

## **27. Resolution on Orang Utan**

Whereas it has been established that the magnitude of the illegal trade in Orang utans captured in Borneo and Sumatra and exported mainly through Singapore, will result in the extinction of the Orang utan within a few years, unless steps are immediately taken to effect better control and conservation and whereas the Survival Service Commission has recommended that IUCN should convene a meeting on the subject of the Orang utan with a minimum delay co-sponsored by the UNESCO Regional Group of SEASCO, the World Wildlife Fund, the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens and the Orang utan Research Unit to which the Government of Malaysia should be invited to send representatives, the 8th General Assembly of IUCN meeting at Nairobi in 1963 requests the Executive Board to convene a two-day meeting of representatives of Indonesia and Malaysia (North Borneo, Sarawak, Malaya and Singapore) at the earliest possible time to decide upon action to curb the illegal trade in Orang utans and to strengthen measures which will assure the future protection of these animals in their natural habitat, through legislation, parks and reserves in Indonesia and Malaysia; and also their protection in captivity. Further that the UNESCO Regional Group of SEASCO, the World Wildlife Fund, the International Union of Directors of Zoological Gardens and the Orang Utan Research Unit be invited to co-sponsor this meeting and to send representatives.