

25. International trade in animals caught in the wild for the pet trade

RECOGNIZING that the international trade in animals caught in the wild for the pet trade has had a deleterious effect on many species and populations;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER that exotic animals involved in the pet trade have been introduced into ecosystems and have posed serious threats to native species of fauna and flora;

NOTING that pet animals caught in the wild have been identified as carriers of diseases afflicting both man and his domestic animals;

AWARE that the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) at their 1976 meeting in Bern, Switzerland, recommended that the Parties restrict the keeping as pets of animals caught in the wild and instead rely upon individuals bred in captivity;

The General Assembly of IUCN, at its 14th Session, Ashkhabad, USSR, 26 September-5 October 1978:

RECOMMENDS that all nations prohibit or restrict as appropriate, the entry into the pet trade of animals caught in the wild.