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ITEM 8 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA: MONITORING OF THE STATE OF CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES AND LINKED TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

- 1. The report prepared by IUCN for natural properties is attached, which includes several recommendations for the Committee.
- 2. For point A. 1. the Committee's attention is drawn to the fact that the Tanzanian authorities, by letter of 27 September 1988, have requested that the Ngorongoro Conservation Area be <u>maintained</u> on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

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IUCN MONITORING REPORT TO THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE DECEMBER 1988

A. NATURAL PROPERTIES ON THE LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE IN DANGER

1. Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania

Danger for

Conditions under which this area was threatened are now greatly improved. Equipment has been made available through the World Heritage Fund and IUCN is working to strengthen policy, planning and training activities with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism. Steps to remove the area from the Danger list have been initiated.

2. Doudj, National Park, Senegal

Water supply to this park is now assured as a sluice is under construction and a management plan is being prepared. Management problems still exist but the major threat is under control. Steps to remove the site from the Danger list have been initiated and agreed to by the Senegalese authorities.

B. OTHER NATURAL PROPERTIES

3. Niokolo-Koba National Park, Senegal

A proposal for a new road through this park which would have significant impact was studied by an IUCN consultant in June. A final decision is still pending and the Committee should request to be informed.

4. Manu National Park, Peru

Shell Petroleum and Petroperu have made commercial discovery of natural gas next to the park and an expanded exploration effort is to proceed. Access roads and pipeline system will bring in many workers and settlers next to the western boundary. No guard posts are located here at present. A letter of inquiry to the Royal Dutch Shell headquarters and to the Peruvian authorities should be sent.

5. Tai National Park, Côte d'Ivoire

IUCN has brought this site to the attention of the Committee four times since 1982, recommending it for consideration in the List of World Heritage in Danger. The values of the park have been considerably eroded since it was inscribed through gold mining, poaches, illegal settlement and felling of timber inside the park. The Committee should make further attempts for information from the Tai authorities recognising that prospects for some improvements are now possible through a WWF-funded project in the park.

6. General

Previous conservation status reports requested by the Committee for Mt. Nimba, Ichkeul, Los Glacieres, Machu Picchu and Huascaran have not yet been received from the State parties concerned. A report requested at the 1985 Committee meeting on the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is also now due.

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