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The American Geographical Society Endorses Motion 101 for the International Union for Conservation of Nature

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) endorses Motion 101 at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Conservation Congress.

[New York City, NY] – [September 9, 2021] — The American Geographical Society (AGS) announced today its endorsement of Motion 101: Setting area-based conservation targets based on evidence of what nature and people need to thrive to be considered at the upcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseilles, France ([iucn congress 2020.org](https://www.iucn-congress2020.org)). AGS has been active in promoting global sustainability initiatives, most notably through the annual symposia, Geography2050 ([geography2050.org](https://www.geography2050.org)), and supports Motion 101 and other efforts to reserve significant portions of the Earth in order to sustain life and biodiversity. Furthermore, AGS recognizes the work of The WILD Foundation ([wild.org](https://www.wild.org)) in co-sponsoring Motion 101, and especially its efforts to reserve half of the Earth for the purposes of conservation and biodiversity through the Nature Needs Half ([natureneedshalf.org](https://www.natureneedshalf.org)) initiative.

"Global sustainability continues to be a critical issue for the American Geographical Society. AGS is proud to endorse Motion 101 before the IUCN meetings on Setting Area Based Conservation Targets, setting aside half the planet for nature, and recognizes the work of The WILD Foundation and the many other sponsors of this motion," said AGS Council Member Eddie Pickle.

The American Geographical Society is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States. It is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education for over 168 years. The mission of AGS is to advance and promote geography in business, government, science, and education. Our goal is to enhance the nation's geographic literacy so as to engender sound public policy, national security, and human well-being worldwide. AGS seeks to engage the American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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