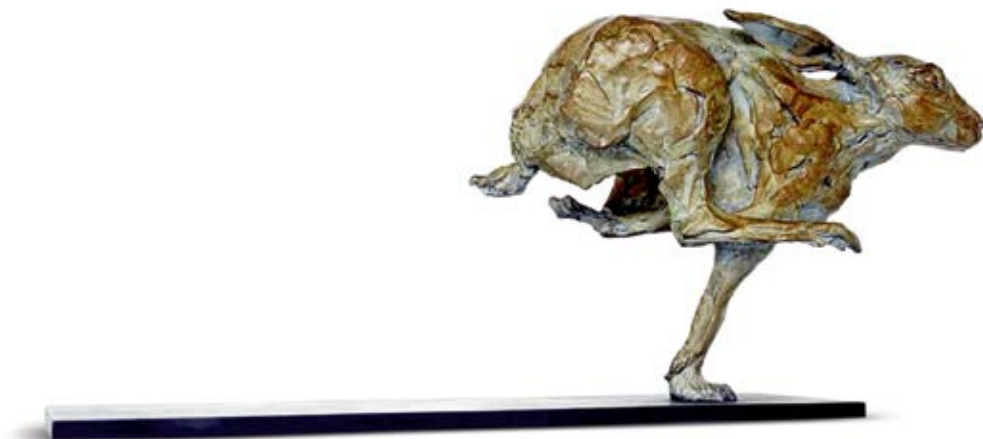
As the rural-urban divide continues to grow, we run the risk of losing our connection with the natural world. Hunters are keenly aware of this connection and its importance for not only conservation, but culture and society itself.

The Culture Division works to promote the cultural elements associated with hunting and to preserve long-held traditions deeply rooted in our heritage.

The Division works closely with UNESCO to ensure hunting traditions are recognised as a global intangible heritage. It also awards prizes to artists and artistic endeavours that highlight the beauty of nature and wildlife.

Hunting in Art

The Hunting in Art Prize is awarded to artists for enhancing the cultural values of nature and hunting, and is given in fields of sculpture, painting, museums or a specific exhibition.



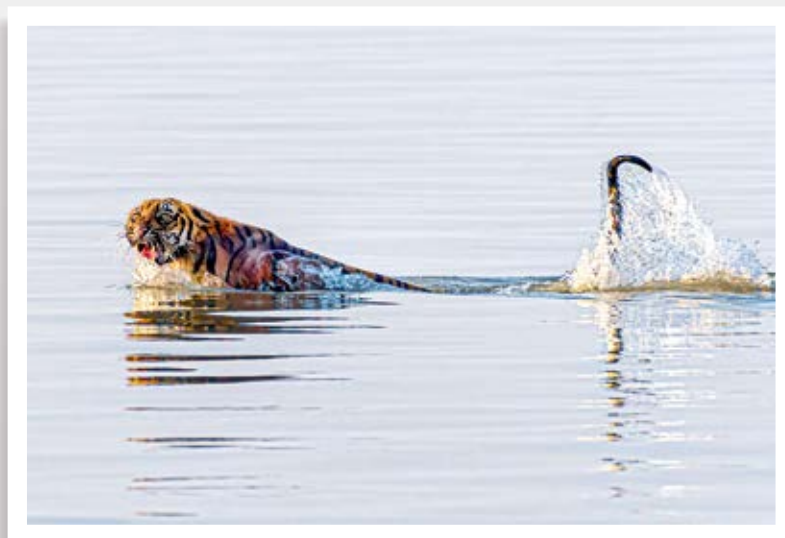
Winner of the 2023 Hunting in Art Prize (sculpture), Luis de Sousa Cabral

Wildlife Photo Prize

The Wildlife Photo Prize was created to provide hunters with a platform to express their passion for wildlife, encouraging observations in the field, while giving others an insight into the wonders of our world.



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



Winner of the 2022 Wildlife Photo Prize, Asker Ibne Firoz. (Riga)

Hunting Horn Specialist Group

The Hunting Horn Specialist Group was created to promote the artform of hunting horn playing.

By bringing together hunting horn players from around the world, the Specialist Group organises performances to demonstrate the beauty associated with this wonderful instrument.

Their inaugural performance was held as part of the 67th General Assembly in Budapest, Hungary (2021).





