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MODULE # V

Unit # 23: International Organizations which contribute to Wildlife Conservation and Preservation

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23.1 The Learning Objectives:

1. to be able to define the concepts of conservation and preservation;

2. to be able to characterize the different types of international organizations involved in wildlife conservation and preservation;

3. to be able to describe the role of the World Wildlife Fund.

23.2 How is this Unit Organized?

This unit simply presents a list of the major organizations involved. It also lists items on the net where further information could be obtained on these organizations.

23.3 What is Conservation *vs.* Preservation ?

WILDLIFE:
- All species of animals ranging from Megavertebrates to Invertebrates.
- Flora and Fauna which has had no intervention by mankind.

CONSERVATION:
- A form of preservation as an option of nonuse.
- *in situ* Conservation- preservation of the animal within its natural habitat;
- *ex situ Conservation*- preservation of the animal outside of its natural habitat.

PRESERVATION:
- Suggests not touching but leaving the system intact.

23.4 Categories of International Organizations which contribute to Wildlife Conservation and Preservation

1. International Intergovernmental Organizations
   - United Nations Development Programme [UNDP],
   - United Nations Environment Programme [UNEP],
   - Food and Agricultural Organization [FAO],
   - World Health Organization [WHO],
   - United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization [UNESCO],
   - United Nations Centre for Human Settlements " Habitat" [UNCHS],
   - United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean[UNECLAC],
   - United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development [UNCSD],

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Secretariats of various International Conventions and Agreements
- Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild fauna and Flora [CITES],
- Convention on the Protection of Wetlands of International Importance [RAMSAR](Wetland Protection),
- Convention on Biodiversity [CBD],
- Global Environmental Facility [GEF],
- International Convention on Climatic Change
- Montreal Protocol

2. Regional Inter-Governmental Organizations
   - e.g. CARICOM; OECS

3. International Non-Governmental Organizations [NGOs]
   - CAB International,
   - Greenpeace International,
   - World Resources Institute [WRI],
   - World Wildlife Fund for Nature,
   - World Wildlife Fund,
   - The World Conservation Union [IUCN],
   - World Conservation Monitoring Centre [WCMC],

4. Regional NGOs
   - e.g. World Wildlife Fund (US), (UK), etc.

5. Bilateral Donors
   - e.g.
   - United States Agency for International Development [USAID],
   - Canadian International Development Agency [CIDA],

6. Multilateral Donors

These organizations all have mandates which can be collectively listed as follows:
1. Advocacy
2. Specialized Technical support
3. Policy Dialogue
4. Policy Interventions
5. Policy Research and Think Thanks
   - Policies which would stimulate conservation
   - Co-management Policies, to encourage legal arrangements for dialogue and interventions by
     - Government
     - People

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- NGOs

6. Species Research
7. Ecosystems Research
   - Balanced Research
8. Financial Support
9. Community Level Support
10. Public Awareness
11. Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building

23.5 Role of the World Wildlife Fund

1. Create and Preserve Protected Areas
2. Protect species of concern
3. Link Conservation and human needs
4. Build Conservation Capacity
5. Address Global Threats

23.6 Recommended Readings

Internet Searches:

1. Yahoo: Search.. Society and Culture: Environment and Nature

2. Yahoo: Search.. Science: Zoology : Wildlife... Wildlife Management

3. Yahoo: Search.. Science: Zoology : Wildlife... World Resources Institute

4. Yahoo: Search.. Science: Zoology : Wildlife... World Resources Institute...International Environmental Agreements and Conventions

5. Yahoo: Search.. Science: Zoology : Wildlife... World Resources Institute...Political Ecology : The International system of Governance

6. Yahoo: Search.. Science: Zoology : Wildlife... IUCN the World Conservation Union

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