

Report of the Committee on Legislation and Administration

The Committee met on the 17th September 1963 during the 8th General Assembly of the IUCN.

(1) The Committee took note of the Chairman's report for the last three years and resolved to submit it to the General Assembly as an annex to this report.

(2) The Committee discussed at considerable length the problems concerning better protection of rare species. It was the view of most who were present that it would only be possible to have an effective convention if it is confined to the protection of rare species. The draft of a resolution was submitted to the Resolution Committee in which it is proposed to have such a convention.

(3) The first Provisional List of Laws, Regulations and Decrees concerning World wide Conservation of Natural Resources was considered to be an essential "tool" for the work of this committee. A draft of a resolution was submitted to the Resolution Committee in which it is proposed how this information can best be abstracted and disseminated to all parties concerned.

(4) The committee approved the contact made by the chairman with the appropriate officers in FAO, Council of Europe and CIC etc. The committee expressed the view that close liaison of this kind is necessary at all times in order to avoid duplication of effort on the one hand and to increase effectiveness on the other. The committee considered it important that a representative be appointed from each interested organisation who would act as its coordinator on all matters concerning legislation etc.

(5) In regard to the membership of this committee the following decisions were taken

(a) The work of this committee is of paramount importance and has now reached a stage where it is too much for one person to handle. The committee hoped that it will be possible in the not too distant future that some of this burden of work can be undertaken by a full time person such as a young lawyer.

(b) Until such time as this appointment is made it is proposed that the best solution is to continue on the lines laid down at the last General Assembly - to appoint a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and a small number of members who have the right to co-opt others who are willing to give their time and experience.

(c) There are a number of nominations but in view of the fact that it was not possible to make any selection it is proposed that this should be done by the Executive Board in consultation with the chairman. It was felt that most of the members should be drawn from those with knowledge and experience of legislation and administration. It would also be highly desirable to have a few members with scientific and practical knowledge of the problems.

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