

17.44 PRIVATE PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM

CONSIDERING that:

- a. Privately owned areas of ecological importance are found in many countries throughout the world;
- b. Government efforts for the protection and sustainable management of natural resources have been significantly furthered by the protection of such resources on areas of private land;
- c. Private protected areas can be threatened by poachers, squatters and other factors which can degrade their natural resources;

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

1. WELCOMES the establishment of private protected areas in countries where they are appropriate.
2. REQUESTS IUCN's Commission on Environmental Policy, Law and Administration, within the resources available, to conduct a survey of legal regimes applicable to the establishment, management, and administration of private protected areas, and publish guidelines for establishing and implementing legal, administrative and fiscal measures appropriate to the circumstances in different countries.
3. ENCOURAGES governments to establish incentives and enact legislation in order to promote the protection and sustainable management of natural resources on privately owned land.