

## 19.58 Competitions Promoting the Indiscriminate Taking of Species

RECALLING Recommendation 18.24 adopted at the 18th Session of the General Assembly;

NOTING the Convention on Biological Diversity, particularly Article 10 on sustainable use of components of biological diversity;

CONCERNED that competitions promoting the indiscriminate taking of species usually take place in the absence of any management plan for that species or that region, and that the species are usually taken without prior verification of their legal and conservation status, substantially disturbing habitats and leading to the disruption of populations of those species;

ACKNOWLEDGING that competitions conducted according to the principles of sustainable use have the potential to contribute significantly to local economies;

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

1. DECIDES that competitions promoting the indiscriminate taking of species on the basis of highest overall combined weight, greatest overall number, and/ or the greatest number taken per unit time, are not in conformity with IUCN policy on sustainable use of wildlife when they are carried out without regard to the conservation status of those species and promoted in the absence of any management plan for the species taken;
2. REQUESTS IUCN members to use all appropriate means, including the production and adoption of legislation, to regulate this practice in conformity with the principles of sustainable use of wild species.

*Note. This Recommendation was adopted by consensus. The delegations of the State members Norway and Sweden indicated that had there been a vote, they would have abstained.*