

## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

### 28. Cerrado Protected Areas: Chapada dos Veadeiros and Emas National Parks (Brazil) (N 1032)

#### **Decision:** 35 COM 7B.28

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/7B.Add,
2. Considering that the lack of legal protection of most of the Chapada dos Veadeiros National Park (CdVNP) poses a significant threat to the Outstanding Universal Value of the property,
3. Expresses its serious concern that the legal framework protecting 72% of CdVNP, the larger component of the Cerrado Protected Areas is no longer in effect;
4. Requests the State Party to continue its work to reinstate the legal protection regime of the property in its entirety;
5. Takes note of the commitment of the State Party to re-establish the legal framework for the protection of the area inscribed on the World Heritage List in a timely manner;
6. Also requests the State Party to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, a report on the state of conservation of the property and on the re-instatement of legal protection of Chapada dos Veadeiros National Park, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.

### 29. Talamanca Range-La Amistad Reserves / La Amistad National Park (Costa Rica / Panama) (N 205bis)

#### **Decision:** 35 COM 7B.29

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **34 COM 7B.32**, adopted at its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010),
3. Regrets that the State Party of Panama did not submit a report on the state of conservation of the property, as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session;
4. Notes with appreciation the efforts of both the States Parties of Costa Rica and Panama to establish a Bi-national Executing Technical Unit for the management of La

Amistad International Park (UTEB-PILA), and to commission a transboundary Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), as requested by the World Heritage Committee at its 34th session, and requests the States Parties to keep the World Heritage Centre informed on the effective operation of the UTEB-PILA, and submit a copy of the complete SEA report to the World Heritage Centre for examination, as soon as it becomes available;

5. Expresses its serious concern that the State Party of Panama has not halted dam construction on the Changuinola and Bonyic rivers until a detailed transboundary Strategic Environmental Assessment process is undertaken, and considers that ongoing discussions over the construction of new dams within the property in Costa Rica, if not immediately resolved, could lead to conditions whereby the integrity of the property would be considered threatened, in accordance with Paragraph 180 (a) (ii) of the *Operational Guidelines*;
6. Also expresses its concern that the State Party of Panama has not abandoned its plans to build a road traversing the property from Boquete to Bocas del Toro, and reiterates its request that it submit preliminary environmental impact assessments for this development to the World Heritage Centre as soon as these are available;
7. Also reiterates its request to both States Parties that measures be adopted to ensure the complete removal of cattle from the property;
8. Also requests both States Parties of Costa Rica and Panama to jointly invite a joint World Heritage Centre/IUCN reactive monitoring mission to the property prior to its 36th session, which should assess the threat posed by ongoing dam construction in Panama, by potential dam developments and mining in Costa Rica, and from the planned road traversing the property from Boquete to Bocas del Toro, and make a recommendation on the possible inscription of the property on the List of World Heritage in Danger;
9. Further requests both States Parties of Costa Rica and Panama to submit to the World Heritage Centre, by **1 February 2012**, a joint report on the state of conservation of the property, including progress on the transboundary dam Strategic Environmental Assessment, a report on progress achieved in resolving land tenure and land use issues (Costa Rica), as well as on the other points raised above, for examination by the World Heritage Committee at its 36th session in 2012.

### **30. Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) (N 1)**

#### **Decision : 35 COM 7B.30**

The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Document WHC-11/35.COM/7B.Add,
2. Recalling Decision **34 COM 7A.15**, adopted at its 34th session (Brasilia, 2010),
3. Welcomes the further progress achieved by the State Party in implementing the 2010 World Heritage Centre/IUCN joint reactive monitoring mission recommendations;