



Rangers at the heart of the 30x30 target Engaged for People and Nature

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INTRODUCTION

Rangers from around the world are meeting to work on their contribution to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), recently renamed “The Biodiversity Plan”. It was adopted at United Nations Biodiversity COP15 in Montreal in December 2022. Among its many goals (23 in total), The Biodiversity Plan aims notably to conserve and effectively manage at least 30% of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas by 2030 (the 30x30 target included in Target 3 of The Biodiversity Plan).

Currently, 16% of the world’s land and 8% of its marine areas are protected. However, protected and conserved areas (PCAs) are crucial elements of protecting the world’s biodiversity and the ecosystem services it provides as clean air, fresh water and food security. Established by laws or regulations, PCAs, as geographically defined regions that are managed to conserve natural and cultural resources, aim to protect species, landscapes and local communities from exploitation, degradation and destructive human activities.

To be well protected, the PCAs need an adequate number of competent and well-resourced rangers. These play an indispensable role in protecting the planet’s natural heritage and the natural resources on which we all depend. They also play a crucial role in supporting the communities and cultures living in and around PCAs.

To discuss these issues and, above all, take action to achieve the global 30x30 target, the rangers will gather in Hyeres (South of France) from 7-11 October 2024 for the 10th International Ranger Federation World Rangers Congress (WRC). The event, co-organized by International Ranger Federation and Gardes Nature de France, will serve as a vital platform to foster international collaboration, empower the ranger community and share innovative strategies, resolutions and action plans for the conservation of natural and cultural resources.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to all Rangers...

It is once again an honour to have such a diverse gathering of rangers, now nearly five years after the 9th IRF World ranger Congress in Nepal (November, 2019). Soon afterwards we faced an unprecedented global pandemic. This recalibrated our valuing of face-to-face meetings and we counted ourselves lucky to have close on 550 rangers from around the world voice their views through the Chitwan Declaration. This was a call by rangers for rangers to the world, but it also spelled out actions for the IRF, which outlined our work over the last five years.

We now get the opportunity to build on the progress made from the Chitwan Declaration that was taken to the Convention of Biodiversity COP15 (2022) where the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted. These targets are indeed good news and ones which we are aligned with in this Congress. We know that without a competent and well supported ranger workforce, there can be no 'effectively managed and conserved areas'. So, unless the world makes adequate and appropriate investments into the biodiversity (and climate change) labour force, then the architects of the CBD's Biodiversity Plan will be left with only typed words on paper.

It is therefore important and certainly timely that rangers attending the Congress get the opportunity to craft a profound Hyères Ranger Declaration which will shape the next few years for the sector and feed into the upcoming CDB COP16 and UNFCCC COP29 (Baku). But let us also make sure we get full value of attendance by absorbing the entire experience, draw strength from the fellowship with peers, learn, make new friends and pillars of support, as we continue to strengthen the ranger community and advance the profession globally. Let's do this the best way... the ranger way.



Chris Galliers
President of the
International
Ranger Federation

Dear Friends,

On the occasion of the World Ranger Congress, Gardes Nature de France is mobilizing to highlight the major challenges faced by rangers in the field and across the world. Protecting nature and people is a daily commitment, but rangers, often from local communities, are frequently lacking the resources they need to effectively carry out their missions.

What is at stake? There is a real shortage of rangers to ensure that protected and conserved areas have a positive impact on biodiversity. In addition to this, there is a limited budget, aging equipment, and training that is no longer suited to today's challenges. Not to mention the growing risks to their personal safety... In short, their daily lives are not always easy.

Our presence at this congress is motivated by three main objectives:

- Raise awareness about the lack of resources: without solid financial and material support, rangers will not be able to effectively protect our natural heritage.
- Promote up-to-date training: environmental challenges are constantly evolving. Rangers need ongoing training adapted to the new realities in the field.
- Value the work of rangers: their role is vital and must be recognized. This congress should be an opportunity to better acknowledge their importance and discuss ways to improve their safety and working conditions.

We firmly believe that this congress can be a decisive turning point in providing concrete solutions. For Nature and For People.



