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Agenda Item 4.3 Sustainable use of biodiversity

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Summary

The health and well-being of many human communities depend on the sustainable use of wild resources for nutritional and medicinal needs, and on the collection of those resources from the wild as a source of income. However, unsustainable harvesting and use of wild resources is threatening their availability and having a detrimental impact on biological diversity, ecosystem integrity and on people's livelihoods.

WWF and TRAFFIC welcome the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat (LGBM) as in Annex I of Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/12 and applaud the broad participatory manner in which they were agreed at the Joint Meeting of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat and the CITES Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group.

WWF and TRAFFIC urge SBSTTA to recommend that COP:

- adopt the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat, while expanding their application to countries beyond tropical and sub-tropical regions
- welcome the progress on Art. 10c on customary sustainable use as this relates to the sustainable use of bushmeat
- ensure the development of methods and systems to identify and monitor sustainable levels of harvest of wild fauna at national, sub-national and regional levels, and build capacity for their application
- engage with development and agricultural institutions and the scientific community in creating alternatives to bushmeat that are not detrimental to biodiversity

WWF and TRAFFIC urge SBSTTA to request the Executive Secretary to:

- develop linkages between work on Art. 10c and the sustainable use of bushmeat.
- explore options for the development of a collaborative partnership to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat.

Suggested text changes for decisions **SBSTTA/15/12** are attached.

Rationale

WWF and TRAFFIC welcome the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat (LGBM) as in Annex I of Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/12 and applaud the broad participatory manner in which they were agreed at the Joint Meeting of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat and the CITES Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group convened from 7 – 10 June 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Input at this joint meeting was received from a range of Parties as well as the Secretariats of three conventions (CBD, CITES and CMS); UN organizations and programmes (FAO, UNEP-GRASP); the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC); the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC); and TRAFFIC - the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network. The input of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities was of particular importance for the outcomes of the meeting.

WWF and TRAFFIC believe that applying the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat in countries beyond tropical and sub-tropical regions is merited because similar contexts occur where these recommendations would also be applicable.

WWF and TRAFFIC believe that developing and promoting methods and systems to identify and monitor sustainable levels of harvest of wild fauna at national, regional, and global levels, and building capacity for their application, in line with recommendation 6 of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat, will provide a solid basis for well-informed decisions concerning the management of wildlife.

WWF and TRAFFIC believe that the development of alternatives to bushmeat is not simple and can itself be detrimental to biodiversity, and thus recommend engagement with development and agricultural institutions and the scientific community to develop alternatives that are not detrimental to biodiversity.

WWF and TRAFFIC believe that the exploration of options by the Executive Secretary for the development of a collaborative partnership to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat would support the second objective of the Convention.

WWF and TRAFFIC further believe that it is important to promote collaboration between the work on customary sustainable use under Art 10c and the sustainable use of bushmeat.

TEXT CHANGES TO UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/12

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice may wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Adopt* the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat (Annex I of Document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/12) as a specific complement to the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity related to sustainable wildlife management in tropical ~~and~~, sub-tropical **and other** countries, **as appropriate**;

1 bis. Welcome the progress on Art. 10c on customary sustainable use as this relates to the sustainable use of bushmeat;

2. *Urge* Parties and invites other Governments and relevant organizations to:

(a) Implement the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat as annexed to this decision, where appropriate, taking into account Article 10(c) of the Convention;

(a) bis Develop and promote methods and systems to identify and monitor sustainable levels of harvest of wild fauna at national, regional, and global levels, and build capacity for their application, with a particular view to improve sustainable wildlife management and customary sustainable use;

(b) Develop and promote ~~appropriate~~ alternatives to ~~the~~ unsustainable harvesting of **wild** ~~tropical and sub-tropical~~ fauna **that are not detrimental to biodiversity**, depending on the local and national context, ~~with a particular view to improve sustainable wildlife management and customary sustainable use, based on the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat,~~ **and engage with development and agricultural institutions and the scientific community in creating alternatives not detrimental to biodiversity.**

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Explore options for the development of a collaborative partnership on wildlife management, to support the implementation of **the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat** ~~this decision and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, and to enhance cooperation and coordination on wildlife management issues.;~~

(b) Facilitate the exchange of information and experience between Parties;

(b) bis Develop linkages between the work on customary sustainable use under Art. 10c and the sustainable use of bushmeat.