

2.9 Implementation and monitoring of international conventions

CONSIDERING the difficulties of implementing decisions taken within the framework of conventions, treaties and other international agreements concerning nature conservation;

RECOGNIZING the important role played by IUCN in the preparation of these international agreements and its role in the designation of World Heritage Sites, the analyses of proposed amendments to the Appendices of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and the drafting of guidelines for the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity; and

CONSIDERING that this capacity could be expanded to cover other international conventions, specifically the selection of sites eligible for designation as ‘wetlands of international importance’ under the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention);

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REQUESTS the Director General to strive for better implementation of the conventions, treaties and other international agreements concerning nature conservation by continuing to:

- (a) place the expertise available within IUCN at the disposition of States requesting assistance in this field;
- (b) ensure that the Secretariat’s Component Programmes, as a priority, monitor and assist States to fulfill their obligations as agreed under international agreements; and
- (c) propose pilot actions and support the activities of IUCN members in the context of international agreements.