

RESOLUTIONS

B. Programme-related

2.14 Strengthening IUCN's use of its Commissions

GRATEFUL for the countless hours that senior experts and other volunteers throughout the world contribute to the work of IUCN through its Commissions;

AWARE that the effectiveness of measures for the conservation of nature and natural resources depends upon engaging the latest scientific knowledge available;

NOTING with thanks the external reviews of the Commissions undertaken by the Council during the period since the 1st Session of the World Conservation Congress (Montreal, 1996);

NOTING also that while the Secretariat of IUCN must have considerable professional expertise, that expertise should be deployed in ways that integrate with, complement, and enable the work of each Commission more effectively; and

WISHING to strengthen the work of the Commissions as key components of IUCN;

The World Conservation Congress at its 2nd Session in Amman, Jordan, 4–11 October 2000:

1. REAFFIRMS the Commissions as essential partners in the design and implementation of IUCN's knowledge-based Overall Programme;
2. REQUESTS the Director General to:
 - (a) investigate a means of evaluating and reporting regularly on the many contributions of time and expertise provided by Commission members in service to IUCN;
 - (b) study the volunteer organization of the Commissions and comparable knowledge networks no later than 2002, and, taking the results of this study into consideration, to recommend to Council the establishment of adequate Secretariat support and coordination systems and other appropriate measures to enhance the voluntary work of the Commissions; and
 - (c) report to the 3rd World Conservation Congress on the measures undertaken to ensure that the voluntary contributions of the Commissions are recognized as a central element in the delivery of the Union's Overall Programme and Financial Plan.