“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 people to meet and exchange ideas on hunting, wildlife conservation and more.



Young Opinion President Krzysztof Kowalewski after the election

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



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.

The award looks to promote excellent academic work that serves as an example of best practice for the next generation of wildlife researchers.



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"

Global Youth for Sustainable Use

Global Youth for Sustainable Use (GYSU) is an annual event hosted by Young Opinion, which was 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.

Artemis Working Group

The role of women in the field of hunting grows ever more important and is steadily increasing. Not only is there a need to highlight the work of women in wildlife management, it is vital that we support their inclusion in hunting and sustainable use activities as well.

The Artemis Working Group was created for this purpose, acting as a platform for women and huntresses within the CIC network.

Artemis builds upon the existing work of huntresses, highlighting their many successes while working to improve female participation in hunting, hunting organisations and the broad spectrum of wildlife management activities.

Women and Sustainable Hunting (WaSH)

The annual Women and Sustainable Hunting (WASH) conference brings together an international audience of huntresses and cultures to exchange ideas and experiences.

From cultural trips to expert presentations, WaSH brings together a community of female hunters that shine a light on the role that women play in wildlife management.



WaSH V in Poland (2019) and was centred around the theme of Communications

Saint Hubertus Days, Slovakia (2022)

Artemis at the 30th anniversary of the Saint Hubertus Days festival in Svätý Anton, Slovakia.



As part of the festivities, a CIC Artemis booth was setup for visitors, which showcased the CIC World Game Cookbook and hosted a youth education zone where children could learn about hunting.



Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC) Working Group

Rural actors are the backbone of our society, acting as the key stakeholders in biodiversity conservation success. They are also some of the most marginalised individuals in political and environmental decision-making.

The CIC has long been advocating for countryside interests, supporting their right to utilise natural resources as well as funding the attendance of key stakeholders at environmental conventions.

More recently, the organisation's support for rural actors has been formalised, with issues related to indigenous peoples and local communities explicitly being referenced as a priority in the updated CIC Statutes (2022).

In addition, the 69th General Assembly adopted a resolution to establish a CIC Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Working Group, which works to give an international platform to underrepresented voices.



Press Conferences

Keep Calm and Let Africa Speak

The “Keep Calm and Let Africa Speak” press conference was hosted as part of CITES CoP17 – with a follow up event in 2022 at the European Parliament – giving a platform for stakeholders to discuss sustainable use and livelihoods in a southern African context.

Ministers and government representatives from Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe all gave remarks at the event, garnering international press coverage on fundamental sustainable use issues.

KEEP CALM AND LET AFRICA SPEAK!
CIC Press Conference 24 September 2016 at 17:00, CITES CoP17

The Honourable Bomo Edith Edna Molewa
Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs of the Republic of South Africa

The Honourable Pohamba Shifeta
Minister of Environment and Tourism of the Republic of Namibia

Stephen Mwansa
Permanent Secretary of the Republic of Zambia

Prince Mupazviriho Chiwewe
Permanent Secretary of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Willem Wijnstekers
Former Secretary General of CITES

Wilfried Pabst
Owner, Save Valley Conservancy

Moderator: Dr. Ali A. Kaka
Regional Councillor for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

CITES COP17
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International Fairs

Jagd und Hund 2023

The Jagd und Hund 2023 Fair took place in Dortmund, Germany, with the CIC supporting the participation of community leaders from Botswana and Zambia, while securing Botswana as a guest country participant for the Jagd und Hund 2023.



Advancing the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Agenda

IUCN APAC 2022

The CIC was an official partner at the IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC) 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda (18–23 July), directly sponsoring the attendance of several delegates at the congress representing indigenous peoples and local communities.



