

19.22 Indigenous People

RECALLING Principle 22 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the special roles of indigenous people recognized in Agenda 21 (Chapter 26) and in *Caring for the Earth*;

AWARE of Recommendation 18.16 of the 18th Session of the General Assembly, and Resolution 19.20 and Recommendation 19.21 of the present Session;

CONCERNED that more extensive understanding is needed regarding the rights of indigenous people;

NOTING that indigenous people have traditional knowledge and uses of biological and other natural resources;

The General Assembly of IUCN - The World Conservation Union, at its 19th Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17-26 January 1994:

1. RECOGNIZES Convention 169 of the International Labour Organisation, the Declaration of Karioca ("Earth Charter and Agenda 21 of Indigenous Peoples") and the Declaration of the World Alliance of Tropical Forest Indigenous-Tribal Peoples and requests the Commission on Environmental Law (CEL) and the Centre for Environmental Law to promote understanding of the legal instruments concerning the rights of indigenous people through the preparation of studies and other educational materials;
2. URGES all States and local authorities to ensure fully the public participation by local people and indigenous people in decisions concerning the planning, development and management of national parks and other protected areas, and to provide that their interests are treated equitably and are fully respected by all authorities and agencies with responsibility in or impacting on national parks and other protected areas;
3. REQUESTS the Director General to ensure that IUCN's Programme on Biological Diversity takes full account of traditional knowledge and practices of indigenous people;
4. REQUESTS the Director General, within available resources, to provide Secretariat support at IUCN Headquarters for indigenous people, so as to ensure that issues of concern to indigenous people are fully integrated into all of IUCN's programmes and activities.

Note. The comments made by certain State members in relation to Recommendation 19.21 apply also to the present Recommendation.

