



RESOLUTION #9

TITLE:
**Co-Creating
a New Generation of Conservation**



WHEREAS

We congratulate and support statements by young peoples (youth and young professionals) in international policy fora, including, *inter alia*:

- Respecting (bio)diversity is respecting life, a Declaration by the International Youth Summit “Go4BioDiv” at the Convention on Biological Diversity 9th Conference of Parties in Bonn, Germany (May 2008)
- Resolution 4.098 “Intergenerational partnerships: fostering ethical leadership for a just, sustainable and peaceful world” at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, Spain (2008) and Resolution 8: “Increasing youth engagement and intergenerational partnership across and through the Union” at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Jeju, South Korea (2012)
- Resolution 8: “*Young Professional involvement in Nature Conservation and IUCN-WCPA*” and Resolution 42: “WILD10 as an empowering platform for children and youth” that was passed at Wild9 in Merida, Mexico (2009)
- “Networking Among Young Land and Sea Managers” statement that came out of the youth and young professionals participating at the World Indigenous Network Conference in Darwin, Australia (May 2013)

We recognize the efforts of those who have been working to support broader and more meaningful participation of youth and young professionals concerned and engaged in land and sea governance and conservation of biocultural diversity.

THEREFORE

We commend The Wild Foundation, The Murie Center and Simon Jackson, founder of the Spirit Bear Youth Coalition for creating CoalitionWILD, a movement of people under 35 to create a wilder world by providing a social media platform for innovative ideas, on-the-ground projects, activities and events, while focusing attention on the power of younger generations to initiate change.

We acknowledge the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas’ (WCPA) Young Professionals Specialist Group (SG), a collective forum of like-minded youth and young professionals 35 and under of different generations, geographies, and genders associated with protected areas and conservation in diverse capacities, that works to foster intergenerational partnerships to contribute in meaningful ways to the work of WCPA and broader IUCN in valuing and conserving biodiversity, governing nature’s use and sharing its benefits equitably, and deploying nature-based solutions to global challenges.

We recognize the collaboration between CoalitionWILD and the IUCN WCPA Young Professionals SG and the dynamic synergies that occur when networks of inspired young people work together and in

intergenerational partnership for social transformation and restoration and protection of a wild and protected planet.

RESOLVED

1. To further support young peoples through:

- intergenerational partnerships and mentorships providing opportunities for co-learning and co-creating a wild and protected planet;
- connecting young peoples to financial resources that support their projects and initiatives;
- connecting sponsors with suitable programmes being led or co-led by young people;
- contributing towards professional and capacity development for young peoples (e.g., educational resources and experiential opportunities alongside elders)

2. To support collaboration between young peoples' groups in forming a global young peoples' alliance and movement for nature and wilderness conservation that is just and inclusive of all peoples, cultures, languages, genders and ideologies.

3. To share, provide or create positive examples that can be replicated worldwide, including, inter alia:

- indigenous and local communities' traditions of intergenerational education and sharing of traditional knowledge;
- positive messaging, stories and models that contribute to a wild and protected planet;
- engaging in critical, adaptive and iterative processes that evolve more effective and impactful initiatives;

4. To strengthen the voices, impact and power of young people by, inter alia:

- increasing media platforms that feature young peoples' voices and initiatives;
- increasing the presence of young people in existing social, political, economic and media platforms;
- connecting young people to decision-makers and representatives of political power in meaningful and impactful ways;
- involving young people in budgeting and financial decision making that impacts upon nature conservation;
- involving young people as equals in strong and meaningful decision making roles that impact upon environmental governance;

5. To co-create alternative paradigms that provide new and innovative solutions to our social and ecological challenges, e.g., inter alia:

- support young people in crowd-sourcing or social entrepreneurship as an alternative to corporate financing for nature conservation projects;
- develop conservation cooperatives that share resources (e.g., equipment and transport) and skills;
- design meetings, conferences, projects and initiatives in coherence with permaculture principles and regenerative design;

- a new social compact or an agreement between humans of diverse languages and cultures, different global regions, age groups, ideologies and degrees of power or wealth, united in a shared vision and compassion for the well-being of the Earth and generations of all life to come.

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