



RESOLUTION #37

TITLE: Conservation of the Mirador/Calakmul Cultural and Natural System

WHEREAS

the geographic area known as the Mirador Cultural and Natural System is located between the states of Campeche, Mexico and the northern area of Department of Peten, Guatemala and contains unique cultural and biological resources. This pristine forest and the unparalleled early and large archaeological sites within a defined geographic area provide a unique opportunity to establish a roadless wilderness cultural and natural sanctuary with limited population and access. The area, confined in a geographical frame, represents the Cradle of Maya Civilization, and provides sufficient area to avoid genetic congestion, establishes a crucial biological corridor, initiates realistic and sustainable economic opportunities for communities and associated nations, and presents long-term conservation of some of the most important cultural and natural resources in the world.

THEREFORE

be it resolved that the Wild 9 World Wilderness Congress, convened on November 9th-13th, 2009 in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico has established a desire and intent to solicit and encourage the governments of Mexico and Guatemala to define and establish a bi-national, roadless, wilderness preserve in the Calakmul/Mirador Cultural and Natural System Area.

RESOLVED

that the executive committee of WILD9 Mérida will submit a statement of resolution to the Governments of Guatemala and Mexico that this world congress recommends the definition and establishment of a wilderness preserver in the Mirador/Calakmul cultural and natural system. The Cradle of Maya Civilization should be established as a wilderness preserve in perpetuity.

PROPOSER

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