

17.34 CONSERVATION BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC)

IN VIEW of the fact that the European Single Act, amending the Treaty of Rome, reaffirmed the need for action in the environmental field by the European Community; and furthermore in view of the EC's responsibilities for environmental conservation and international trade, and in particular its importing and exporting policies for agricultural, livestock and forestry products;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 17th Session in San Jose, Costa Rica, 1-10 February 1988:

1. CALLS UPON the European Community to:
 - a. Ensure the full implementation of the EC's 4th European Action Programme on the Environment in order to enable it to reach its stated goals;
 - b. Utilize fully the possibilities offered by the European Regional Fund to promote sustainable development and environmental conservation under strict guidance of ecological criteria;
 - c. Ensure that all projects proposed under the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes are subject to strict environmental analysis procedures and to effective environmental monitoring as they are implemented, and that any necessary steps are taken to prevent or remedy environmental damage;
 - d. Ensure that, in its forthcoming negotiation of the new Lomé-IV agreement, it promotes renewable natural resource conservation and development (including sustainable forest management, sustainable wildlife utilization, etc.);
 - e. Utilize to the full the expertise of IUCN and its members within and outside the European Community in its assessment of the above policies and impacts.

REQUESTS the Director General of IUCN to bring this Resolution to the attention of the relevant authorities of the European Community and to develop closer links between IUCN and the EC.