

## **2.38 Cooperation among international and national participants in conservation programmes**

CONSCIOUS that IUCN is a large gathering of countries and national and international organizations sharing a mission and common principles oriented to the conservation of nature and natural resources for which positive interaction and mutual cooperation is extremely desirable, especially in light of the context of increasing globalization;

CONSIDERING that this positive cooperation is of special relevance in the case of international and national non-governmental conservation institutions, especially when they are working in the same countries or places and on common topics, given their often complementary capacities and interests;

NOTING that, nonetheless, more and more frequently there are many situations in which relations among international and national organizations are not cooperative or complementary and, on the contrary, they are interventionist and work competitively, making the work of conservation in a country difficult;

RECOGNIZING that this inconvenient situation is related to the existence of uncoordinated institutional agendas and competition for financial resources; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that there are many examples of positive interactions and cooperation from which to learn and that an effort should be made to promote cooperation among non-governmental members of IUCN;

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

1. REQUESTS the Council and Director General to:
  - (a) study mechanisms that promote closer cooperation and strategies among international and national non-governmental members of IUCN; and
  - (b) encourage National and Regional IUCN Committees to act as facilitators for the creation of strategic alliances and groupings among national and/or regional organizations;
2. REQUESTS international non-governmental organizations that are members of IUCN to cooperate in order to ensure forms of intervention that positively affect and support national, regional, and community efforts and initiatives for conservation in a framework of partnerships that contribute to the strengthening and sustainability of national processes;
3. URGES countries, bilateral and multilateral institutions, foundations, and other donors to develop criteria for assigning financing to international non-governmental organizations that contribute to a positive relationship with national non-governmental, regional, and community conservation organizations in order to create alliances, take advantage of synergies, and consolidate local institutions for conservation and sustainable development.

*This Resolution was adopted by consensus. State and Agency members United States abstained from the adoption by consensus of this Resolution.*