

## **9. Marine atlases**

*APPRECIATING* the improved techniques of analysis and presentation of a total marine ecosystem demonstrated to the Assembly in respect of the Caribbean by the IUCN Critical Marine Habitats Project;

*CONSIDERING* the dangers of settling ocean law and rights in ignorance of the practical problems which can be revealed most effectively by the use of such synoptic and dynamic models of particular seas, taking account of all ecological, socio-economic and conservation aspects;

**The General Assembly of IUCN**, at its 14th Session, Ashkhabad, USSR, 26 September -5 October 1978:

**CALLS ON** all governments and appropriate intergovernmental bodies to cooperate in preparing marine atlases, especially of shared seas; and in particular

**REQUESTS** the governments concerned to cooperate in preparing a North Sea Atlas, as a basis for resolving the many and serious problems of future management of that sea and as a contribution towards fulfilment of the World Conservation Strategy.