

11. Marine Parks and Reserves

Welcoming the active interest in many parts of the world, notably the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the Tanzanian and Kenyan sectors of the East African coast, the Indian Ocean islands, Australia and South Africa, in the establishment and effective management of marine and national parks;

Noting that despite the prominence given to this issue at the Symposium on Conservation in the South Pacific Region held at Noumea in August 1971 the progress so far made in this matter in parts of the Pacific region is not yet in keeping with their high scientific interest;

The 11th General Assembly of IUCN meeting at Banff, Canada, in September 1972:

Urges governments concerned to promote the establishment of marine parks and reserves;

And in particular urges the Government of Fiji to take action in its archipelago of exceptional interest, where some of the reefs are under increasingly destructive pressure, and to give support to the efforts of the National Trust of Fiji in arousing public interest in this matter.