

19.95 Improved Protection for Wildlife in Subantarctic Island Ecosystems

AWARE of the inadequate knowledge of subantarctic island ecosystems and the need to improve protection of their biodiversity and ensure their full conservation;

AWARE also of the ongoing review by IUCN of the status of the Subantarctic Islands in relation to their possible World Heritage status;

NOTING that the conduct of activities such as tourism constitutes a danger to the maintenance of the equilibrium of such ecosystems, which are among the world's most fragile;

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

1. **STRONGLY RECOMMENDS** that the international specialized agencies, as well as all States and Governments exercising responsibilities and supervision over these areas, should fully protect the priceless environmental asset constituted by the species these islands contain, many of which are threatened with extinction;
2. **CALLS UPON** the governments concerned to adopt, as rapidly as possible, all necessary measures to ensure the conservation of these ecosystems;
3. **REQUESTS** the Director General, within available resources and in consultation with IUCN members, Commissions, relevant governments and NGOs, to produce an integrated strategy for conservation in the Subantarctic Islands and to offer assistance with management plans for individual islands or groups.