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World Heritage in Danger: two natural sites listed

Brasilia, Brazil, 30 July 2010 (IUCN) - Following the recommendations of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), important rainforest areas in Madagascar and the Everglades National Park (USA) have been added to the List of World Heritage in Danger at the World Heritage annual meeting, currently taking place in Brasilia.

The World Heritage Committee decided to remove the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) from the List of World Heritage Sites in Danger, despite IUCN's recommendation to the contrary.

The Rainforests of Atsinanana are critically important to the survival of Madagascar's unique biodiversity. Over 80 percent of species there are endemic and include rare and threatened lemurs. But since the 2009 political crisis, illegal logging of precious woods has drastically increased and lemur poaching for bushmeat, previously unheard of in Madagascar, is developing

Sites already on the Danger List

3. Manovo-Gounda St Floris National Park - Central African Republic
4. Comoé National Park - Cote d'Ivoire
5. Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve - Cote d'Ivoire/ Guinée
6. Virunga National Park – DRC
7. Kahuzi-Biega National Park – DRC
8. Garamba National Park – DRC
9. Salonga National Park – DRC
10. Okapi Wildlife Reserve – DRC
11. Simien National Park – Ethiopia
12. Air and Ténéré Natural Reserves – Niger
13. Niokolo-Koba National Park – Senegal
14. Manas Wildlife Sanctuary – India
15. Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System – Belize
16. Los Katíos National Park - Colombia

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