

- RESOLUTION #:** 4
- TITLE:** Wilderness – A Criterion for World Heritage Listing
- WHEREAS:** Under current Operational Guidelines for the consideration of nominated natural area properties, the conservation of important wilderness values of the area nominated for inscription on the list of World Heritage properties is relegated to being either a factor influencing the biophysical integrity or an element of the conservation of the scenery criterion.
- THEREFORE:** A wilderness criterion is necessary under the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention for natural area properties to reflect the true value and role of wilderness in this increasingly crowded world;
- Identification, recognition and promotion of wilderness that would follow the establishment of such a World Heritage criterion would provide adequate protection of intrinsic values and more people with life changing experiences and thereby provide the inspiration to work for a more environmentally sustainable society;
- A wilderness World Heritage criterion would also help to secure a higher priority for nature-focused management for the reserves listed under that criterion.
- RESOLVED:** The 8th World Wilderness Congress requests the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO to include wilderness value as one of the criteria in the World Heritage Operational Guidelines for the assessment of natural areas nominated for World Heritage listing.
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