

19.7 Enhanced Use of the Work and Skills of French-speakers, as well as Improved Circulation and Dissemination of Knowledge in the French Language

NOTING that the work, writings and, in general, expertise of French-speakers are inadequately taken into account by IUCN in its studies, work and publications;

NOTING also the wish expressed by the Director General to establish a better symbiosis between IUCN and the French-speaking world;

NOTING with appreciation the special and major financial contribution made by the French Government to the new IUCN Library;

The General Assembly of IUCN - The World Conservation Union, at its 19th Session in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 17-26 January 1994:

1. REQUESTS all French-speaking members of IUCN and French-speaking research institutes to establish a French-speaking working group and make a significant effort to increase knowledge of their work and skills and to contact IUCN and/or the working group set up for this purpose;
2. REQUESTS the Director General to take measures to ensure that IUCN is more attentive in granting the skills and writings of French-speakers their rightful place, particularly in the case of topics or geographical regions where such expertise is evident.