

2.5 Regionalization of IUCN – The World Conservation Union

RECALLING the principles cited in Resolution 19.1 *The Strategy of IUCN - The World Conservation Union*, which was adopted by the 19th Session of the IUCN General Assembly (Buenos Aires, 1994);

FURTHER RECALLING that these principles and other elements of the *Strategy* describe a commitment to regionalize the Secretariat's Component Programmes and activities;

NOTING that the 1st Session of the World Conservation Congress (Montreal, 1996) gave further endorsement to the regionalization process;

FURTHER NOTING that various reviews have made recommendations concerning regionalization, and that some progress has been made in efforts to strengthen regionalization in some regions;

CONCERNED that the policy of regionalization requires further development in order to ensure that it is achieved equally in the different regions; and

BELIEVING that regionalization offers the best opportunity for IUCN to effectively implement its Component Programmes and activities and to respond to the needs of its members in different regions with the goal of better achieving the overall aims of the Union;

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

1. REAFFIRMS the policy of regionalization;
2. REQUESTS IUCN's Council to consider the need for additional funding for regional programmes;
3. REQUESTS the Director General to:
 - (a) further encourage regionalization of the Secretariat's Component Programmes in all regions where appropriate;
 - (b) support Regional Offices, where appropriate, enabling them to work with members and Commissions to ensure a systematic approach to regionalization;
 - (c) ensure coherence between IUCN's global and regional programmes, and to facilitate communication and cooperation among regions with respect to these programmes; and
 - (d) keep the implementation of regionalization under review, providing annual reports to Council, and IUCN members.