

17. The Italian National Parks

The **9th General Assembly of IUCN** meeting in Lucerne in June 1966

expresses satisfaction at the measures taken by the Ministries of Public Instruction, Defence, Agriculture and Forests for the conservation of the Abruzzi National Park in Italy in accordance with the recommendations made by the Resolution No 8 of the 8th General Assembly and the IUCN mission which visited the Park

considers it desirable in the general interest that the conservation of the Park should be still further strengthened against any adverse tendencies still affecting it

notes with satisfaction that three new strict nature reserves have been established in the State forest land, one of them in the Abruzzi Park, and hopes this excellent policy, from the conservation point of view, will be increasingly reflected by such measures

stresses the urgency of enacting basic legislation for national parks and nature reserves, founded on the nature conservation principles laid down by IUCN and with the object of placing on a firm and lasting footing the existence and conservation of the Italian Parks and Reserves

recommends that visitors to the National Parks and in particular to the Gran Paradiso National Park where the problem is especially acute, should be allowed only to use authorized paths or nature trails, that camping should be excluded or at least restricted to fixed sites on the periphery, and that both visitors and camping should be strictly controlled by the park wardens

urges the responsible authorities to set up new strict nature reserves to protect the best areas still to be found in the Circeo National Park

expresses its concern at projects still being allowed to alter the state of some of the Italian National Parks and

asks the Italian Government to maintain the utmost vigilance in respect of the conservation of all these Parks.

