

#### **10. Ecological Considerations in Planning Boundaries of Parks and Reserves**

**Recognizing** that an important objective of national parks and related reserves is the conservation of natural populations of animal species which provide information on the functioning of natural, unaltered ecosystems;

Believing that the information thus obtained is essential for the planning of national economic and social development projects;

**The 11th General Assembly** of IUCN meeting at Banff, Canada, in September 1972:

**Recommends** that in the establishment of major reserves and national parks no effort be spared to establish boundaries on the basis of ecological considerations, so as to preserve complete ecosystems and maintain viable populations of any important species of wild plants and animals which they may contain;

**And further recommends** that the boundaries of existing parks and reserves which have been established without regard to ecological criteria be adjusted to conform with such criteria.