

RES 3.062 The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

RECALLING Resolution 2.55 *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment* adopted by the 2nd IUCN World Conservation Congress (Amman, 2000) that describes the challenge of effectively managing the earth's ecosystems;

RECOGNIZING the contribution that the *Millennium Ecosystem Assessment* (MA) is making to the emergence of a widely accepted conceptual framework to assess ecosystems and human well-being and to the consolidation of a solid foundation of scientific information on the current state, future scenarios and response options in relation to ecosystems and human well-being;

RECOGNIZING the relevance of local, national and regional integrated assessments of ecosystems and human well-being as tools for decision-making for sustainable development;

NOTING the active involvement of IUCN members, Commissions, and Secretariat as authors and reviewers of the MA, and the representation of IUCN on the Board of the MA; and

REAFFIRMING the request in Resolution 2.55 that the IUCN Director General and IUCN members continue to support and be involved in the MA;

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

1. WELCOMES progress made in the MA global and sub-global assessments, and in the recognition of science and traditional knowledge as sources of knowledge on the status of ecosystems and how they can be managed to contribute to human well-being while maintaining biodiversity and the delivery of ecosystem services;
2. REQUESTS the IUCN Director General to disseminate proactively to IUCN members the findings of the MA when they are released;
3. ENCOURAGES the IUCN membership to make full use of the findings of the MA to engage in public discussions and policy dialogues, to identify areas of priority action and to help promote the conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems;
4. REQUESTS that the IUCN Director General and IUCN Commissions, and in particular the Commission on Ecosystem Management and the Commission on Education and Communication, facilitate the communication of the MA findings to members and the dissemination of the tools and methods developed in the MA through, *inter alia*, relevant training and capacity-building activities; and
5. REQUESTS IUCN to take an active role, in cooperation with other international organizations, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), to promote the emergence of stable mechanisms at multiple scales to carry out ongoing assessments of ecosystems and their links with human wellbeing.