

2.48 IUCN Temperate, Boreal, and Southern Cold Temperate Forests Programme in Russia

RECALLING Resolution 1.19 *A global IUCN temperate, boreal and southern cold temperate forests programme*, adopted by the 1st Session of the World Conservation Congress (Montreal, 1996), which called for establishment of a Global Temperate, Boreal and Southern Cold Temperate Forest Programme;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Russian forests play a crucial role globally in maintaining the biodiversity, cultural, and economic values of the temperate and boreal forests;

NOTING that Russia maintains and preserves the largest areas of intact boreal forests in the world; and

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING that development of participatory decision-making procedures, creation of protected area networks, and development of credible forest certification systems are among many tools to promote protection and sustainable use of boreal forests in Russia;

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

1. URGES all interest groups to include participation as one of the key elements in decision-making processes affecting forests;
2. RECOMMENDS that IUCN strengthens its work on forests by facilitating offers of possibilities to link conservation and sustainable use policies and practices in Russia;
3. CALLS ON IUCN members to mobilize expertise in their countries to support forest conservation and sustainable use in Russia and to develop solutions to the socio-economic problems;
4. CALLS ON IUCN to actively support credible forest certification, as one of the most efficient ways to promote the sustainable use of forests.

This Resolution was adopted by consensus. State and Agency members United States refrained from engaging in deliberations on this Motion and took no national government position on the Resolution as adopted, for reasons given in the US General Statement on the IUCN Resolutions Process (see p. 76).