

## **25. Natural and semi-natural vegetation**

*Recognizing* that there is an urgent need for a comprehensive plan for the conservation of representative types of natural and semi-natural vegetation through the world;

that this plan should be based on a thorough survey of the range of types of vegetation and the extent to which it is already effectively conserved;

that such a survey and assessment is a main part of the programme of IBP/CT;

that close cooperation is essential with other existing and proposed international programmes such as IUCN/AQUA. MAR and TELMA, and those proposed in UNESCO MAB;

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**recommends** that

1. scientific institutions and scientists should intensify their participation in the last 2 years of the programme of IBP/CT in all countries in order to ensure that the survey is complete and authoritative; and
2. that all Governments meanwhile take urgent steps to conserve representative samples of the vegetation of their countries and, if possible, classify, unique ecological association.