

19.88 Proposed Tasmanian Kent (Island) Group Marine Reserve, Australia

AWARE that the Kent (Island) Group in the Bass Strait represents the Maugean, Peronian and Flindersian Marine Biogeographic Provinces;

FURTHER AWARE that the Flindersian marine province of Bass Strait has one of the highest diversities of marine plant species in the world, owing to the influence of the Leeuwin Current;

RECOGNIZING that this area is important for conservation, scientific research and historic shipwrecks;

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

CALLS UPON the State Government of Tasmania and the Commonwealth Government of Australia to assess and where merited by conservation values to provide these areas with secure protection status.

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.