Carole d'Antuoni
President of Gardes
Nature de France

RANGERS, PLANETARY HEALTH WORKERS

An indispensable role in conservation

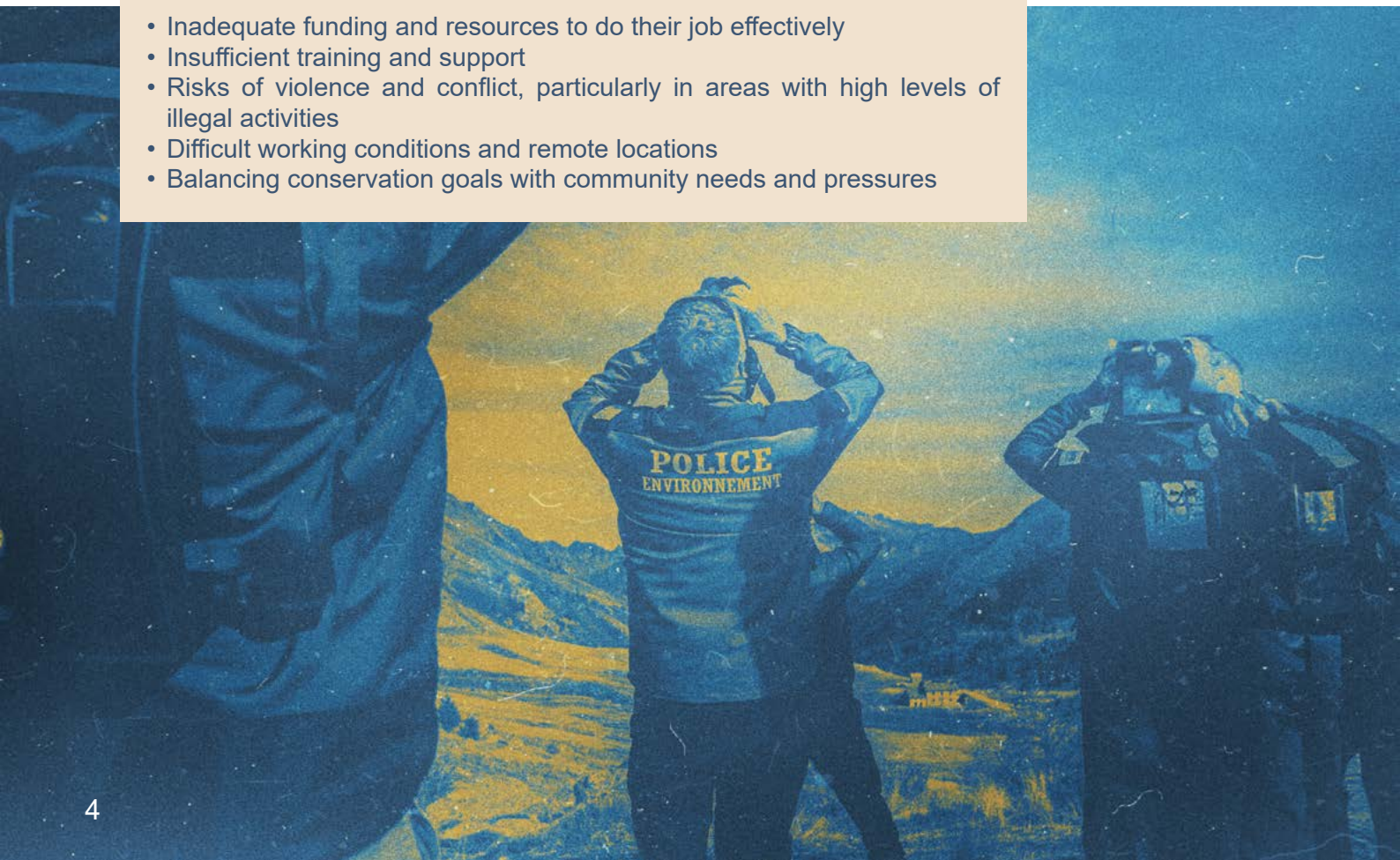
The rangers are professionals responsible for the management, protection, and conservation of natural and cultural resources within protected areas. They also enforce environmental laws, support scientific research, monitor ecological health, conduct anti-poaching patrols, engage with local communities, and educate the public about conservation. Their role is essential in ensuring the integrity of the environment and the safety of the visitors. While the specific duties of rangers can vary by region, there is a common understanding globally that rangers are frontline defenders of protected areas.

Main missions of rangers

- Protecting wildlife and natural habitats
- Enforcing environmental laws and regulations
- Monitoring ecological changes and biodiversity
- Engaging and educating local communities and tourists
- Preventing illegal activities such as poaching and logging

Rangers' challenges

- Inadequate funding and resources to do their job effectively
- Insufficient training and support
- Risks of violence and conflict, particularly in areas with high levels of illegal activities
- Difficult working conditions and remote locations
- Balancing conservation goals with community needs and pressures



The lack of recognition of rangers' roles

There is an urgent need for greater professionalization, and accountability of rangers and recognition of the expanding role of rangers in the delivery of their tasks. This need has become even more urgent with the agreement of new, ambitious and global targets for conservation and environmental protection as a response to address the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss (The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP15, December 2022), and as new legislation and business standards in environmental, social, and governance policy are developed. At the national level, these objectives are set out in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), which need to involve the workforce tasked to deliver on the actions in these plans i.e. rangers.

As environmental health practitioners working to support humans and all other life on earth, the function and value of rangers must be valued globally and by governments at a national level. But the International Labour Organisation needs to recognise the role of rangers as a legitimate profession, alongside nurses and other essential workforces. This would go a long way to much needed improvements in ranger welfare and recognising the rights of rangers.

Additionally, promoting diversity in the ranger sector, including addressing inequalities around gender, is crucial, as well as fostering greater collaboration between rangers, researchers, and the general public to enhance conservation efforts and knowledge sharing.