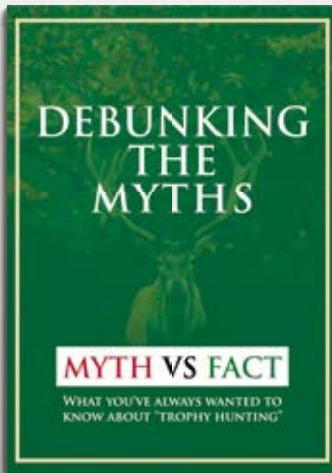
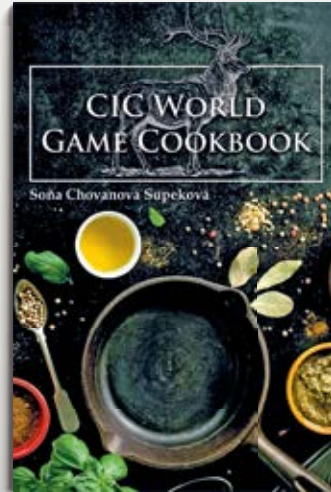
Communications

Publications

CIC World Game Cookbook

The latest trends in nutrition say that wild game is one of the foods of the future. Wild game meat is healthy, organic and can be obtained in a sustainable fashion, ensuring a lower carbon footprint while promoting biodiversity conservation.

The **CIC World Game Cookbook** is a collection of 207 game recipes from 66 different countries and regions, with each recipe inspired by the local game and local flavours.



Debunking the Myths

In this series, we look at common myths surrounding international hunting, as well as the real science associated with this proven wildlife management, conservation and livelihood activity.

By using real-life examples and scientific data, **Debunking the Myths** shines a light on the benefits that can be derived from well-managed and sustainable hunting operations.

Club 200

Club 200 is an initiative that brings together sustainable use enthusiasts to provide the financial firepower needed to propel the CIC into the 21st century.

Funds received into the Global Sustainability Trust will provide an innovative and independent financial mechanism which will invest in flagship initiatives supporting the CIC's vision, changing the narrative around hunting and conservation into a discourse relevant for our descendants to address planetary challenges.



CLUB200

Willy Pabst, Initiator of the Club 200

Press & Journalism

International Journalism Symposium

The International Journalism Symposium (IJS) brings together journalists from a diverse range of backgrounds to explore best practices and issues the profession is facing today.

Hosted every year by the CIC, the IJS is both a chance to integrate new communications ideas and concepts into the organisation, while introducing ideas related to hunting and sustainability to a broader audience. In previous years, the IJS has been held in Namibia, Spain, Hungary, Estonia, Switzerland and the United States.

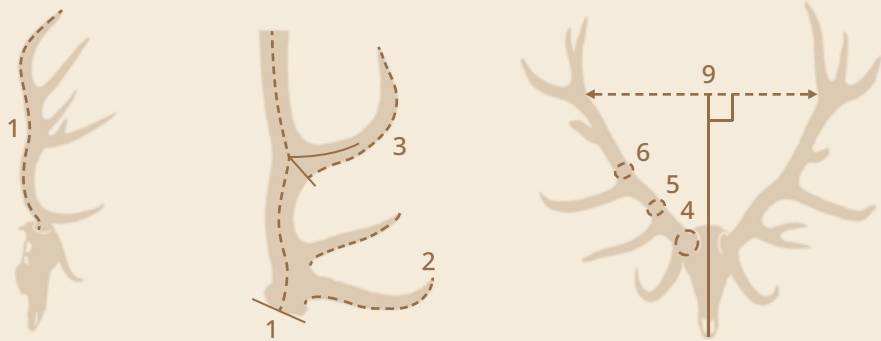
The IJS has led to the publication of articles in international media outlets – such as the Guardian and National Geographic – that have often presented hunting from a nuanced science based perspective.

Digital Library on Sustainable Use

The Digital Library on Sustainable Use is a tool designed to support academics, journalists and policymakers by providing reliable facts and figures on the sustainable utilisation of wildlife resources.

By developing a database of facts, peer-reviewed literature and audio-visual content on sustainable use and wildlife management, the Digital Library on Sustainable Use is a resource that allows users to quickly respond to questions on this topic with reliable, well-sourced information.





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

The CIC Trophy Evaluation System (TES) is an internationally recognised trophy measuring system that looks to develop wildlife management insights through the measurement, collection and analysis of game data. Established in 1937, TES has since become the leading standard for measuring hunting trophies in Europe and further afield.

All data collected using the TES is held in the CIC Trophy Evaluation Database (TED), providing a historical record of changes in the health of game populations.

Using species-specific biology as a foundation, the statistical evaluation of these changes over time can help unearth scientific findings on the status of wildlife species. This is only possible due to the unified training and homogenous data collection systems in place within the framework of the TES.

