

16/42. FUNDING

CONVINCED that it is essential to secure, as a minimum, core funds for IUCN's basic functions (1-7 of its Programme) at a level of 10 million Swiss Francs per year over the next three years;

NOTING IUCN's 1984 budget for core functions is about 6 million Swiss Francs;

NOTING ALSO that not all the core funding is yet secure for the period 1985-1987;

RECOGNIZING that commitments to core funding from major donors may decline in 1985-1987;

CONSCIOUS that IUCN's ability to carry out its functions and support its Commissions is dependent on adequate, secure funding at a predetermined level;

CONSCIOUS ALSO that IUCN requires greater control over its budget;

FURTHER NOTING that IUCN's ability to carry out its wide range of activities envisaged in Programme Area 8 is dependent on support of its membership and ability to attract funds from contractors;

RECOGNIZING that the strength of IUCN is in part due to the operations of its Commissions and that these Commissions are regarded with esteem by Governments and by governmental and non-governmental organizations;

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

1. URGES all members to review their support for IUCN core activities and project work, with a view to mobilising additional funding for IUCN;
2. WELCOMES the decision of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to provide a sustained level of financial support for core activities of IUCN's Programme and intensify cooperation with WWF in identifying core related activities to be funded;
3. REQUESTS Council to:
 - (a) investigate and promote mechanisms for achieving the full potential for higher contributions to IUCN's core budget from all members;
 - (b) seek to diversify sources of core funding to achieve greater financial security for core functions, including expanded support from governmental and private foundation sources;
 - (c) seek maximum involvement from the membership in providing support and securing funds for project activities under Programme Themes 8-13;
 - (d) pursue the development of the newly-established capital fund as an endowment for the Union;
4. REQUESTS the Director General, with the Chairmen of the Commissions, actively to pursue all avenues of funding to ensure that the Commissions receive the financial support necessary to carry out their functions.

