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Acquisition Information

In 1970 the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club voted to place the club's historical records in The Bancroft Library. In 1986 the New York Office of the club's International Program began forwarding its inactive files. Now located in Washington, D.C., the International Program continues to transfer groups of historical records in appropriate increments.

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Administrative History

The Sierra Club International Program was established in New York City in 1971. Patricia Rambach (later Scharlin) was its first director.

In the program's early years, the staff worked closely with the Sierra Club International Committee members and with international environmental organizations and environmentalists on increasing protection for Antarctica, establishing national parks and reserves in Venezuela, and strengthening the Law of the Sea Treaty.

The International Program's move to Washington, D.C. (where it currently shares quarters with the National Legislative Office) in the mid-1980s reflected a change in emphasis. A primary goal of the program now, under the joint direction of Larry Williams and Sierra Club Chairman Michael McCloskey, is to encourage the United States government to offer environmentally-appropriate development assistance. Recent campaigns have included Sierra Club support for the passage of bills targeting biological diversity, family planning, rain forest preservation, debt-for-nature swaps, and famine relief. A continuing emphasis of the International Program is the monitoring and improvement of lending practices of multi-national development banks, to ensure that grants given to projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America are both environmentally sensitive and sustainable.

Scope and Content

The Sierra Club International Program Records document the activities and policies of one of the first organizations to be granted nongovernmental representative status at the United Nations. The records in this collection include correspondence, financial records, minutes, agendas, notes, policy statements, statements and testimony, slide/tape scripts, press releases, clippings, and fact sheets, which document the wide-ranging and effective efforts of the Club to influence international environmental policy.

Important conservation organizations represented include the International Union on Conservation of Nature; the United Nations, particularly the U.N. Environmental Programme; the United States Agency for International Development; and the Law of the Seas Conference. International conservation issues include Antarctica, biological diversity, man and the biosphere, marine ecology, marine mammals, multi-lateral development banks, and rain forests.

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