



**Inter-American Convention for the
Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles**
First Conference of the Parties
August 6-8, 2002 - San José, Costa Rica

COP1/2002/R-3

**Cooperation and Synergy between the Inter-American Convention for the
Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles and the Convention on the
International Trade of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**

ACKNOWLEDGING, that all the species of sea turtles are listed under Appendix I of the CITES Convention;

ACKNOWLEDGING, also, that all the Signatories and the Parties of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea turtles are also Parties to the CITES Convention;

TAKING NOTE, that as is normal in the CITES Convention, its Preamble recognizes that cooperation is essential for the protection of certain species of wild fauna and flora;

TAKING NOTE, also, that Article IV of the Inter-American Convention establishes, “Compliance with the established obligations in the CITES Convention pursuant to sea turtles, their eggs, parts and products”;

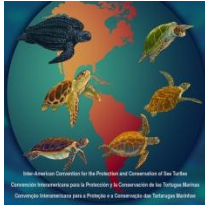
RECALLING, that Chapter 38 of Agenda 21 and the Welcome Decision 19/9c of the Government Council of UNEP which recognizes “The importance of participation of the Program in the promotion and support in the coordination and cooperation with and among environmental agreements and their Secretariats”;

TAKING NOTE, that the Government of Ecuador presented a proposal of resolution to the COP12 of the CITES Convention to be convened in Santiago de Chile, from 3 to 15 November, 2002, entitled “Cooperation and Synergy with the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Marine Turtles”.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

EXHORTS, the Parties of the Inter-American Convention and the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to coordinate their activities with respect to sea turtles and their habitats with the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat of the CITES Convention, including the participation in future meetings of the CITES Convention relative to sea turtles;

EXHORTS, the Parties pertaining to the two Conventions to promote the synergy as appropriate with their national circumstances, and to take measures to achieve coordination among



**Inter-American Convention for the
Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles**
First Conference of the Parties
August 6-8, 2002 - San José, Costa Rica

appropriate national authorities with the governments of the Parties in each Convention so that unnecessary duplication of activities is reduced;

ENTREATS, the Parties of the CITES Convention to in the future consider the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Convention particularly in the event of sea turtle movements occurring within the appendixes of the CITES Convention;

DECIDES, that the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat of the Inter-American Convention transmit to the Secretariat of the CITES Convention these and other relevant Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Convention; and,

INVITES, the Secretariat of the CITES Convention to participate as observer in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Convention as well as in its Subsidiary Organs.

San José, Costa Rica, August 2002