

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

Eighth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Kyoto (Japan), 2 to 13 March 1992

Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING MARINE TURTLE RANCHING PROPOSALS

1. At the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Lausanne, 1989), a report prepared by IUCN - The World Conservation Union (Doc. 7.36) was considered by Committee I. The Chairman of that Committee reported in the plenary session that the draft resolutions attached to the document were withdrawn because the Working Group which prepared them had been unable to reach an agreement. He added that studies would continue and that IUCN had offered assistance with this project. The Chairman of the meeting concluded that the issue would be re-examined during the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. The Secretariat consulted IUCN several times on the subject and, on 22 May 1991, was formally informed that IUCN had not been able to follow up on the proposed Guidelines for evaluating marine turtle ranching proposals.

In addition, at the 18th Session of the IUCN General Assembly, held in Perth, Australia, in December 1990, a resolution was passed on sea turtle ranching which essentially made it impossible for IUCN to take a continuing role in this matter.

3. Accordingly, the Secretariat is of the opinion that no discussion on guidelines for evaluating marine turtle ranching proposals is possible at the eighth meeting, except to decide whether the issue should be followed up in a different way, through the Animals Committee for example. The discussion regarding document Doc. 8.25 on Detrimental Trade in the Sea Turtles might also be relevant.