Ranger numbers are insufficient to deliver global expectations

- Currently, it is estimated that there are around **286,000** rangers worldwide (one ranger per 72 km²), which is far below the recommended levels.
- At present, **16%** of the world's terrestrial and inland water areas and **8%** of the oceans are under official protection.
- To meet the target of protecting **30%** of the planet by 2030, approximately **1.5 million** rangers will be needed (one ranger per 26 km²).

Resources:

Appleton, Michael & Courtiol, Alexandre & Emerton, Lucy & Slade, James & Tilker, Andrew & Warr, Lauren & Malvido, Mónica & Barborak, James & Bruin, Louise & Chapple, Rosalie & Daltry, Jennifer & Hadley, Nina & Jordan, Christopher & Rousset, François & Singh, Rohit & Sterling, Eleanor & Wessling, Erin & Long, Barney. (2022). Protected area personnel and ranger numbers are insufficient to deliver global expectations. *Nature Sustainability*. 5. 10.. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-022-00970-0>
World Database on Protected Areas - WDPA and reports from UNEP-WCMC / Protected Planet / UNEP - UN Environment Programme

The link with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Rangers work hand in hand with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) providing education and collaborating on conservation efforts. They often work closely with IPLCs to incorporate traditional knowledge and practices into conservation strategies. This collaboration helps ensure that protected area management respects local cultures and supports sustainable livelihoods.

Involving IPLCs is critical because they possess extensive local ecological knowledge and have a vested interest in the sustainable management of their lands and resources. Their involvement leads to more effective and equitable conservation outcomes and helps protect their rights and cultures. IPLCs act as guardians of nature and universal heritage, contributing significantly to the protection and sustainability of natural and cultural resources.

Other groups the rangers are in contact with:

- Tourists, guiding and educating them about the natural and cultural values of the area. Rangers interact with tourists by providing educational tours, ensuring visitor safety, enforcing regulations, and promoting responsible behavior. This helps enhance the visitor experience while protecting the natural and cultural integrity of the area.
- Other conservation professionals, sharing data and coordinating efforts. Rangers collaborate with researchers and scientists, serving as crucial intermediaries who support the development of conservation knowledge and practices.
- Volunteers and citizen scientists, promoting community involvement in conservation. Rangers can engage with nature users by establishing volunteer ranger programs, encouraging responsible observation and surveillance of protected areas.



Ranger testimonials



Bunty Tao

**President of the
Asian Ranger
Federation**

Rangers are the real “Universal Soldier”, as they fight the same problem around the globe. Rangers are the bridge between nature and humankind. Today it is necessary to educate people about conservation of nature as utilities have changed a lot which causes destruction. Earlier it was for survival and bona-fide requirements but today nature is misused for accumulating wealth. Our respect for nature has diminished greatly.

The role of Rangers are multitasking from education to protection of Wildlife and other exotic species. The forest cover has come down significantly causing or triggering Global warming. The melting of glaciers and rise of sea level is posing acute danger to many inhabited islands of the world.

The role of Rangers is vital. The indigenous communities need Rangers to help to protect the tree and animal species which are very much important to their traditional and cultural aspects. The community Rangers can communicate with indigenous people through the actions and language barriers are minimised thus acts as a bridge between science and traditional practices.

But the working conditions of Rangers are pathetic in most of the developing world due to lack of basic amenities. Improvement in Rangers workplace/frontline and their families or dependents back will boost capabilities and effectiveness. All Rangers should be well equipped with modern gadgets to enhance the morale in the Frontline. World must help the rangers in their efforts and sacrifices. We Rangers are “UNsung HEROES”. We Rangers owes a great Salute at least. We don’t know political boundaries but we love every person on earth equally without discrimination...



**Leandria
Souza Nunes**

**President of the
l’organization
of the Guarda-
Parques
do Amapá**

In Brazil, one of our problems is the regulation of the rangers profession. Law 1469/2010 has been passed, sanctioned but not regulated. On September 17, 2024, Aldilene Souza (MP for Amapá) asked the Governor of the State of Amapá to sign the regulation of the profession.

I would like to point out that we have three ongoing requests to the State Secretariat for the Environment to establish contracts and place rangers in the state’s conservation units.

Currently, 17 rangers work in the private sector in the municipality of Macapá-AP. They work around 44 hours a week. With this exhausting workload, they say they no longer have a life outside work, especially with their families. This situation is a source of stress for them, especially as they have no health insurance, counseling or other psychological care. We also have a serious problem in that wages do not pay for all the hours worked. This generates frustration among those who give their all to their work. Saturdays and Sundays worked are not covered at 100%.

In addition, the association has no headquarters or vehicle to travel to and visit municipalities or state conservation units. We think that if we had our own premises, we could develop our activities and train better. We currently enjoy the support of the Amazon Conservation Team (ECAM), which enables us to use the room as a reference address and organize meetings.

THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION WORLD RANGERS CONGRESS

The rangers' rendez-vous

The 10th International Ranger Federation World Ranger Congress (WRC), co-organized by Gardes Nature de France and the International Ranger Federation, unites over 450 rangers from more than 100 countries, involved in the protection and the conservation of natural, cultural and historical sites. It occurs every three years in a different location, allowing IRF to raise the profile of rangers locally and internationally.

