

18.13 The World Conservation Strategy for the 1990s Provisionally Entitled "Caring for the World: A Strategy for Sustainability"

RECALLING the fundamental contribution made by the World Conservation Strategy to perception of the environment at international and national levels, and the value of that document as a guide to the evolving policy of IUCN and its members;

ALSO RECALLING the decisions of the Ottawa Conference on Conservation and Development: Implementing the World Conservation Strategy, and especially the need for the further evolution of the Strategy to take account of the human social dimension;

ACCEPTING that the problems of the world environment have become more acute in the past decade, despite the increase in understanding of the principles and practices of conservation and sustainable development;

AFFIRMING that the essential need for the future is to enhance human perception of environmental issues, and hence to modify behaviour at the individual and community level;

NOTING with appreciation the work done by IUCN in partnership with UNEP and WWF and with the support of UNESCO, FAO, the World Resources Institute and the World Bank in preparing the draft "Caring for the World: A Strategy for Sustainability";

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

1. WELCOMES the draft Strategy, while noting that substantial further improvements need to be made to it, and expresses appreciation to the Project Director, Writer/Senior Consultant, Steering Committee, authors and collaborators for their work;
2. REQUESTS the Director General and the Project Director to ensure that the views on the draft expressed by members at the General Assembly are properly taken into account in finalizing the text;
3. AUTHORIZES the Director General, in consultation with the Council, to approve the final text on behalf of IUCN for release as a document bearing the name of the Union alongside that of other partners and sponsors;
4. URGES the Director General to work with the UNEP and WWF members of the Steering Committee to promote widespread publicity about and distribution of the final document. The publication should be easily available in many languages at an affordable price so that many people throughout the world can read and use it;
5. REQUESTS the Director General to send copies of the final text after publication to all IUCN members;
6. REQUESTS the Director General to urge the Steering Committee to transmit the final text of the Strategy to the Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to be held in Brazil in 1992, informally for use in the preparatory process for that Conference, and more formally for submission as a background document to the Conference itself;
7. URGES all members of IUCN to use the Strategy in preparing their own contribution to the 1992 Conference and in the further elaboration of their programmes and activities, and to promote its conclusions in those contexts;

8. REAFFIRMS the request to the Director General set out in Resolution 18.3 to present to the next Session of the General Assembly a revised version of the "Strategy for the World Conservation Union", which would take account of recommendations in the World Conservation Strategy for the 1990s and which would provide a context for the triennial programme for 1994-1997.