

AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE SECRETARIATS TO CBD AND CITES

It is hereby agreed, that:

The Memorandum of Cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is amended as follows:

1. The following new article, Article 5 bis, is inserted after Article 5, on "Consultation, reporting and further guidance":

"Article 5 bis. "Development of joint work plans: The Parties to this Memorandum of Cooperation will from time to time develop work plans for the implementation of joint activities which will constitute annexes to the Memorandum of Cooperation."

2. The attached annex is added at the end of the Memorandum of Cooperation.

Signed in two copies in the English Language

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In Endangered Species of Wild
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Date and Place: 4 January 2001

ANNEX

WORK PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT ACTIVITIES: December 2000 – June 2002.

The following list of activities is without prejudice to other activities that may be carried out under the MOC, including routine consultations and collaboration on areas of mutual interest such as work on streamlined national reporting. Under each activity, the outputs listed are those expected for the period up to June 2002. However, some activities may be continued beyond this date. The work Plan shall be reviewed after one year and revised if necessary.

Activities

1. Study of the impact of, and proposed sustainable practices for, the harvesting of non-wood forest products, including bushmeat.

This would contribute to the CBD's work on forest biodiversity, (CBD COP decision V/4, para. 14), and address the concern of the CITES on this issue (CITES COP decision 11/166):

- *A meeting of the CITES Bushmeat Working Group, tentatively first semester 2001.*
- *Contributions to the report for CBD SBSTTA-7 (November 2001) to be completed by June 2001.*
- *Any interim results available earlier could feed into the assessment by the CBD ad hoc group of technical experts on forest biodiversity. This would also feed into activity 4.*

2. Analysis of the possibilities for using economic incentives to promote the sustainable use of wild fauna and flora, including endangered species, and/or to reduce trade pressure on these species.

This would contribute to the CBD's work on the design and elaboration of incentive measures (CBD COP decision V/15) and the CITES' work on the adoption and implementation of social and economic incentives allied to legal instruments that promote and regulate sustainable management of and responsible trade in wild fauna and flora and promote effective enforcement of the convention (Strategic Plan, Objective 1.1):

- *Contributions to the report for CBD SBSTTA-7 (November 2001) to be completed by June 2001.*
- *Contributions to the meetings of the CITES Animals and Plants Committee in 2001 and Phase 4 of CITES National Legislation Project.*

Further details of this activity are to be elaborated by the programme officers concerned of the two secretariats.

3. Study of the potential use of labelling, green certification, and other positive measures, to denote, in international markets, products derived from populations that are sustainably managed.

This would contribute to the CBD's work on the design and elaboration of incentive measures (CBD COP decision V/15), and of instruments for sustainable use (decision V/24) and to CITES' work as an instrument for sustainable use, including its activities related to permits/certificates and marking of specimens (Resolution Conf. 7.12, 8.13, 10.2 (Rev.), 10.10 (Rev.), 10.12 (Rev.), 10.14, 10.15 (Rev.), 11.6, 11.12 and 11.13) as well as efforts to promote the use of CITES permits and certificates for "green labeling":

- *First phase to be completed by June 2002, as a contribution to ongoing work on sustainable use and incentive measures in the CBD. It would feed into activity 4.*
- *Contribution to the next meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (tentatively October/November 2002).*

Further details of this activity are to be elaborated by the programme officers concerned of the two secretariats.

4. Compilation of case-studies, best practices and lessons learned, and the development of practical principles, operational guidance and associated instruments for the sustainable use of wild flora and fauna, including endangered species.

This would build upon activities 1, 2 and 3 above, and contribute to the CBD's work on sustainable use, including the development of principles and guidance and associated instruments (COP decision V/24) and contribute to the CITES' work on sustainable use, including ranching and other wildlife exploitation techniques (Resolution Conf. 8.15, 8.22 (Rev.), 9.19, 9.20 (Rev.), 11.14, and 11.16):

- *First phase to be completed by December 2002, as a contribution to the consideration of these issues by CBD SBSTTA-8.*
- *Contribution to upcoming meetings of CITES bodies in 2001 and 2002 as well as training activities in those years.*

Further details of this activity are to be elaborated by the programme officers concerned of the two secretariats.

5. Cooperation in taxonomy and the assessment of threats to habitats that impact on endangered species.

This could include, for example, the provision of information on non-trade threats to endangered species linked to CITES notification system and CBD clearing house mechanism.

- *Timing to be determined.*

6. Collaboration in the development of proposals for a global strategy for plant conservation, concerning species that are threatened by international trade.

This would contribute to CBD COP decision V/10 and CITES Resolution Conf. 11.11 and Strategic Plan objective 2.3:

- *Informal consultations on the margins of CBD SBSTTA-6, March 2001, Montreal.*
- *To be completed by June 2001, in preparation for consideration by SBSTTA- 7.*
- *Contribution to upcoming CITES meetings of the Standing Committee, Plants Committee and Conference of the Parties in 2001 and 2002.*