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Request from Ecuador for assistance in connection with the
organization of a training seminar

1. The Secretariat has received the attached request from Ecuador for financial assistance amounting to \$12,000 in connection with the organization of a ten-day seminar in the Galapagos for national park personnel (superintendent level). The subject of the seminar is the management of national park areas and, in particular, world heritage sites. Participants are to be invited from nine other Latin American countries. The funds requested are to cover the travel and subsistence expenses of four high-level specialists and three participants from States Parties to the Convention (Argentina, Brazil and Costa Rica) and administrative expenses; details are to be found in the attached request.

2. Since the seminar is due to take place from 22 November to 1 December 1979, this request is submitted to the Bureau at its third session for its recommendation.

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Request for technical cooperation
submitted by Ecuador

Training Seminar in the Galapagos

1. Country	ECUADOR
2. Date of submission	24 August 1979
3. Type of project for which assistance is requested	<p>Project concerns:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> property included in World Heritage List</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> identification of cultural or natural property</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> national or regional training centre</p> <p>Please mark appropriate box</p>
<p>4. Projects concerning properties included in World Heritage List (or nominated for inclusion therein)</p> <p>I. Details of property</p> <p>(a) Date of inscription on World Heritage List</p> <p>(b) Brief description of property</p>	<p>Project concerns a seminar involving the training of Galapagos National Park professional staff (as well as other Ecuadorean and Latin American professionals) in the significance and proper management of a World Heritage property.</p> <p>a. September, 1978</p> <p>b. Approximately 88% of the land mass comprising the Galapagos Islands, 1000 kilometers from the Ecuadorean coastline in the Pacific Ocean.</p>
(c) Legal status of property	<p>Legally established as a National Park by Decree in July, 1959 , and is completely protected as a result of two succeeding Decrees. All of the park area is free of human occupancy and completely owned by the Ecuadorean government. Access is controlled by the Park administration, most of the access being in the form of a managed tourism program.</p>

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4.II. Details of request

(a) *Detailed description of danger to property*

Give fullest details possible of imminent or potential dangers to the condition of the property. This description should justify the need for the project and should provide indications on the degree of urgency of the activities to be undertaken. If possible, it should be supported by documentary evidence, drawings, maps, etc., which should be listed under this item.

(b) *Objectives and expected impact of proposed project*

List and describe the objectives and expected impact of the proposed project in terms of scientific interest, cultural interest, educational value (including training opportunities for local staff and impact on the general public's interest in conservation), social and economic consequences, etc. Include information on experimental activities that are foreseen, expected multiplier effects and any direct or indirect benefits for other sectors of activity.

(c) *Proposed activities to be undertaken*

Describe in specific terms the activities to be undertaken under the project, distinguishing between those to be financed nationally and those for which technical co-operation is requested (see front page of this form for the type of assistance which may be requested under the Convention). Indicate the estimated duration of the project.

For the provision of specialists, technicians and skilled labour, indicate the precise field of specialization and the work to be undertaken by each specialist as well as the duration required. For the training of staff, give details on the specialization in which training is required, the level required and the length of training requested. If possible, propose an institution at which training could be provided. For the supply of equipment, provide a detailed list of the equipment requested, complete with all references. In the event that services are required from a specific organization specialized in the subject work, such organization should be identified and the nature of the service specified.

If low interest or interest-free loans are requested, provide all relevant information, including the activities to be financed under the loan, the dates on which the funds are required, the length of period for which the loan is requested, etc. It should be noted that the granting of loans will be the subject of separate financial arrangements dealing with guarantees, repayment schedules, interest rates to be charged, etc.

N.B. In the case of requests for technical co-operation on a large scale, leave Section 4.II:c blank and complete instead Section 9b and c.

4.II. Details of request

(a) Detailed description of danger to property

The Galapagos National Park, because of its large size, its fragile island ecosystems, and status as a World Heritage property, requires knowledgeable, well-trained personnel to administer and manage its resources. The present personnel is well-intentioned but lacking in adequate training. This is also the case with most of Ecuador's national park professionals. As with most Latin American countries, the National Park concept is a new one, and those professionals in charge of managing these special areas are sorely lacking in the basic administrative and managerial principles which are essential for maintaining the ecological and esthetic values of a national park.

(b) Objectives and expected impact of proposed project

The project contemplates a Seminar on the Management of National Parks, Reserves, and similar Areas in Latin America in Recognition of the Inclusion of Galapagos as a World Heritage Property.

The seminar is expected to a) improve the administrative and managerial capabilities of the participating national park personnel at the professional level, and b) make Galapagos and other park personnel from Latin America aware of the importance of proper management of World Heritage Trust properties. It is expected that knowledge of the World Heritage program and knowledge of proper management of such areas will be transmitted to all of the participating countries by means of the respective delegates. Newspaper articles concerning the seminar and the status of Galapagos as a World Heritage property will be published in Ecuadorean newspapers.

(c) Proposed activities to be undertaken

- with national financing
- with assistance under the Convention

Seminar will be carried out in the period 22 November - 1 December, 1979.

National financing:

- Travel and subsistence costs for national participants
- Salary of secretary for elaboration of seminar document
- Travel for seminar participants on day excursions in Galapagos.

