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Hello, I hope this email finds you well,

We're writing to advise that our application for the creation of the IUCN SSC Seaweed Group has been successful (<https://iucn.org/our-union/commissions/group/iucn-ssc-seaweed-specialist-group>). We appreciate your patience in the gap between updates, it took a while to get the behind the scenes application part approved.

We're now contacting you to let you know you've been selected as a group member. This is a voluntary role, with the following commitments, roles and benefits:

- **Commitment includes:** 1-2 hours of work per month (more for focal points, deputy/regional chairs etc.), meetings (1-2 annually, often paired with symposia/conferences), responsive to chairs (within reason), agree to Terms of Reference (attached).
- **Role is part of a professional network for experts who:** help build knowledge on the status and threats to species, provide advice, develop policies and guidelines, facilitate conservation planning, catalyse conservation action.
- **Benefits:** Recognition as a leading global expert on these taxa, SSC affiliation can help with funding, connection to network of experts on these species, connection to broader SSC network of conservation experts, potential authorship on IUCN Red List assessments, access to events at IUCN Congress.

If you can advise us whether you would like to accept this appointment **by Friday 14 July** that would be fantastic. If you are not able to and would like to provide a recommendation for an alternative person (preferably in your geographical area) that would be much appreciated.

If you agree to become a member, these are the steps that we need you to then follow:

1. Access the IUCN Commissions Membership System <https://portals.iucn.org/commissions/> and create an IUCN account. If you are already having an account, please log in by using the accurate IUCN credentials
2. Complete the profile and attach an updated CV as well
3. Submit a SSC application to **IUCN SSC Seaweed Specialist Group 2021-2025**

Best wishes,

Jacqui and Nur

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