

## **12. Study and conservation of marine turtles in Turkey**

*Recognizing* that all species of marine turtles are currently regarded as threatened with extinction to some degree, *recognizing* also, that the only sizeable sea turtle populations that remain in the Mediterranean nest on the Turkish coast (*Chelonia catena*, *Chelonia mydas*),

*noting* with alarm that the Turkish sea turtle populations are being seriously depleted by over-exploitation and the removal of sand from their nesting beaches,

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**urges** the Government of Turkey to encourage research into the ecology of the marine turtles in Turkey, for which several specialists of world reputation are available, to initiate training of local personnel in management, and to act on their recommendations as a matter of urgency.