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IUCN has been involved with relevant recent publications to include:

- "Ocean acidification the knowledge base 2012", provides an overview of major scientific studies underway or in advanced stages of planning, available at http://www.epoca-project.eu/index.php/whatdo-we-do/outreach/rug/ocean-acidification-the-knowledge-base-2012.html in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and German;
- "Ocean acidification acting on evidence" is available at http://www.epoca-project.eu/index.php/whatdo-we-do/outreach/rug/oa-aoe.html in English and Portuguese;
- "Ocean acidification questions answered" is available at http://www.epoca-project.eu/index.php/whatdo-we-do/outreach/rug/oa-questions-answered.html in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and German;
- "Ocean acidification the facts" is available at http://www.epoca-project.eu/index.php/what-do-we-do/outreach/rug/oa-the-facts.html in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese;
- "Updating what we know about ocean acidification and key global challenges", available at http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/marine/marine\_our\_work/climate\_change/publications.cfm

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## Information regarding the activities currently undertaken related to the impacts of ocean acidification on the marine environment:

IUCN's members are deeply concerned about the potential harmful effects of ocean acidification on the world's oceans. At the most recent World Conservation Congress, held in Jeju, Republic of

success of the RUG initiated through the European Project on Ocean Acidification (EPOCA) project. The results from relevant research efforts have been presented to the non-scientific community (governments, business leaders, and the general public) to inform about the risks and solutions to ocean acidification. Relevant publications include:

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- "Ocean acidification the facts" is available at http://www.epoca-project.eu/index.php/what-do-we-do/outreach/rug/oa-the-facts.html in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese<sup>1</sup>.
- IUCN has made publicly available several documents done in collaboration with others to inform the public and policy makers, including:
  - "Updating what we know about ocean acidification and key global challenges", available at http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/marine/marine\_our\_work/climate\_change/publications. cfm?11147/Updating-what-we-know-about-ocean-acidification-and-key-global-challenges in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and German;
  - "Ocean acidification Making it clear", available at http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/2010-058.pdf in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese;
  - o "Ocean Acidification: The Facts", see above and also available at http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/marine/marine\_our\_work/climate\_change/publications. cfm?4338/oceanacidificationenglish in English, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese;
  - o "The Ocean and Climate Change: Tools and Guidelines for Action", available at http://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/marine/marine\_our\_work/climate\_change/publications. cfm?4269/oceanandclimatechange;
  - "Mediterranean Seagrass Meadows: Resilience and Contribution to Climate Change Mitigation, A Short Summary", available at http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/2012-005-EnFr.pdf in an English/French bilingual report.

## Matters which may require further consideration on this issue, with an emphasis on areas where coordination and cooperation at the intergovernmental and inter-agency levels could be enhanced.

## United Nations General Assembly

IUCN was gratified that in "The Future We Want" World Leaders and as endorsed by the General Assembly supported initiatives to address ocean acidification and the impacts of climate change on marine and coastal ecosystems and resources. Further work will be urgently required to this end, including through efforts to prevent further ocean acidification, to enhance the resilience of marine