

19.18 IUCN Policies and Action on Sustainable Development

RECALLING that *Caring for the Earth—A Strategy for Sustainable Living*, prepared by IUCN in partnership with UNEP and WWF, defined priority actions and targets for the achievement of sustainability and stated the intention of the partner organizations to monitor response to the Strategy and publish a periodic implementation report;

RECALLING also that the UN Conference on Environment and Development identified a number of critical issues and actions related to environment and development, on which changes in policy were essential;

CONSIDERING that the expertise and experience of IUCN in conservation science and conservation programmes give the Union an important opportunity to contribute to the development of policy for sustainable development at local, national and international levels;

CONSIDERING IUCN's commitment to the conservation of biological diversity;

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

1. REQUESTS the Director General, within available resources, to pursue a programme of action aimed at following up the publication of *Caring for the Earth* and the results of the UN Conference on Environment and Development during the coming triennium, including:
 - (a) the establishment, preferably in collaboration with UNEP and WWF, of a capacity to monitor and evaluate the response to *Caring for the Earth* as set out in Action 17.10 of that document and to publish an implementation report before the 20th Session of the General Assembly;
 - (b) review of the evolution of the Union's policies and activities related to sustainable development;
 - (c) the discussion of these policies with IUCN members and international organizations;
 - (d) the advocacy of appropriate key international policies which are consistent with the Union's Strategy;
2. REQUESTS the Council to review the broad policies governing the direction and orientation of the IUCN Programme;
3. REQUESTS the Council and Director General to ensure that the work of the Commissions and the Regional and Country Offices of the IUCN Secretariat is consistent with and promotes such policies.