This Congress fosters international collaboration, addressing pressing environmental issues such as wildlife protection, sustainable practices, and emerging technologies. It celebrates ranger commitment and bravery, acknowledging their sacrifices on the conservation frontline including those that have died in the line of duty. With a focus on diversity and inclusivity, the event honors indigenous perspectives and advocates for ongoing support. It stands as a dynamic, cross-cultural platform, shaping the future of global conservation efforts through the advancement of the ranger profession.

Attending a congress like this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for many rangers where in some cases through sponsorships, there are rangers that would not have taken a flight before, let alone have traveled beyond their native countries borders. Meeting colleagues from around the world gives rangers hope, boosts their morale and provides an amazing learning opportunity interacting with their peers. Often their jobs are located in remote and isolated areas where they do not have a lot of contact with the world's ranger family. They also often lack the opportunity to exchange experiences and learn from each other, especially with the rangers located on different continents. The IRF WRC gives rangers the opportunity to discuss topics of common interest, learn new skills, share knowledge about techniques, best practices, conservation initiatives and identifying practical solutions adapted to regional and global challenges, and foster international partnerships.

Anniversary year: the 10th congress

The IRF WRC turns 10! From its humble origins at the first WRC in Zakopane, Poland 1995, this gathering has blossomed into a distinguished major event, proudly entering its 10th congress, embodying nearly 30 years of progress, knowledge exchange, shared dedication and growing of an essential community of practice.

“ *This gathering of rangers from around the world is not only a highlight for a ranger and the ranger profession, but it is also a vital platform, where rangers can fellowship, raise their collective voice and share ground-based, practical solutions to the increasing number of complex challenges they face.*

**Chris Galliers,
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Working together towards a common target

In December 2022, CBD COP15 was a landmark worldwide event that resulted in the adoption of a new Biodiversity Plan confirming a worldwide vision. Right before the CBD COP16 to happen in Cali, Colombia towards the end of October, the 10th IRF WRC will be a major event about the contributions and developments of the ranger profession in order to achieve Target 3 of The Biodiversity Plan (Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework). This target aims to conserve and manage at least 30% of the Earth's land and sea area by 2030.

We have chosen a theme for the congress: “Empowering rangers around the world to meet the 30 x 30 challenge” with a double plea for greater conservation, regeneration and restoration of global biodiversity, and to alert all current and potential stakeholders on the urgent need to involve, recruit, empower and fully support many more rangers in the protection of global biodiversity. The rangers will meet in order to be able to transmit and exchange knowledge and know-how to best protect the environment. This congress will also be a unique opportunity to reflect together on how we can contribute to The Biodiversity Plan goal of protecting 30 percent of our habitats by 2030.

Carole d’Antuoni, President of Gardes Nature de France

Rangers can directly or indirectly contribute to the implementation of more than 50% of the targets (11 targets out of 23 targets) in The Biodiversity Plan. For example, they contribute to:

- halt species extinction, protect genetic diversity, and manage human-wildlife conflicts (target 4),
- manage wild species sustainably to benefit people (target 9),
- strengthen capacity-building, technology transfer, and scientific and technical cooperation for Biodiversity (target 20),
- ensure gender equality and a gender-responsive approach for biodiversity action (target 23).

Rangers are essential planetary health workers. They play a key role in maintaining the integrity of protected and conserved areas and support the rights of those with whom they interact while carrying out their duties. Rangers throughout the world go by many names and perform a vast array of roles in the name of preservation, running from law enforcement and biodiversity monitoring to environmental education and community engagement. They are an indispensable work force in achieving the goal on an international scale. Without rangers -nature’s protectors- this goal is unachievable.





The ambition of the Congress

The main output from the IRF WRC are agreed Declarations that call for action. This year's declaration aims to strengthen the role of rangers notably in achieving the 30x30 target of The Biodiversity Plan, advocating their inclusion in NB-SAPs, recognizing their contribution to climate change mitigation, and involving them in global biodiversity discussions. It will propose cooperation pathways and capacity building to ensure that protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) are robust and resilient. Highlighting that rangers are a vital link between humans and nature, the declaration will emphasize their crucial role in promoting natural and cultural heritage at the local level.

The typical output of the WRC includes resolutions and action plans to improve ranger support and effectiveness, recommendations for policy and practice enhancements, sharing of best practices and innovative strategies, and strengthened networks and partnerships among rangers and conservation organizations. This motion aligns with the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature as set in The Biodiversity Plan, demonstrating how rangers are essential to achieving this ambitious goal.

Presentation of the rangers' declaration at the COP16

Following the Congress, the rangers' declaration will be presented at a side-event at the next UN Biodiversity COP16 in Cali, Colombia in October, which will be a major momentum for the biodiversity community. The resolutions and action plans are expected to be implemented by the participating organizations and governments. This includes advocating for better funding, training, and support for rangers, fostering international collaboration, and integrating the Congress's recommendations into broader conservation efforts. Beyond COP16, the Declaration will continue to inform and influence discussions and decisions at subsequent COPs, such as COP12 in Vienna, which will focus on environmental crime.

