

19.10 The Use of "Environmentally-Appropriate" Paper by IUCN

RECOGNIZING that destruction of the world's forests is a major environmental problem of global significance; FURTHER RECOGNIZING the need to conserve valuable resources and reduce waste;

CONSIDERING that IUCN - The World Conservation Union has a special responsibility as the world's premier conservation organization to lead by example;

AWARE that IUCN uses considerable amounts of paper products for communication purposes;

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

1. DECIDES that IUCN - The World Conservation Union's policy is:
 - (a) to avoid use of paper derived from pristine forest;
 - (b) wherever possible to use paper produced from least polluting technologies;
 - (c) to be as efficient as possible in the use of paper;
2. URGES all member Governments and organizations to moved towards using "environmentally-appropriate" paper, in line with IUCN's above policy, for all their publishing and stationery needs.

Note. The delegation of the State member Canada indicated that had there been a vote, the delegation would have voted against because no definition was included of the phrase "pristine forest".

