

18.27 Protection of Biological Diversity in National Parks and other Protected Areas

RECALLING that national parks and other protected areas serve a wide range of purposes, as recognized by IUCN through the work of the Commission on National Parks and Protected Areas;

AWARE, however, that the existing national parks and other protected areas are often poorly representative of native biotas and ecosystems;

CONCERNED that opportunities to protect biological diversity are being rapidly diminished by global development;

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING existing efforts to protect biological diversity;

The General Assembly of IUCN—The World Conservation Union, at its 18th Session in Perth, Australia, 28 November-5 December 1990:

1. EMPHASIZES that the protection of biological diversity, including species and habitat richness, representativeness and scarcity, is a fundamental principle for the identification, management and public enjoyment of national parks and other protected areas;
2. CALLS UPON national governments, state governments, international agencies and the non governmental community to establish and support the principle, implementation and practice of the protection of biological diversity as a prime reason for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of systems of national parks and other protected areas.