First World Ranger Congress in France

For the first time ever, the IRF WRC is being held in France this year! This is a momentous occasion for European rangers to gather and exchange. Organized with Gardes Natures de France (GNF), the WRC will take place in Hyeres, South of France, close to numerous protected areas and at the heart of a major biodiversity hotspot.

Hosting the 10th IRF WRC is highly significant for GNF and France. It represents a major opportunity to highlight GNF's dedication to nature conservation, fostering greater recognition and support for their efforts. It also provides a platform for GNF members to engage with global counterparts, share best practices, and gain new insights to enhance their work.

France's role as a co-leader of the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (HAC) and its commitment to the 30x30 target will be underlined, promoting the country's natural heritage and raising awareness about the importance of protected areas for France and worldwide. Additionally, it can boost tourism and international cooperation, providing a platform for global collaboration in achieving this crucial conservation goal. Following on from the IRF WRC, any rangers who wish to do so will be able to take part in an exchange program to learn more about French PCAs and their practical management and protection practices.



THE PROGRAM

Four days programm

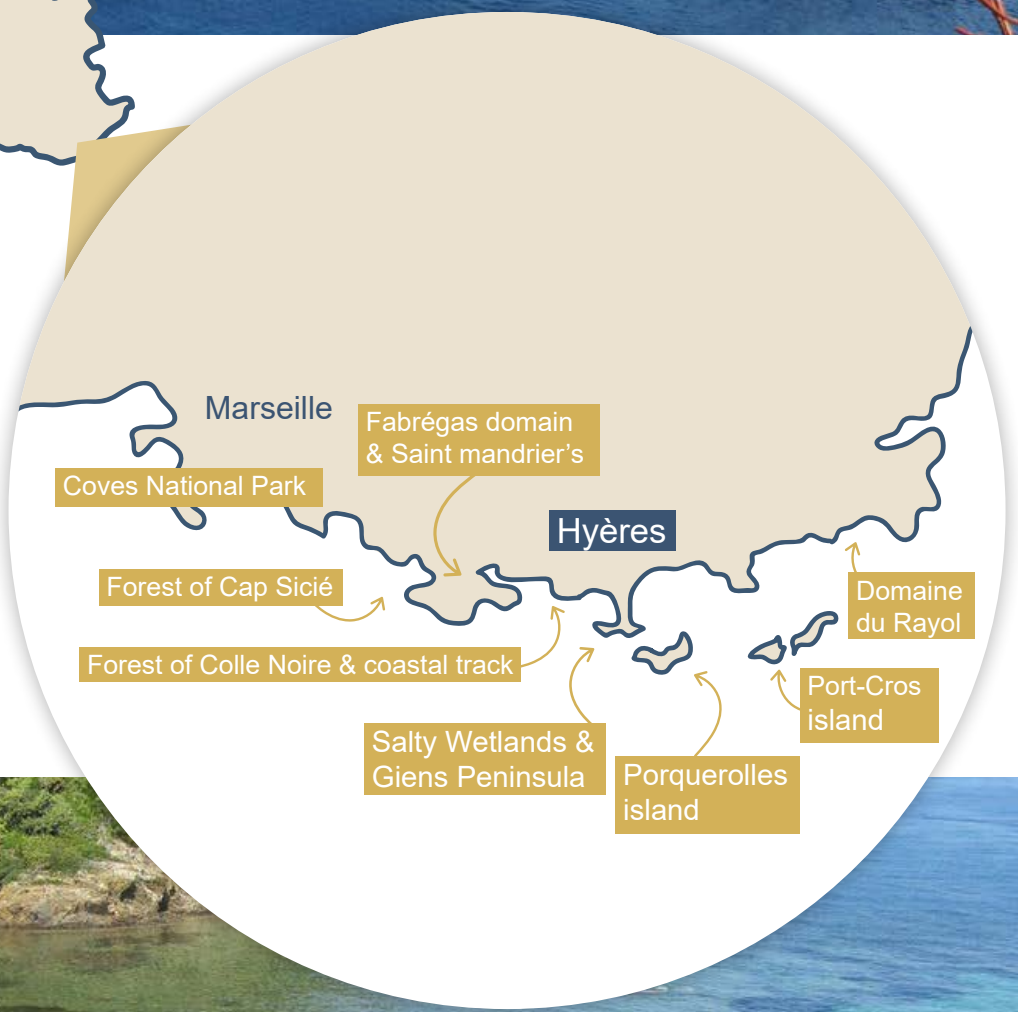
The program of the WRC will include six plenary sessions and 22 workshops covering key topics:

- Fight against wildlife trade
- Inclusive Workforce
- Conduct
- Welfare & Conditions
- Capacity & Training
- Associations & Partnerships
- Rangers' contributions to One-Health
- Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities
- Network of indigenous women rangers

The Congress will be attended by high-level speakers, under the auspices of **Madhu Rao**, Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) and **Carlos Manuel Rodriguez**, CEO and Chair of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (video testimonial). **Mike Appleton**, Chair of the Universal Ranger Support Alliance, and **John Scalon**, Chair of the UK Government's Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund, Chair of the Global Initiative to Stop Wildlife Crime, and CEO of the Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) will also be present, alongside key figures of the ranger profession who will take part in plenary sessions.

