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IUCN REVIEW

World Heritage Nomination

1. NAME: Tikal National Park (established 1957)
2. LOCATION: Pétan Province, Guatemala
3. NOMINATED BY: Government of Guatemala
Director, Institute of Anthropology and History
4. DOCUMENTATION:
 - i) Nomination form
 - ii) Bibliography
 - iii) Balance of documentation sent to ICOMOS relevant to primary consideration as a cultural site.
 - iv) From IUCN files - Tikal National Park - Master Plan 1972.

EVALUATION:

The area has been evaluated against the operational guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention as amended by the World Heritage Committee at its 2nd Meeting.

1. IUCN has no comment on the cultural characteristics or qualities of the site except as they relate to man and his natural environment.
2. The master plan for the 576 sq. km. National Park recognizes the predominant cultural character of the nomination.
3. The master plan stresses "Tikal's 576 sq. miles provides one of the great natural preserves of the world." (p.41)

COMMENT:

Tikal National Park is first and foremost a cultural site; it also represents a poorly understood relationship between man and nature - this was at one time very sensitive but is now less so - in any event, the nomination meets criteria C (10)ii and, because of species' diversification, C.10(iv).

RECOMMENDATION:

Place Tikal National Park on the World Heritage List.

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