



RESOLUTION #8



TITLE:
**Community-Owned And Community-
Managed Nature Conservancies**

WHEREAS

Wild lands across the planet are being lost at an unprecedented rate, causing ecosystem and species decline,

AND the consequent loss of wild biodiversity is accelerating resource deprivation, inequity and alienation of rural and urban populations from traditional, sustainable lifestyles, cultures and practices,

AND this is now destabilising global climate, thus aggravating our water, food, economic and social insecurity.

THEREFORE

As participants of the 10th World Wilderness Congress, gathered here in Salamanca, Spain, we are united in our conviction that rewilding the planet, bit by bit, is vital for the survival of humans and all life forms,

AND encouraging nature's self-repairing systems to regenerate and return unproductive, marginal farmlands and damaged commons, to diverse and functional natural ecosystems, is crucial to human well being and security.

RECOGNIZE that Community Nature Conservancies will help nations by playing a direct role in sequestering and storing carbon, creating sustainable livelihoods, shoring up water and food security and moderating the impact of floods and droughts.

RESOLVED

WE THEREFORE CALL UPON governments of the world, together with non-governmental organisations, to legally recognise, enable, empower, finance and technically support the creation of community-owned and community-managed nature conservancies, particularly those abutting extant protected areas, so as to allow wild plants and animals to recolonise wild lands, and reclaim lost ground through the ancient interactions that originally created the earth's biodiversity.

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