In addition to the plenary and panel discussions, it will be crucial for rangers to discover the reality of French protected areas on the ground. Eight different venues have been selected for a one-day field trip to showcase conservation initiatives and the difficulties encountered in France.





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TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER 2024



Start Time	Finish Time	Session / Activity	Description	Speaker / Session leader	Location			
7:00	8:00		Breakfast		Designated dining area			
8:00	17:00		Registration will be open all day for participants arriving at different times of the day		At the entrance of the Belambra			
8:00	8:30	IRF & GNF Welcome	International & French welcome	Chris Galliers (President of the IRF) & Carole d'Antuoni (President of the GNF)	Salle Med (Plenary)			
8:30	9:00	French Welcome	Local representatives and State Authority Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion French Biodiversity Agency (OFB)	TBC	Salle Med (Plenary)			
9:00	9:10	Orientation safety and site rules	Program outline / Safety procedures	Master of Ceremony	Salle Med (Plenary)			
9:15	10:00		Introduction and scene setting	Carlos Manuel Rodríguez (CEO and Chairperson, GEF) Madhu Rao (IUCN WCPA Chair)	Salle Med (Plenary)			
10:00	10:15		Coffee Break		Designated dining area			
10:20	10:50	Plenary 1	Chitwan Declaration - What has been achieved since the last WRC in Nepal in 2019	Mike Appleton (Director of Protected Area Management Re:Wild) & Chris Galliers	Salle Med (Plenary)			
10:55	11:25	Plenary 2	IRF - State of the Ranger Report	Chris Galliers & Monica Alvarez (IRF Development Officer)	Salle Med (Plenary)			
11:40	12:30	Press conference 12h-13h - Med Plenary	Formal Flag Ceremony (Formal uniform required)	Master of Ceremony	Outside			
12:45	13:45		Lunch break		Designated dining area			
14:00	16:30	WORKSHOPS						
		WORKSHOP 1 <i>Safety Wellbeing & Welfare: Human Rights</i>	WORKSHOP 2 <i>Ranger Associations 1</i>	WORKSHOP 3 <i>Role of honour / Line of duty deaths</i>	WORKSHOP 4 <i>Natural Solutions</i>	WORKSHOP 5 <i>Capacity Building (Marine)</i>	WORKSHOP 6 <i>Communities 1</i>	WORKSHOP 7 <i>Indigenous Communities 1</i>
		La Tour Foundue	La Bergerie	La Capte	L'Almanarre	Porquerrolles	Salle Méditerranée	Business Center
16:30	17:00		Coffee break		Designated dining area			
17:15	19:30	Delegates to attend their relevant regional meeting to discuss regional matters						
		REGIONAL MEETING 1 OCEANIA	REGIONAL MEETING 2 EUROPE	REGIONAL MEETING 3 NORTH AMERICA	REGIONAL MEETING 4 ASIA	REGIONAL MEETING 5 AFRICA	REGIONAL MEETING 6 LATIN AMERICA	
		Porquerolles	Salle Méditerranée	Tour Fondue	Bergerie	Almanarre	La Capte	
20:00	23:30		Dinner buffet with potlach		Designated dining area			

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WEDNESDAY, 9TH OCTOBER 2024



Start Time	Finish Time	Session / Activity	Description	Speaker / Session leader	Location				
7:00	7:45		Breakfast		Designated dining area				
8:00	10:00		IRF AGM addressing previous years activities / finances and discussing agenda items		Salle Med (Plenary)				
10:15	10:45		Coffee Break		Business Centre				
11:00	11:30	Plenary 3	The link between rangers and the IWT within the 30x30 Global Biodiversity Framework	John Scanlon (Chair of the UK Government's IWT Fund, Chair of the Global IEWC and CEO of the Elephant Protection Initiative)	Salle Med (Plenary)				
11:45	12:15	Plenary 4	Scaling a network of indigenous women rangers - Opportunities & Challenges	Larissa Hale (Co-Founder & MD, Queensland Indigenous Womens Ranger Network)	Salle Med (Plenary)				
12:30	13:00	Plenary 5	Beyond survival : Looking at ERF's journey supporting rangers delivering on global conservation goals	Urs Reif (European Rangers Federation, President)	Salle Med (Plenary)				
13:00	14:00		Lunch break		Designated dining area				
14:30	16:00	WORKSHOPS							
		WORKSHOP 1 <i>Capacity building 1</i>	WORKSHOP 2 <i>Communities 2</i>	WORKSHOP 3 <i>Technology 1</i>	WORKSHOP 4 <i>Inclusive Ranger Workforce 1</i>	WORKSHOP 5 <i>Human rights World Café</i>	WORKSHOP 6 <i>Safety Wellbeing & Welfare: Safeguards</i>	WORKSHOP 7 <i>Ranger Associations 2</i>	WORKSHOP 8 <i>Indigenous Communities 2</i>
		La Tour Foundue	La Bergerie	La Capte	L'Almanarre	Porquerolles	Salle Méditerranée	Additional venue	Business Center
16:00	16:30		Coffee break		Business centre				
16:30	19:00	WORKSHOPS							
		WORKSHOP 9 <i>Conservation & Capacity building</i>	WORKSHOP 10 <i>30X30</i>	WORKSHOP 11 <i>Inclusive Ranger Workforce 2</i>	WORKSHOP 12 <i>Capacity building 2</i>	WORKSHOP 13 <i>Safety, wellbeing & welfare : conflict & emotional trauma</i>	WORKSHOP 14 <i>Technology 2</i>	WORKSHOP 15 <i>Networks & communication</i>	
		La Tour Foundue	La Bergerie	La Capte	L'Almanarre	Porquerolles	Additional venue	Business Center	
		Salle Med (Plenary) open for preparation for IRF Awards ceremony							
19:00	20:00		Dinner buffet		Business centre				
20:00	21:30		IRF Awards Ceremony	Master of Ceremony	Salle Med (Plenary)				

