

16/19. NGO PARTNERSHIP WITH IUCN ON MARINE POLICY INITIATIVES

GIVEN that this 16th Session of the General Assembly has adopted enthusiastically its IUCN Conservation Programme 1985-87, which emphasizes a "partnership" framework for cooperative action by its members, collaborators and the IUCN's Secretariat, Commissions and other component parts;

WELL AWARE that the overall success of this programme is contingent upon the member organizations and collaborating institutions identifying activities within the programme that they will develop, fund and implement as part of their individual organization's programme of work and budget, while also referring to the fact that those particular projects form components of the global efforts of the world community under the IUCN banner;

RECOGNIZING that Theme 5 of IUCN's theme-based conservation action programme Area 7, entitled, "Promoting the Conservation of Coastal and Marine Living Resources", is one of the activities that has received and will continue to receive invaluable attention and commitment of resources by IUCN, through its Secretariat and Commissions, by collaborating institutions such as UNEP, especially that of its Regional Seas Programme, and FAO, by Member States and by non-governmental organizations, such as the International Institute for Environment and Development's marine programme, the central task of which is to examine how best to manage marine environments so as to achieve a sustainable yield of fish or other wildlife;

ALSO RECOGNIZING that IUCN's Commission on Environmental Policy, Law and Administration has played and will continue to play a lead role for IUCN in relation to marine policy activities that are pertinent to Theme 5;

PLEASED that the non-governmental IUCN Member, the Oceanic Society, which is based in the United States and has recently initiated an expanded marine policy programme, has expressed a desire to develop, fund and implement a broad-based NGO partnership with IUCN, in special collaboration with CEPLA, that would include close coordination and participation by a diverse range of NGOs, each retaining its own independence of action, in a systematic effort to identify critical issues, encourage scientific analysis, distribute information, monitor, analyze and address marine policy initiatives under Theme 5 of the IUCN Programme;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 16th Session in Madrid, Spain, 5-14 November 1984:

1. WELCOMES the partnership framework for cooperative action noted above; and
2. REQUESTS the Director General further to foster the development of a marine policy with interested members of IUCN.