

## 2.25 Conservation of plants

RECOGNIZING the fundamental importance of plants for the maintenance of all other forms of life;

ALARMED at the massive extinction crisis affecting plant species;

NOTING the Plant Conservation Programme that has been developed by the Species Survival Commission (SSC) to address this crisis;

RECOGNIZING the *Gran Canaria Declaration on the Need for a Global Programme for Plant Conservation* issued by 16 of the world's leading botanists, including eight members of the SSC Plant Conservation Committee, on 4 April 2000; and

FURTHER NOTING Decision V/10 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) that agrees to consider the establishment of a global strategy for plant conservation at the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD;

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

1. COMMENDS the Species Survival Commission for its work in developing the Plant Conservation Programme, and calls for the rapid implementation of this Component Programme within the context of IUCN's Overall Programme;
2. ENDORSES the *Gran Canaria Declaration on the Need for a Global Programme for Plant Conservation*;
3. URGES Parties to the CBD to consider the establishment of a global strategy for plant conservation at the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD;
4. REQUESTS the Director General and the Species Survival Commission to provide technical and scientific assistance to the CBD in the development of a global plant conservation strategy;
5. AGREES to assist and promote the development and implementation of a global plant conservation strategy under the auspices of the CBD (Key Result Area 2, Result 6) in IUCN's Overall Programme.