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THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2024

Field trips



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Port-Cros Island	Porquerolles Island	Salty Wetlands & Giens Peninsula	Forest of Cap Sicié	Fabrégas domain & Saint mandrier's	Forest of Colle Noire & coastal track	Domaine du Rayol	Coves National Park
9:00 - 18:00	9:00 - 18:00	9:00 - 18:00	9:00 - 18:00	9:00 - 18:00	9:00 - 18:00	9:00 - 18:00	9:00 - 18:00
45 mins	25 mins	30 mins	70 mins	80 mins	30 mins	90 mins	90 mins
Difficult	Difficult	Moderate	Difficult	Easy / Moderate	Moderate	Easy	Moderate / Difficult
French / English	French / English	French / English	French / English	French / Spanish	French / English	French / English & French / Spanish	French / English
<p>1st Group: A summary of forest management practices, wildfire prevention strategies, healing spots, and the island's historical significance.</p> <p>2nd Group: A look into the island's history, focusing on endangered species, its unique flora and fauna, the impact of tourism, and its military heritage.</p> <p>3rd Group: An underwater trail ideal for snorkeling.</p> <p>Afternoon all participants enjoy a boat tour.</p>	<p>1st Group: Focus on the island tour, including regulations, maritime law enforcement, sea usage management, governance models, Natura 2000, biodiversity, invasive species, and the effects of marine reserves.</p> <p>2nd Group: Explore the coastline and its beaches, addressing visitor numbers, habitat recovery, terrestrial invasive species, usage management, climate change, landscape concepts, and fire risks.</p> <p>3rd Group: walk the cliffs, covering avian biodiversity, terrestrial usage management, hunting, circulation, sports events, fire risks, and visitor impact.</p>	<p>A popular tourist destination known for its saline heritage and as a biodiversity hotspot in wetlands.</p> <p>A brief overview covers the challenges of intense tourism on endangered plant species, the role of law enforcement and military heritage in conservation efforts, and the involvement of the National Forestry Office.</p>	<p>Exploring Natura 2000 terrestrial and marine sites reveals vital forest, coastal, and marine habitats under stringent protection and management. These areas, including municipal forests and classified sites, are crucial for preserving biodiversity. Additionally, the study of cetaceans and the rich religious and military heritage offer a comprehensive understanding of the region's ecological and cultural significance.</p>	<p>Ecological restoration of sites, reducing artificialization in developed areas, and promoting short-cycle subsistence agriculture are key to sustainable land management. Additionally, using these sites for educational purposes and providing local school children with fresh, locally grown food, supports community well-being and environmental awareness.</p>	<p>Effective post-fire management of Mediterranean forests and the preservation of sites like the Cap Garonne copper mine and military heritage are crucial for ecological and historical integrity. Addressing overuse of natural spaces and enhancing coastal trail developments to ensure sustainable tourism while protecting natural and cultural assets.</p>	<p>Biodiversity and garden landscapes reflect Gilles Clément's concepts, emphasizing natural harmony and ecological sustainability. For 35 years, the association has managed a Coastal conservatory site with 85% self-financing, demonstrating a successful model of long-term, financially sustainable conservation and landscape management.</p>	<p>Exploring natural spaces managed by the Coastal conservatory. The Calanques National Park offers stunning views of the Mediterranean coastline while showcasing effective conservation practices. This visit highlights the importance of protecting these landscapes and provides valuable insights into their ecological and aesthetic significance.</p>

