

19.68 The Andes

CONSIDERING:

- the great importance of the Andes and of its area of influence as a centre of outstanding biological diversity which is today greatly threatened by human action;
- the fragility of its geological composition and its soils, intensified by its mountainous relief;
- the presence of traditional cultures of great social and scientific value;
- the need for an ethical and dignified treatment of the representatives of these cultures;
- the need for an integrated approach that promotes the protection and recovery of the natural systems of the Andes and their regions of influence, combined with respect for their inhabitants who should necessarily participate actively in this effort;
- the proposal of the South American Members of IUCN regarding the development of an integrated programme for environmental conservation and sustainable development of the Andes;

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

REQUESTS the Director General to support in all possible ways, within available resources, an integrated programme of environmental conservation and sustainable development of the Andes, as proposed by IUCN members in South America, and based upon planning and zoning with instruments such as sustainable development buffer zones and biological corridors between protected areas.

Note. This Resolution was adopted by consensus. The delegation of the State member Norway indicated that had there been a vote, the delegation would have abstained.