

Pescasseroli Declaration 2010

On the occasion of the EUROPARC Federation 2010 conference, September 29th - October 2nd,
in the Abruzzo, Lazio and Molise National Park Italy

2010 is the International year of Biodiversity. Protected areas are the keystones in the preservation of Europe's biodiversity and models of sustainable development.

We , the EUROPARC Federation, therefore

CALL UPON

National and Regional Governments and the European Commission

to recognise and reflect in their policies, programmes and resource allocations the need to ensure biodiversity is maintained and ecosystem services secured for the future natural health and economic wealth of Europe.

to use the skills and experience built up in Protected Areas to pilot innovative approaches to integrated land use and sustainable rural development;

to integrate relevant public policies that will enable Protected Areas to better fulfil their

The TEEB report³ which underlined the urgency for policy makers to recognize the need to secure positive support for biodiversity management as "*All economic activity and most of human well being, whether in an urban or non urban setting, are based on a healthy, functioning environment. Nature's multiple and complex values have direct economic impacts on human well being and public spending at a local and well as national level*"³

and also,

The G8 Environment Ministers declaration through the **Carta di Siracusa** that "*The multiple challenges that the world faces today are an unmistakable indication that we need to strengthen our efforts to conserve and sustainably manage biodiversity and natural resources.*"

And further the agreement of

The **Council of European Union** on a headline target of "*halting the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services in the EU by 2020, and restoring them in so far as feasible.*"reaffirming that "*Protected areas and ecological networks are a cornerstone of efforts to preserve biodiversity STRESS the need to fully*

³TEEB is an independent study, led by Pavan Sukhdev, hosted by United Nations Environment Programme with financial support from the European Commission; Germany, UK, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. Mr. Sukhdev also spearheads the Green Economy Initiative of the UN Environment Programme. The TEEB for Local and Regional Policy Makers report is one of a series of five interconnected reports. These include the Report on Ecological and Economic Foundations, TEEB for Policy Makers and TEEB for Business. A TEEB for citizens website goes live in the lead up to Nagoya and the final TEEB synthesis report will be released at the CBD COP10 meeting at Nagoya in October 2010.

In accordance with Environment Ministers of Australia, Brasil, Cina, Czech Republic, Egipt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Republic of Korea, South Africa and Sweeden.

⁵DG I 1A EN, Council of the European Union, Brussels, 16 March 2010, 7536/10