

2.15 IUCN Collaborative Management for Conservation Programme

RECALLING Recommendation 1.42 *Collaborative Management for Conservation*, adopted by the 1st Session of the World Conservation Congress (Montreal, 1996), and Resolutions 19.1 *Strategy of The World Conservation Union* and 19.23 *Importance of Community-based Approaches* adopted by the 19th Session of the IUCN General Assembly (Buenos Aires, 1994);

REAFFIRMING that IUCN members are keenly interested in tapping the benefits of co-management partnerships, which can:

- (a) provide effective means of dealing with complex interests and relationships, including conflicts over control and use of natural resources;
- (b) build on the complementarity of the knowledge, skills, and practices of various social actors;
- (b) provide effective incentives for resource users to engage in conservation initiatives;
- (d) contribute to the broad objectives of participatory democracy and participatory development; and
- (e) promote the participation of marginalized groups and communities, thus enhancing equity and sustainability in management;

NOTING with satisfaction that IUCN members and partners and the IUCN Co-Management Working Group (CMWG) have been supporting successful and instructive co-management initiatives in different regions in response to the urging of the above-referenced Recommendation and Resolutions;

CONCERNED that the lessons learned in those initiatives and the programmatic and policy benefits of the co-management option are not being built upon by the IUCN Secretariat; and

REGRETTING that the *Collaborative Management for Conservation Programme*, mandated by Recommendation 1.42 has received diminishing attention and support and is *de facto* neglected;

The World Conservation Congress at its 2nd Session in Amman, Jordan, 4–11 October 2000:

REQUESTS the Director General to:

- (a) examine the current status of the *Collaborative Management for Conservation Programme* called for in Recommendation 1.42, as well as the causes and effects of its state of neglect;
- (b) review the lessons learned in co-management initiatives supported by IUCN members and partners and by the CMWG;

- (b) devise competent and effective means to respond to the concerns and opportunities highlighted in Recommendation 1.42, which are still of utmost importance to the Union's membership;
- (d) address such concerns and opportunities within IUCN's Overall Programme until the next World Conservation Congress on the basis of the successes and lessons learned in co-management initiatives supported by IUCN members and partners and by the CMWG; and
- (e) report to the Union on all of the above as soon as possible, but no later than October 2001.