

### **C. Triennial programme and estimates of income and expenditure**

**The General Assembly of IUCN**, at its 14th Session, Ashkhabad, USSR, 26 September-5 October 1978, RESOLVES that:

#### 1. *General*

- (a) The proposed triennial programme and estimates of income and expenditure for 1979-1981 are considered broadly acceptable as a basis for the development of annual programmes and budgets;
- (b) The Director General shall have the maximum flexibility in implementing the triennial programme and budget, subject to the guidance given in the following paragraphs.

#### 2. *Commissions*

- (a) Funding of Commissions shall have a high priority;
  - All Commissions shall have support for executive capacity and operating expenses;
- (c) Studies shall be undertaken of the scope, terms of reference, organization and methods of the Commissions on Ecology, Education and Environmental Planning, with recommendations, including work plans for the commissions, to be made to Council at its 1979 meeting;
- (d) A major objective of the study of the scope, terms of reference, organization and methods of the Commission on Education shall be to define IUCN's objectives in conservation education, information and development of public awareness;
- (e) The Director General shall seek to obtain new support for Commission functions, especially from governmental and agency members, and enlist the support of all parts of the Union in this endeavour.

#### 3. *Regional desks*

- (a) The functions of regional desks of IUCN shall be to provide links with members in the regions, especially those in developing countries, ensure that regional considerations are reflected in IUCN's activities, and help catalyse the implementation of the World Conservation Strategy;
- (b) Regional and sub-regional activities of IUCN are valuable in promoting the implementation of the World Conservation Strategy, especially in the developing countries of the world.

#### 4. *Programme considerations*

The Director General shall have regard to the following considerations in developing annual programmes and budgets within the framework of the triennial programme and estimates of income and expenditure:

##### (a) *General*

- (i) In cooperation with WWF, UNESCO and other organizations concerned, greater support should be given to the development of IUCN activities in the field of conservation education, information and public awareness, paying due regard to the recommendations adopted at the UN Conference on Environmental Education held at Tbilissi, USSR, in 1977;
- (ii) Consideration should be given to the need for support for ecosystems research that would provide the basis of knowledge for conservation action by IUCN;
- (iii) Programme activities should take into account that many terrestrial and marine areas and landscapes, which do not qualify for protection as national parks or protected areas, nonetheless deserve the attention of IUCN, including devastated landscapes that are capable of rehabilitation and/or reconstruction, fragile landscapes that are rich in cultural, aesthetic and scientific features as well as genetic ones, and those parts of coastal and marine environments not covered by protective measures.

##### (b) *Monitoring*

- (i) A high priority shall be given to maintenance of IUCN's international Red Data Book at the highest level of excellence;
- (ii) Consideration should be given to establishing a task force to advise on the elaboration of national and regional red data books, with the view to subsequent publication and distribution to the countries concerned;

- (iii) Efforts should be made to encourage the establishment and continuous monitoring of World Heritage Sites, to identify areas in danger, and work towards their inclusion in the World Heritage In Danger List.

(c) *Planning*

IUCN should give its full support to the planning of a worldwide network of biosphere reserves, and cooperate with UNESCO to create as soon as possible such reserves in all biogeographical provinces where they are particularly lacking.

(d) *Assistance and advice*

- (i) IUCN shall be the publisher of record of "PARKS" magazine, and the Director General shall seek to ensure the necessary funding for the continued publication of this important international journal, with the assistance of the Commissions and Members;
- (ii) IUCN (the Council, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Commissions and other organizations as appropriate) should:
  - take whatever steps are necessary to examine, analyse and, if appropriate, implement a "conservation for development" programme, or other proposals, to ensure that the development activities of governments and bilateral and multilateral technical assistance agencies adequately take conservation into account;
  - consider the provision, direct or indirect, of specialized conservation advice and assistance;
  - ensure that any such conservation advice or assistance is undertaken within the framework of the World Conservation Strategy and is provided from sources additional to those identified in the triennial "A" level estimates, and thus not represent a further burden upon IUCN's staff and budget;
- (iii) Greater efforts shall be made to assist tropical countries to develop national conservation strategies, and to encourage members in those areas to promote national and regional actions within the framework of the World Conservation Strategy. Special attention may be given to the need for regional action in South East Asia to conserve the diptero-carp forests.

5. *Programme Planning Committee*

The Director General shall develop measures to achieve:

- (a) more effective programming and budgeting to help shape the key features of the annual programme and budget for Council approval, and
- (b) more effective liaison among the Commissions, and between the Commissions and the Secretariat;

To those ends, the Director General may constitute a Programme Planning Committee, including representatives of the Commissions and others, under his Chairmanship. The purpose of this committee would be to advise the Director General on programming and budgeting.