

18.44 Houbara Bustard

AWARE that the Houbara bustard (*Chlamydotis undulata*), a migratory bird coming from the Siberian Steppes annually to winter in the desert areas of Pakistan, is threatened primarily because of unmanaged hunting;

CONCERNED that the resident and migratory populations of bustards have been declining, and continue to do so in Pakistan;

NOTING that hunting of the Houbara bustard is banned in neighbouring India and Iran, as it is also banned for Pakistani nationals in Pakistan;

NOTING that a total ban on all forms of Houbara bustard hunting has been recommended to the Government of Pakistan on numerous occasions;

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

1. URGES the range states to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to manage the migratory and resident populations of the Houbara bustard for sustainable utilization;
2. URGES, in the meantime, the Government of Pakistan to immediately enforce a complete ban on all forms of hunting of the Houbara bustard;
3. URGES the governments of the countries of the Middle East to support the Pakistani efforts at conserving this bird.