

19.85 Creery Wetlands, Western Australia

NOTING that the Peel Harvey Inlet in Western Australia is listed as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention;

AWARE that the area known as the Creery Wetlands is an ecological sub-unit of the Peel Harvey system and that the Creery Wetlands support thousands of migratory wading birds in spring;

RECOGNIZING that the Creery Wetlands are essential to the maintenance of the conservation value of the Ramsar area and that samphire is an important and scarce resource in Western Australia;

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

1. CALLS ON the Government of Western Australia:
 - (a) to protect the Creery Wetlands and not to allow canals and other development of the area to proceed;
 - (b) to purchase the area known as Creery Wetlands for addition to the Peel Harvey Regional Park;
2. CALLS ON the Commonwealth Government of Australia to use all the powers available to it to protect wetlands listed under the Ramsar Convention and their environs and in particular the area known as the Creery Wetlands;
3. URGES the Commonwealth and State Governments to negotiate to ensure that international obligations to protect wetlands are honoured.

Note. This Recommendation was adopted by consensus. The delegations of the State members Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, South Africa, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, Zaire and Zimbabwe, and the delegation of the Department of Environment and Conservation, Papua New Guinea (a Government Agency member), indicated that had there been a vote, they would have abstained.