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FRIDAY, 11TH OCTOBER 2024



Start Time	Finish Time	Session / Activity	Description	Speaker / Session leader	Location
8:00	9:00		Breakfast		Designated dining area
9:00	9:15		Update brief for the day by the Master of Ceremony		Salle Med (Plenary)
9:20	10:20	IRF Nominee presentations	Any nominees from the floor are to address IRF members (3 mins max)	IEC Chair James Slade and nominees	Salle Med (Plenary)
10:25	10:55	Plenary 6	Launch of the IUCN International Ranger Awards	Mike Appleton and Olga Biegus (Project manager, IUCN-US)	Salle Med (Plenary)
11:00	11:30		Coffee Break		Business Centre
11:30	12:00		11th WRC Location Announcement Snapshot presentation of the next congress location	Chris Galliers and 11th WRC Hosts	Salle Med (Plenary)
12:00	13:00		Lunch break		Designated dining area
13:15	13:45		IRF Board announcement (official photo)	IEC Chair James Slade	Salle Med (Plenary)
13:45	15:00		Hyères Declaration	Rohit Singh - IRF Regional Representative for Asia	Salle Med (Plenary)
15:00	15:30		Coffee break		Salle Med (Plenary)
15:30	17:00		WRC Conclusions & Post-Congress Perspectives	Master of Ceremony	Salle Med (Plenary)
17:00	19:00		Free Time		
19:00	20:00		Dinner buffet		Designated dining area
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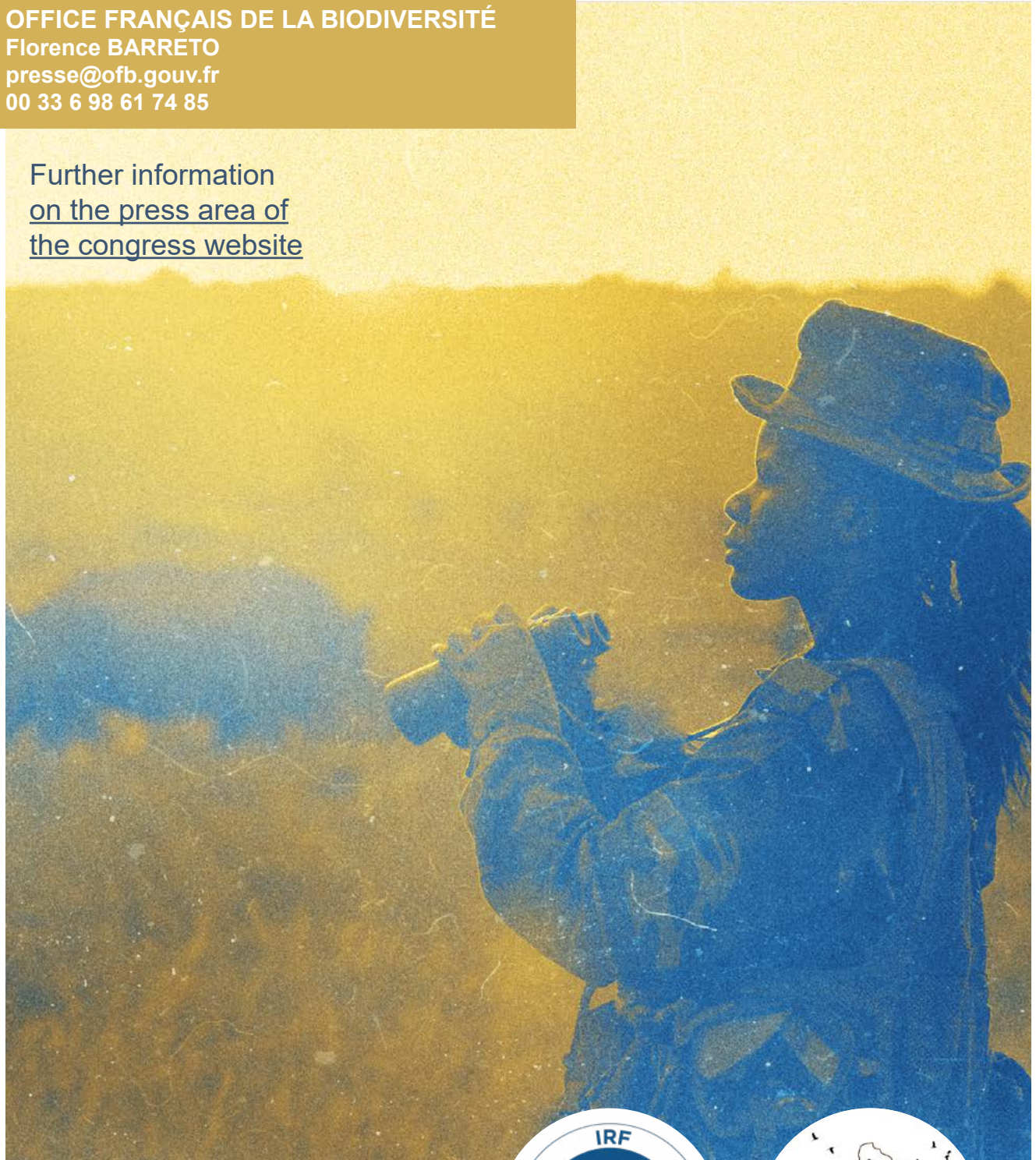
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