

18.63 Mining in the Fly River Catchment, Papua New Guinea

RECOGNIZING the environmental impacts of mining in the Fly River Catchment;

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

1. CALLS UPON donor countries to assist Papua New Guinea, at Papua New Guinea's request, in monitoring those sections of the Fly River under its national jurisdiction, and through all feasible technical means to help to mitigate and remedy any serious problems detected;
2. CALLS UPON the Government of Australia to rapidly assess past, present and future impacts on the marine ecosystems of the Torres Strait as an extension of the current "baseline" study and to take action as appropriate to remedy any problems in this area associated with discharges from the Fly River;
3. CALLS UPON IUCN to respond favourably, within available resources, to any request from the Papua New Guinea Government to assist Papua New Guinea through the provision of:
 - a. training assistance to supplement the Government's capacity for management of the Fly River Catchment;
 - b. technical and financial assistance for the expansion of current studies covering social, economic, health and cultural impacts in the Fly River Catchment so that problems or potential problems can be identified and remedied;
3. RECOMMENDS that the views, needs and aspirations of affected communities are taken into consideration in the studies mentioned and that these communities are included in the implementation of actions resulting from these studies;
4. CALLS UPON the Director General to draw this recommendation to the attention of the Indonesian Government.

