



INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION

STIRLING RESOLUTION

We fully reiterate and confirm the continued relevance of the original Zakopane Declaration of May 1995 which is as pertinent now as it was then. In addition, we make three further statements to be annexed to that original document:

- We condemn the lack of recognition in certain countries of the relevant skills needed by rangers for the care of Protected Areas. Effective protection is more than simple law enforcement and unless this is fully recognised, there is a real risk of major losses in the Natural and Cultural resources of the world's Protected Areas.
- We proudly welcome to our ranks those rangers from Indigenous Member Associations, and are convinced that it will significantly help achieve better Protected Area Management.
- Protected Area Management authorities should require, or at least encourage nature based tourism and hunting agents to undergo independent management effectiveness assessments against accepted standards in respect of their operations within the Protected Areas.

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