

32. Resolution on the Blue Whale

Whereas the depletion of the stocks of Blue Whales (*Balaenop-teramusculus*) as a result of excessive exploitation by the whaling industry is now generally acknowledged, whereas the Committee of Three Scientists appointed by the International Whaling Commission in 1960 recommended the complete protection of the Blue Whale and whereas in spite of this recommendation the Commission at its meeting in London in 1963, permitted the continued capture of Blue Whales in the area 40°-55° South Latitude and 0°-80° East Longitude, the 8th General Assembly of IUCN meeting at Nairobi in 1963 recommends that complete protection of the Blue Whale for a period of not less than 10 years should be introduced by the Commission with immediate effect to avert the danger of the extinction of the species and to allow the stocks to recover, so that a system of maximum sustainable yield can be established in the future and urges all Governments involved in the whaling industry to observe such protection.