



IUCN FIELD MISSION

Field Missions involve one or more IUCN experts evaluating the nominated property on the ground and discussing the nomination with the relevant national and local authorities, local communities, NGOs and other stakeholders. The specific goals for the field mission are:

1. to become familiar with all aspects of the nominated property and double check that the nomination dossier is complete;
2. to review the property boundaries and buffer zone boundaries;
3. to evaluate the management system and management effectiveness;
4. to review actual and potential threats to the property; and
5. to evaluate local support for the nomination

The JOGGINS FOSSIL INSTITUTE will ensure that the most knowledgeable scientific experts and the relevant management authorities are involved in the field mission so that they can answer questions from the IUCN experts.

In addition, THE JOGGINS FOSSIL INSTITUTE is committed to engage stakeholders in at least two meetings during the field mission and offer them the opportunity to ask questions, state their opinions, and raise concerns.

Field missions often involve media events and meetings with high level politicians to give profile to and discuss the nomination. While these kinds of events and meetings can be very useful to give profile to World Heritage issues in the host country generally, they should not be the main focus of the field mission.

In addition, IUCN experts WILL NOT be able to make public statements about WHETHER THE PROPERTY MAY OR MAY NOT BE RECOMMENDED FOR WORLD HERITAGE LISTING. Canada believes the Joggins Fossil Cliffs nomination meets all the UNESCO World Heritage requirements, but the decision rests on the evaluation by IUCN and ultimately the decision of the World Heritage Committee.

The Field Mission for Joggins will be held October 20-24th, 2007.

Media Event to be held Monday October 22, 10:30 am at the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association (CREDA), 35 Church Street, Amherst, Nova Scotia.

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