

24. Commercial Exploitation of Wild Life

Recalling Resolution No 5 of the 8th General Assembly on illegal traffic in wild life species

having noted the increasing traffic in certain animals and animal products as curios, such as stuffed turtles and alligators, and the skins of spotted cats, and

convinced that several kinds of commercial exploitation of various wild plants and animals (including reptiles, birds, fishes and insects) are exercising severe pressure upon threatened species

the 9th General Assembly of IUCN meeting in Lucerne in June 1966

urges Governments to accept the principle that any commercial exploitation of such wild resources should always be subject to the overriding needs of conservation and

further requests Governments to receive from time to time from the Executive Board of IUCN and to consider sympathetically specific representations for action in conformity with this principle, such as the control of imports or internal regulation of the traffic in specimens killed or taken in the wild

