31. Specialised Wildlife Departments

Having noticed that in many countries no specialised department exists to conserve wildlife and that in some countries the Department of Forests looks after wildlife in forest areas only and that in such countries there is no department concerned with conserving wildlife in areas outside the forests,

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recommends to the various governments which have not yet taken this action that they should give the highest priority to examining the possibility of organising separate departments or other governmental organisations at the highest possible level for the conservation of wildlife and its habitats throughout the country, for its cultural, educational, scientific and economic values.