

2.2 Integrating ecosystem management in IUCN's Programme

RECOGNIZING that ecosystem management is an essential element of the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international agreements, as well as national legal instruments;

APPRECIATING the historic role of the former Commission on Ecology as one of IUCN's networks of expert volunteers entrusted to develop and advance the institutional knowledge, experience, and objectives of IUCN under Article 73 of the Statutes;

REAFFIRMING that ecosystem management serves a critical role in implementing the mission of IUCN, that ecosystem management is a Key Result Area for the Programme of IUCN, and that, in addition to being the focus of the Commission on Ecosystem Management, it is also a core element of the work of the Commission on Environmental Law, Species Survival Commission, and the World Commission on Protected Areas; and

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the *Review of IUCN Commissions*, initiated by the Council in accordance with Resolution 19.2 of the 19th Session of the IUCN General Assembly (Buenos Aires, 1994), and in particular the recommendations on the work of the Commission on Ecosystem Management;

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

1. CALLS on Council to assign special attention to ecosystem management in relation to Key Result Area 1 in IUCN's Overall Programme until the next Session of the World Conservation Congress by convening a Working Group on Ecosystem Management, comprising representatives of the Commission on Ecosystem Management, the other interested Commissions, the Secretariat, and the Programme Committee of Council;
2. REQUESTS Council to establish terms of reference for this Working Group, including provisions to:
 - (a) identify how best to organize the work to further the Union's endeavours in the field of ecosystem management and, in particular, to mobilize the expert volunteer knowledge networks in the Commissions;
 - (b) review the mandates of the Commission on Ecosystem Management, and other Commissions, in order to make recommendations to the Council for refining those mandates with respect to ecosystem management;
 - (c) advise the Commissions on appropriate revisions to their strategic plans and programmes to ensure that IUCN takes a comprehensive, Union-wide approach to ecosystem management;
 - (d) consider whether it is also desirable to undertake an external review of the Commission on Ecosystem Management, to be completed before the 3rd World Conservation Congress, and, if so, to propose terms of reference for such a review;

- (e) recommend to the Director General means of structuring Secretariat support for the Union's work on ecosystem management in furtherance of the Union's Overall Programme, with particular regard to Secretariat support for the Commission on Ecosystem Management; and
 - (f) provide that the Working Group's report be submitted to Council no later than the end of May 2001;
3. CALLS on Council, on receipt of the Working Group's report, to:
- (a) recommend to the 3rd Session of the World Conservation Congress whether and how to amend the mandates of the Commission on Ecosystem Management and other Commissions, as they relate to ecosystem management;
 - (b) adopt terms of reference for an external review of the Commission on Ecosystem Management, if such a review is considered necessary; and
 - (c) review with the Director General how to ensure effective Secretariat support for this area of work;
4. REAFFIRMS that ecosystem management is fundamental to the mission of IUCN, requests Council to give priority to this issue between the 2nd and 3rd Sessions of the World Conservation Congress, and to take appropriate action on the recommendations of the Working Group on Ecosystem Management;
5. URGES the Director General to make appropriate provision for secretariat support to the Commission on Ecosystem Management during the interim period, until Council's acceptance of the Working Group report.