

## **17.9 NGO PARTNERSHIP WITH IUCN**

**AWARE** that the long-term success of conservation, and of IUCN's Programme, depends on continuing support from an informed, alert public which insists that governments and international bodies make conservation a high priority;

**RECOGNIZING** that nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) not only can mobilize public support but can also carry out elements of the Programme using their own resources;

**RECALLING** that the theme of IUCN's 1985-87 Programme was "Partnership for Conservation";

**WELCOMING** the successful partnerships that have already been created to carry out a number of elements of IUCN's Programme, but regretting that more of such partnerships do not exist;

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

**REQUESTS** the Director General of IUCN, within the resources available, to:

- a. Place a high priority on, and devote adequate staff time to, cooperation with IUCN's NGO members and other NGOs in their efforts to build public support for, and influence governments and international bodies in favour of, actions to implement IUCN's Programme and the goals of the World Conservation Strategy;
- b. Develop strong cooperative relationships with other NGO networks with similar objectives, such as the Environment Liaison Centre and NGOs of indigenous people having traditional knowledge of resource management;
- c. Collaborate with IUCN's NGO members and other NGOs to the maximum extent possible in carrying out IUCN's Programme;
- d. Develop mechanisms to facilitate cooperation among IUCN members who are engaged in similar fields of activity.