10. Iriomote Jima

Considering that uninhabited islands of varied topography are especially important for the study of many aspects of living organisms

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notes with concern plans for drastic interference with the primitive vegetation of Iriomote Jima in the Ryukyu Archipelago, which is an important relic of the characteristic vegetation of this part of the Pacific and

urges the authorities responsible for the administration of this island to create on it the largest possible reserve, to be maintained in an unspoilt state as a potential laboratory area for future scientific study.