

## **WCC-2012-Res-040-EN**

### **Endorsement and uniform application of protected area management guidelines**

RECALLING Recommendation V.19.5 of the V<sup>th</sup> World Parks Congress that “IUCN, working in collaboration with partner organizations, urgently produce, through an open, participatory process, a revised, up-dated edition of the 1994 guidelines” on protected area management categories;

ALSO RECALLING Resolution 3.048 *IUCN Guidelines for Protected Area Management Categories* adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Bangkok, 2004), requesting as a priority, a review and updating of the 1994 *IUCN Guidelines on Protected Area Management Categories*;

FURTHER RECALLING the existence of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Task Force on Management Categories formed to respond to Resolution 3.048;

AWARE that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at its Seventh Ordinary Meeting, 9–20 February 2004, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, formally recognized “the value of a single international classification system for protected areas and the benefit of providing information that is comparable across countries and regions” (Decision VII/28);

RECALLING the IUCN WCPA Almeria Summit in 2008, where over a hundred protected area experts from 60 countries reached a strong consensus on revisions to the IUCN definition of protected area and guidance on the protected area management categories;

ALSO RECALLING the 2008 IUCN publication *Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories* produced in response to Resolution 3.048 mentioned above;

FURTHER RECALLING Resolution 4.035 *Strengthening IUCN’s work on protected areas* adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008);

REFERENCING Recommendation 4.123 *Promotion of Category V and VI Protected Areas for biodiversity conservation* adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 2008) which recognized the work of the IUCN WCPA Task Force on Management Categories and the 2008 IUCN publication *Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories* and called for use of the full range of protected area management categories; and

RECALLING the publication in 2011 of the IUCN *Guidelines for Protected Areas Legislation* and its key principles for the use of the IUCN categories in law and policy;

#### ***The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Jeju, Republic of Korea, 6–15 September 2012:***

1. REQUESTS the IUCN membership to endorse the 2008 *Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories*;
2. URGES governments to adopt and apply the 2008 *Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories*; and
3. FURTHER REQUESTS the Director General to ensure that the *Guidelines for Applying Protected Area Management Categories* be applied consistently across IUCN’s One Programme.