The TES also works in conjunction with National Databases, importing third party data directly into the CIC Database. This drastically increases data volume, thereby broadening the scope of potential studies.

Senior International Trophy Judges (SITJ) and Certified CIC Measurers (CCM) are responsible for measuring trophies based on the rules and regulations set out in The CIC Handbook on the Evaluation and Measuring of Hunting Trophies.

Together, all SITJs make up the CIC International Trophy Evaluation Board (ITEB), which is responsible for overseeing the TES and the training of CCMs.

As a part of the CIC Applied Science Division, it works together with different branches and parts of the CIC, including National Hunting Associations and Trophy Measuring Associations.



“Excellence in action.”

CIC Awards on Sustainable Use



Edmond Blanc Award

Recognizes outstanding efforts in wildlife conservation and game management that are based on the principles of sustainable wildlife use.

Markhor Award

Recognizes conservation projects, of multinational relevance, that link the conservation of biodiversity and human livelihoods through the application of sustainable use principles. Presented and announced at the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) once every two years, highlighting sustainable use as the second pillar of the Convention.



Communications Prize

Recognizes achievements in film, television and literature. It aims to shine a light on artistic accomplishments which tackle the subject matter of sustainable wildlife use and hunting.



“Collaboration and convening.”

Stakeholders & Partners

Stakeholders

To fulfil our wildlife conservation mission, we work for, with and through a wide range of stakeholders, including:



*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 maintains alliances for promoting sustainable use, as well as advancing wildlife policy and legislation development worldwide. Under the principle of “wildlife knows no borders”, the CIC has established a number of collaboration agreements with actors such as:

United Nations Institutions

FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations); UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme); UNDP (United Nations Development Programme); UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

Environmental Conventions

CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity); CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora); CMS (Convention on Migratory Species); AEWA (Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds); Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention); Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

International Non-Governmental Organisations

IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature); Wetlands International; IAF (International Association for Falconry); FACE (Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the European Union); IUGB (International Union of Game Biologists).

National Non-Governmental Organisations

The National Delegations of the CIC are also working together with their national or regional NGOs on aspects of hunting and wildlife conservation.



History

The idea to establish an international organisation to amplify the collective power of hunting as a time-honoured champion for wildlife conservation originated at the occasion of the international hunting exhibition in Vienna, Austria in 1910. At the end of World War I, the League of Nations was established in 1920 as the first inter-governmental organisation to resolve international disputes. This gave rise to the founding of many organisations promoting badly-needed international coordination, including a growing awareness of the importance of nature conservation.

For two years, Count Louis Károlyi and the French lawyer Maxime Ducrocq worked relentlessly to build the foundations for an organisation of experts and dignitaries to maintain and develop hunting as a tool for the conservation of wildlife and nature. In 1928, they organised an international conference in Nové Zámky, (formerly Hungary and today Slovakia). The historic outcome of this conference was the “Declaration of Nové Zámky”, which paved the way for the formal establishment of the international hunting council (Conseil International de la Chasse) in Paris in 1930. The Declaration established a commission to compile the Statutes of the CIC. Károlyi’s Manor in the Slovakian Palárikovo (= Tótmegyer in Hungarian), where the two founders held many of their seminal discussions, is today the home of the CIC Museum.

On 7 November, 1930, the Constituting Assembly of the CIC hosted by the Government of France in Paris brought together one hundred and twenty-one esteemed dignitaries and experts from twenty-three nations, whose delegates were received by the President of France, Gaston Doumergue, at the Elysée Palace. The event included leading personalities such as H.R.H. Prince Nicolas of Romania, H.E. Count Ladislaus Esterházy of Hungary, H.E. Count Pálffy of Erdöd of Czechoslovakia, H.E. Count Colloredo-Mansfeld of Austria, as well as Kermit Roosevelt and Harold Jefferson Coolidge Jr. from the USA. Of particular note amongst this list



was Coolidge, who was an enterprising zoologist from Harvard University who went on to co-found and preside over the World Conservation Union (International Union for Conservation of Nature – IUCN).

Among the founding nations of the CIC are Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, United Kingdom, and the USA.

