

4.102 Advancing knowledge management in conservation

RECOGNIZING the Union's significant knowledge on conservation management and sustainable development and the strategy of empowerment contained in the *IUCN Programme 2009-2012*;

RECALLING that the 2004 *External Review of the IUCN Commissions* recommended that the Commissions work with the Secretariat to review how to develop more effective communication and knowledge management systems;

AWARE that the subsequent IUCN Knowledge Management Study in 2004 (*Mobilizing IUCN's Knowledge to secure a sustainable future*) recommended moving beyond producing knowledge to:

- (a) influencing change;
- (b) making better use of IUCN's intellectual capital by strengthening relationships and sharing knowledge;
- (c) strengthening both external and internal aspects of managing IUCN's knowledge; and
- (d) creating an enabling information and communication technology environment;

AWARE that effective knowledge management is explicit and systematic, focusing on the processes of creating, organizing, diffusing and using knowledge that are vital to achieving IUCN's Mission;

ACKNOWLEDGING that numerous knowledge management initiatives exist within IUCN and its membership, some independent of one another and some spanning IUCN Regions, programmes and Commissions;

CONSIDERING that best practices and standards in knowledge management are rapidly emerging and changing; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that the IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) has incorporated knowledge management in its strategic plan for the period 2009-2012 as one of its key contributions to the Global Results of the IUCN Programme;

The World Conservation Congress at its 4th Session in Barcelona, Spain, 5-14 October 2008:

1. INVITES all IUCN members to collaborate in improving knowledge management practices across the Union; and
2. REQUESTS IUCN's Council to give urgent consideration to knowledge management within the Union's overall Programme before the 5th Session of the World Conservation Congress;

In addition, the World Conservation Congress, at its 4th Session in Barcelona, Spain, 5-14 October 2008, provides the following guidance concerning implementation of the *IUCN Programme 2009-2012*:

3. REQUESTS the Director General, with the assistance of IUCN's Commissions, to formulate standards and guidelines for better knowledge management across the Union.

State and agency members of the United States abstained during the vote on this motion.