

15/1. WORLD CONSERVATION STRATEGY

RECOGNIZING that the World Conservation Strategy (WCS) was launched in March 1980 by IUCN, with the advice, cooperation and financial assistance of UNEP and WWF and in collaboration with FAO and Unesco, and that the theme of the 15th Session of the IUCN General Assembly is "The World Conservation Strategy in Action";

NOTING the wide range of initial actions taken by State, agency and non-governmental members of IUCN to implement the objectives of the WCS;

AWARE of the significant actions of IUCN in incorporating the principles of the WCS into its Programme, into the projects of the Commissions and the establishment of the Conservation for Development Centre;

CONCERNED nevertheless that the implementation of the World Conservation Strategy requires continued and greater effort;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 15th Session in Christchurch, New Zealand, 11-23 October 1981:

CALLS UPON all United Nations and other intergovernmental agencies to incorporate the WCS into their own programmes and to encourage and support the development of national conservation strategies, cross-sectoral policy development and similar activities to fulfil the objectives of the WCS;

URGES bilateral and multilateral aid agencies to continue to integrate ecological and other conservation values into development activities which affect renewable resources;

CALLS UPON national, provincial and local governments, governmental agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations to utilize the WCS in developing their programmes and to promote the implementation of the WCS principles by other institutions;

INSTRUCTS Council to continue with the development of the Union's Programme and projects with the help of the members, Commissions and the Conservation for Development Centre and through the Programme Planning Advisory Group, to coordinate and integrate efforts to implement the WCS; and

REQUESTS the IUCN Secretariat to monitor and evaluate actions taken to further the objectives of the WCS and report on such actions to the 16th General Assembly of IUCN.

