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International Assistance

Talamanca-La Amistad Reserves (Costa Rica)

Background: The Talamanca-La Amistad Reserves were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1983. US\$ 14,300 was provided in 1982 for in-situ training of the wardens of these reserves. After its inscription on the World Heritage List, the World Heritage Committee approved US\$ 25,000, in 1983, for the development of the site's infrastructure. This project was completed in 1984. In 1985 the Committee approved US\$ 20,000 for the organization of more in-situ training workshops and an additional US\$ 20,000 for infrastructure development, respectively. The implementation of both these projects began only in 1988 and the first payments of US\$ 18,000 made under each of them have not yet been fully utilized. In 1988, the Committee approved an additional US\$ 30,000 for strengthening the protection of the Pacific Sector of this site. A sum of US\$ 20,000 made as first payment for this Pacific Sector project has still not been fully utilized. Costa Rica has paid a part of its 1991 contribution to the World Heritage Fund.

Description of Request: The Costa Rican authorities submitted a request in November 1990, covering a three-year period, for constructing guard posts, demarcation of boundaries in selected areas, establishment of communication facilities, prevention of forest fires, organization of environmental educational activities and research studies, and training three guards in 'para-taxonomy'.

National Contribution: A sum of US\$ 137,200 covering professional and technical services (US\$ 64,200), infrastructure and vehicles (US \$ 33,000) and travel and

equipment (US\$ 40,000) is to be made available from national sources.

Amount Requested: A sum of US \$ 155,000, over three years, has been requested from the Fund to cover construction and operational costs of guard posts (US\$ 13,500), establishing communication facilities between the Atlantic and Pacific Sectors of the site (US\$ 28,000), demarcation of boundaries (US \$ 9,000), research studies and investigations (US\$ 6,210), prevention of forest fires (US\$ 6,900), environmental educational activities (US\$ 16,140), operational assistance (US\$ 4,450), administrative and related expenses (US\$ 15,000) and the training of 'para-taxonomists' (US\$ 55,000).

Additional information: The Committee, at its last session, approved an amount of US \$ 50,000 under two conditions: a) the Costa Rican authorities report on the completion of the previous projects and b) revision of the site's boundaries in accordance with IUCN recommendations. The Committee instructed the Bureau to determine whether these conditions had been met before deciding whether to award an appropriate amount to Costa Rica. The Bureau, at its last session held from 17-21 June 1991 found that neither of these conditions had been fully met and hence deferred the decision to award any part of the US\$ 50,000 until the next session of the Committee.

The Costa Rican authorities through maps annexed to their letter of 15 November 1991 have shown the revised boundaries of the site. These maps have been transmitted to IUCN. The Costa Rican authorities have also in the same letter given their agreement for the inscription of the Talamanca-La Amistad Reserves of Costa Rica and the La Amistad National Park of Panama as a single site on the World Heritage List. However, there has not been any progress with respect to the implementation of projects for which funds have been approved and the situation remains the same as reported at the last session of the Committee.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may approve the US\$ 50,000 on the condition that it would only be released during 1992 if all other projects for which funds have been obligated are completed.

Machu Picchu Historic Sanctuary (Peru)

Background: This site was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1983. A sum of US\$ 26,500 was provided in 1987 for the implementation of a selected number of actions recommended by the management plan which was available at that time. A further sum of US\$ 8,000 was also made available in 1987 for training activities in the site. In

1988, US\$ 20,000 was provided under emergency assistance as a contribution for the purchase of fire-fighting equipment. Following the damage caused by the fire and due to several changes in areas surrounding the Sanctuary the Peruvian authorities decided to prepare a Master Plan for the site and its environs. A preparatory assistance project for US\$ 15,000 was approved by the Chairperson during 1989 in order to draw up a technical co-operation project for elaborating a Master Plan for the Historic Sanctuary and surrounding areas. Two supplementary amounts of US\$ 4,000 and US\$ 6,000 were approved by the Chairperson in 1991 to the same preparatory assistance project since expenses rose far above initial estimates. This preparatory assistance project was completed in October 1991 and a detailed proposal for the preparation of the Master Plan was submitted to the Peruvian authorities. Peru has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund up to 1991.

Description of Request: The multi-institutional Technical Commission for Machu Picchu wishes to implement during April 1992-December 1993 the technical co-operation project which has been the outcome of the preparatory assistance project carried out with the support of the World Heritage Fund.

National contribution: The national contribution of US\$ 76,928 will cover the salaries and other benefits of 36 project personnel over a period of 22 months (US\$ 58,000) and the costs related to providing facilities and support services during the seminars, workshops and other project activities (US\$ 18,928).

Amount Requested: A sum of US\$ 90,000 for the period April 1992-December 1993 is requested to cover the following: fees, international and local travel and per-diem of two consultants in the fields of protected areas (US\$ 17,920) and archaeology (US\$ 12,920) and fees, local travel and per-diem of a Peruvian consultant (in the field of archaeology; US\$ 3,670) covering a total of 114 person-days; travel, per diem and organizational expenses of one informative seminar each for high-level personnel, technical officers and the public (US\$ 7,730); local transport (US\$ 1,300), stipends for 35 members of a planning team of which 12 will work for 20 months (US\$ 7,200) and the other 23 for 15 months (US\$ 3,450); food, lodging and other expenses for 300 person-days at Machu Picchu and surrounding areas (US\$ 7,600); research and technical studies (US\$ 2,800), administrative and support costs (US\$ 800), photocopier, computer and software, camera and other miscellaneous equipment (US\$ 9,300), consumable items (US\$ 7,530), publication of the Master Plan (US\$ 2,000) and unforeseen costs and adjustment for inflation (US\$ 4,000).

Action by the Committee: The Committee is requested to consider approving an initial sum of US\$ 40,000 for the period between April-December 1992.

Niokolo-Koba National Park (Senegal)

Background: The Niokolo-Koba National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1981. A sum of US\$ 27,031 was provided in 1982 for the purchase of camping and radio-communication equipment. In 1990, US\$ 20,000 was provided for consultancy services for an environmental and socio-economic impact study of a road construction project through the Park. The study had been completed and the major findings of the study were reported at the last session of the Bureau. Senegal has paid its contributions to the World Heritage Fund up to 1991.

Description of request: The Senegalese authorities have requested financial assistance for the purchase of two all-terrain vehicles to improve the patrolling within and around the Park. Such increased patrolling will be needed particularly because activity in and around the Park is likely to increase due to the road construction project.

National contribution: The Senegalese authorities will meet all operational and maintenance costs of the vehicles which they hope to purchase using assistance from the World Heritage Fund.

Amount requested: A sum of US\$ 60,000 has been requested to cover the purchase of two Mitsubishi double-cabin camionnettes and their shipment to Senegal. The Secretariat's enquiries with the Equipment Procurement Section of UNESCO as well as with the suppliers indicated that the amount needed for the purchase of the vehicle had been over-estimated by about 20-25%.

Action by the Committee: The Committee may wish to consider approving a sum of US \$ 45,000 with the provision for the Chairperson to approve additional sums if necessary.