The Council set out to pursue four major objectives:

- Protection of migratory birds, which later led to the establishment of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance and Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA)
- Comparative study on the regulation of hunting in the various countries
- Procedures to transit hunting weapons at customs
- Information service on game species and their breeding

Co-founder Maxime Ducrocq was elected as the first President of the CIC.

From the onset, the science of wildlife biology and conservation was central to the organisation's activities. The transnational and transcontinental protection of migratory birds continues to be a foremost priority for the CIC, and the organisation has played a pivotal role in the establishment of vital international environmental organisations and conventions.



(Palárikovo = Tótmegyer)

Presidents



Maxime Ducrocq
(France) 1930–49



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



**H. R. H. Berthold
Markgraf 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
Abdorrezza Pahlavi**
(Iran) 1975–81



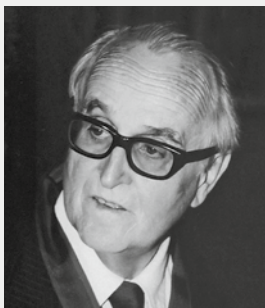
**Alfonso de Urquijo
y Landecho**
(Spain) 1981–84



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
(Austria) 2021–present

General Administrators



Marcel Villenave
1930-1939



**Claude Hettier
de Boislamber**
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 2022, a total of 68 CIC General Assemblies will 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
1985



Versailles
1986



Budapest
1987



Florence
1988



Stockholm
1989



Luzern
1990



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

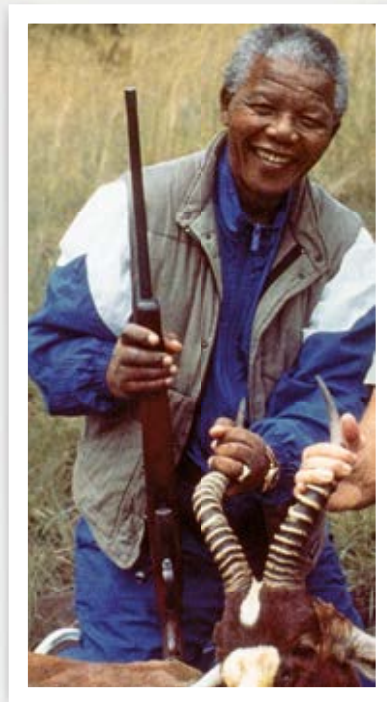


Achievements

With a successful track record for more than 90 years, the CIC and its growing Membership has been at the forefront in shaping the global wildlife conservation and sustainable use agenda.

Here are some of the CIC's notable achievements throughout its history:

- Harold Jefferson Coolidge Jr. – one of the founding members of the CIC – later went on to co-found and preside over the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 1948.
- Members of the CIC were a driving force in the establishment of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat in 1971.
- During the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Parties agreed on a Strategy for Sustainable Development, which highlighted the crucial role of sustainable use in maintaining the biodiversity of ecosystems. The CIC provided critical input to ensure the inclusion of sustainable use in the strategy.
- In 1997, the CIC provided technical input which laid the foundation for the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, emphasising the second pillar of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Joint projects with renowned international organisations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), as demonstrated through the Flying Vets Mongolia project.
- The European Charter on Hunting and Biodiversity (2008) was published in cooperation with the CIC, providing the foundation for sustainable wildlife management across Europe.



Nelson Mandela, Supporter of the CIC

- The CIC helped establish and was a founding member of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW). Founded in 2013, the CPW is a cooperation platform consisting of 14 international organisations that individually represent various aspects of wildlife management, food security, animal-human health, wildlife trade, wildlife species and habitat conservation.
- Continued recognition as an International Intergovernmental Observer Organisation at Multilateral Environmental Agreements of the United Nations, allowing the CIC to give interventions on the development of critical wildlife management policies.
- Press conferences in European Parliament (Keep Calm and Let Africa Speak, Is Africa Being Heard?), providing a voice to indigenous peoples and local communities at events and press conferences.
- Humanitarian efforts to support those impacted by the conflict in Ukraine, raising € 300,000 in direct financial support and material contributions.
- The CIC was among several organisations that provided input into the drafting of the landmark Global Biodiversity Framework, which was adopted in 2022 at the CBD COP15 in Montreal.



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



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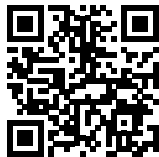
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