

19.92 Establishment of a Marine Sanctuary for Large and Small Cetaceans in the Ligurian Sea, Western Mediterranean

NOTING the importance of the marine environment of the Ligurian Sea for ensuring the protection of large and small cetaceans;

NOTING also the desire expressed by the French, Italian and Monagasque Governments to create a marine sanctuary for small and large cetaceans (the Pelagos Reserve), as expressed in the declaration for the establishment of the sanctuary which they signed at Brussels on 22 March 1993;

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

RECOMMENDS that the Governments concerned, and the entire international community, should give effect to the intention thus expressed with a view to the protection of this area and these species by officially declaring the creation of this sanctuary and instituting the necessary procedures for turning it into a marine reserve for the western Mediterranean.

Note. The 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.