

## **LATIN AMERICA DISCUSSES THE FUTURE OF RIVER BASINS IN AREQUIPA**

IUCN Environmental Law Programme, together with IUCN-ORMA and IUCN-SUR participated in the Third Latin American Congress on River Basin Management, which took place in Arequipa, Perú, from 8 to 13 June 2003. The Congress addressed, amongst many others issues: legislation, financial instruments, public participation, the role of indigenous communities, integrated management, national strategies and policies, transboundary basins and environmental services. Within the simposium on transboundary river basins, the IUCN ELC, through Dr. Alejandro Iza made a presentation on the legal aspects of environmental flows in transboundary rivers. Over 100 people attended this presentation, which generated great interest and discussions on the adequate legal frameworks for the management of shared river basins between two or more states and the consideration of environmental flows. The joint WANI/ELP publication 'Flows' - The Essentials of Environmental Flows, will be released in August.