

RES 3.057 Adapting to climate change: a framework for conservation action

RECALLING Resolutions 2.16 *Climate change, biodiversity, and IUCN's Overall Programme* and 2.17 *Climate and energy* and Recommendation 2.94 *Climate change mitigation and land use* – which promote the need for urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions – adopted by the 2nd IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman, 2000); and

FURTHER RECALLING Recommendation V.5 *Climate Change and Protected Areas* noted by the Vth IUCN World Parks Congress (Durban, 2003), which requested the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas to *inter alia*:

(a) expand partnerships and deepen its expertise in the provision of advice to practitioners, management agencies and communities on options and guidelines for adapting protected areas to the forces of global change; and

(b) identify and communicate best practices to establish methods to anticipate the impacts and opportunities from global change, and adapt management to those changes;

The World Conservation Congress at its 3rd Session in Bangkok, Thailand, 17–25 November 2004:

1. AFFIRMS that conservation actions are likely to fail unless they are adjusted to take account of climate change;

2. AFFIRMS the benefits of early action to assist ecosystems to adapt to climate change;

3. REQUESTS the IUCN Director General to establish a working group that will:

(a) gather information on existing strategies, plans and actions to adapt to climate change;

(b) review existing measures and consider innovative approaches;

(c) develop guidance on conservation best practice in relation to climate change;

(d) disseminate and promote this guidance; and

(e) report annually on progress to IUCN members;

4. INVITES members of IUCN to submit information to the abovementioned working group; and

5. CALLS UPON members of IUCN to adjust their conservation programmes, plans and strategies in the light of observed and projected impacts of climate change and to incorporate conservation and biodiversity concerns in their climate change adaptation strategies and actions.

The Department of State, United States, provided the following statement for the record:

State and agency members United States refrained from engaging in deliberations on this motion and took no national government position on the motion as adopted for reasons given in the US General Statement on the IUCN Resolution Process.