

21. Youth and conservation

In view of the rapidly increasing interest among young people of many countries in the problems of the natural environment,

considering that for the future of IUCN and for the future of the national use and development of the world's natural resources this growing interest should receive wider support and encouragement from conservationists, and

in view of the dimensions of the world population increase and the fact that more than half of the present population is under 25 years of age,

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resolves that

1. IUCN consider the active promotion of out-of-school conservation education programmes for young people, especially through its Education Commission and in cooperation with the International Youth Federation for Environmental Studies and Conservation:
2. IUCN should endeavour to persuade its member states, organisations and international agencies with which it is associated to:
 - a) encourage the participation of young people in the decision process, as well as action programmes in the sphere of conservation of natural resources;
 - b) assist young people to organise their own projects and programmes of action such as work camps, study camps, courses and conferences, both nationally and internationally;
 - c) encourage the establishment of youth conservation programmes in developing countries to assist in the integration of an ecological approach into the community development process.