



RESOLUTION #20

TITLE: Reduction of water pollution for the recovery of the Sali basin, Tucumán, Argentina

WHEREAS:

- The Salí Basin is an essential source of water for the existence of more than 5 ecoregions, including the Yungas forest, one of the most diverse areas in Argentina.
- That it is the main tributary of the Mar Chiquita lagoon (Cordoba, Argentina), declared a Ramsar site in 2002.
- That many cities and towns need the rivers from the basin for drinking and other water, recreation, fisheries, etc.
- That pollution by industries and cities in that watershed has reached alarming levels, leading some of the rivers involved to anoxia, with the consequent disappearance of animals and plants in aquatic environment and terrestrial environment changing.
- That most of the pollution is caused by the discharge of industrial effluents and urban areas of the province of Tucuman.

THEREFORE:

- Wild 9 considers it necessary to preserve watersheds with water quality that can maintain biodiversity while providing for humans, and therefore in this situation it is necessary to reduce the anthropogenic impact in that basin.

RESOLVED:

The 9th World Wilderness Congress resolves:

- Urge national authorities in Argentina, and in particular those of the province of Tucuman to perform adequate planning and management for sustainable use of the Sali basin
- Require industries and municipalities to urgently reduce the impact on the river basin using appropriate effluent treatment and participate in the recovery of the aquatic environment.
- Request to the appropriate authorities to be included in school teaching plans (through science, art, math, reading and possible field-based environmental education) the importance of preserving the water quality of rivers in the Salí basin, and the existing problems and also disclose the existence of environmental laws and policies that protect the basin.

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