

Theme II. — Biological effects of the recent spread of myxomatosis among rabbits :

- a) On vegetation,
- b) On predators,
- c) On grazing animals,
- d) In other ways.

The impact of myxomatosis on the rabbit populations of Europe and Australia is an event of major ecological significance. Its direct effect on the rabbit, and its indirect effect on the predators and competitors of the rabbit, on agriculture and vegetation, will change the natural scene for many years to come, and perhaps permanently.

The study of these changes is so important, both scientifically and economically, that the General Assembly recommends all countries concerned should pursue such studies on a long-term basis and as intensively as possible.