With assistance under the convention:

- Travel and subsistence expenses of specialists, including representative from WHT, and some of the Latin American participants.
- Necessary administrative materials and expenses and seminar document.

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5. Identification projects

If technical co-operation is requested for the identification of cultural or natural property, give details of the results of preliminary investigations undertaken, and provide references thereof (e.g. name of body or expert(s) having carried out investigations with dates, references of report, if published, etc.). Give precise details on the type of assistance required (specialists, equipment, funds).

6. Training projects

If technical co-operation is requested for national or regional centres for the training of staff and specialists, provide all relevant details on the institution concerned (courses offered, level of instruction, details on teaching staff, number of students and country of origin thereof, etc.). Indicate the type of assistance requested: give precise details on the field of specialization and the level of teaching staff requested, the duration required, the equipment needed, etc.

5. Identification projects

6. Training projects

The project involves the holding of a seminar in Galapagos concerning the management of national park areas with particular emphasis on World Heritage properties and problems encountered at the field level by park superintendents. Special reference will be made to the World Heritage program and its significance for wildlands areas in Latin America. Participants are invited from 9 different Latin American countries: Costa Rica, Colombia, Venezuela, Surinam, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brasil and Cuba, as well as Ecuador. Participants are requested to be at the superintendent level, and are asked to give a short exposition of a particular management problem they have encountered in their work.

Technical cooperation is requested from specialists in different fields of wildlands management in order to increase knowledge and expertise of the participants concerning management principles and the role and importance of the World Heritage and MAB programs.

The seminar will last 10 days (travel to and from Galapagos included). Names of invited specialists and their fields are:

- Charles Wendt, USNPS - Protection methods and principles
- Craig MacFarland, CATIE - Wildlife management
- Berndt von Droste, UNESCO - WHS, MAB
- Angel Paucar - Parks Ecuador - Wildlife management
- Gerardo Budowski, CATIE - Tourism
- Alan Moore, Galapagos NP - Parks and human populations
- Gary Witterberg, USNPS - Comparative development of Latin American national parks
- Arturo Ponce - Parks Ecuador - National strategy for national parks development in Ecuador
- Luis Maldonado, Metropolitan Touring - National parks and tourism in Ecuador
- Kenton Miller, Univ. of Michigan - Park management principles
- Hendrick Hoeck, Darwin Station - Scientific research and national parks
- Edmundo Fahrenkrog, Chile - Training opportunities and priorities for park management personnel

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7. Approximate cost of these activities

Indicate the total cost of the proposed activities, and give a breakdown of the total cost:

- (i) by type of assistance (see front page for the different categories) and
- (ii) by source of financing:
 - (1) government contribution in cash;
 - (2) government contribution in kind;
 - (3) contribution requested under the Convention; and
 - (4) contributions from other sources (bilateral, multilateral).

In the case of specialist services requested under the Convention, indicate only the level of the specialists (high level or medium level) and the number of man-months of services required.

N.B. The Convention provides that a request for technical co-operation should "define . . . the reasons why the resources of the State requesting assistance do not allow it to meet all the expenses".

In the case of requests for technical co-operation on a large scale, leave this section blank and complete instead section 9d in Annex 1.

8. National body responsible for the project and details of project administration

Specify name, address and functions of Government agency responsible for the project and describe how the project will be administered (i.e. the relationship between project and other activities administered by the government agency; the national personnel available to administer the project, etc.).

Indicate if other institutions are involved in the project and if so, the co-ordination mechanism established.

Indicate the provisions made for Government follow-up of the project's results.

7. Approximate cost of these activities

- Paid nationally
- Requested under the Convention

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF SEMINAR US\$ 22,000

EXPENSES PAID NATIONALLY:

Travel expenses for national participants:	1,750
Subsistence expenses " "	2,000
Salary of secretary	250
Galapagos excursion expenses	<u>500</u>
TOTAL	US\$ 4,500

FUNDS REQUESTED UNDER CONVENTION:

Travel expenses for 4 high level specialists including international and national airfare and Galapagos land fares	US\$ 3,350
Subsistence expenses for 4 high level specialists in Quito and Galapagos	1,100
Travel expenses for 3 participants from Argentina, Brasil, Coast Rica, including international and national airfare and Galapagos land travel.	2,600
Subsistence expenses for 3 participants in Quito and Galapagos	950
Administrative expenses (telegrams, letters), seminar materials and elaboration of seminar document	2,000
Unexpected expenses	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	US\$ 12,000

TOTAL COSTS COVERED BY NATIONAL FUNDS AND THOSE REQUESTED UNDER CONVENTION US\$16,500

8. National body responsible for the project and details of project administration


Funds amounting to the total needed funds (apprx \$6,000) have been requested from the US Park Service and WWF - USA. It is still pending.

Expenses of 3 specialists are not included in the budget since these funds have already been accounted for.

Ecuador is unable to meet more of the seminars funding needs due to administrative restrictions concerning the spending of government funds.

Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganaderia
Direccion General Forestal
Departamento de Administracion de Areas y Vida Silvestre
Parque Nacional Galapagos

Details of the project and seminar are being dealt with directly in Galapagos by Park personnel and response to this request should be made to the Park Superintendent, Sta. Cruz, Galapagos, Ecuador.

Signed (on behalf of the State Party) 

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Date 24 August 1979