

## **29. Resolution on Marine Turtles**

Whereas the marine turtles of the world are seriously threatened with extermination because of the growing use of calipee (cartilage of the belly shell) by the soup industry, aggravated in the case of the Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) by the new demand for its shell (tortoise Shell) and whereas they cannot be saved by the action of one or a few countries alone because of their wide pan-tropical range, the 8th General Assembly of IUCN meeting at Nairobi in 1963 urges all Governments concerned to take note of the danger to all turtles and to initiate and give assistance to projects for ecological research and survey on which conservation measures can be based.

