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## **IPS Launches the Proposal of the World Heritage Status for the Great Apes**

The International Primatological Society (IPS) decided to propose a new project to conserve great apes to the UNESCO in her 18th Congress at Adelaide, Australia. Receiving the support of the General Assembly, the new IPS Council (President: Professor D.M. Fragaszy) decided to establish the IPS Ad-hoc Committee for the

Conservation of the Great Apes, with T. Nishida as the chairman, on the 13th of January 2001. Since then, the ad-hoc committee has drafted several versions of "The Great Apes Declaration Preventing the Extinction of the Great Apes by Awarding Them World Heritage Status". Here is the fourth version, and if many people and NGOs support this, the committee will begin to negotiate with UNESCO in Autumn 2001. The committee begs for constructive comments from readers. (Editor)