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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Strategic and administrative matters

Financial and administrative matters

APPROVAL OF NEW DONORS

1. In accordance with the procedures for the approval of externally-funded projects, document Doc. SC.23.6 Annex 2, the Secretariat is presenting the following organizations as potential donors for CITES special projects and activities:
 - a) Canadian Environmental Defence Fund
 - b) Chelonian Research Foundation
 - c) Conservation International
 - d) Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
 - e) Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde
 - f) Environmental Law Institute
 - g) Ford Foundation
 - h) International Wildlife Coalition
 - i) John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
 - j) Loro Parque Fundación
 - k) Natural Resources Defense Council
 - l) Rockefeller Foundation
 - m) Save the Tiger Fund
 - n) Sierra Club Foundation
 - o) Van Tienhoven Stichting
 - p) Wildlife Conservation Society
 - q) IWMC World Conservation Trust
2. The names of the above-listed organizations have been submitted for inclusion in the list of approved donors. Some of these organizations have collaborated with UNEP or other UN bodies while others have indicated their interest in and have offered to give financial support to CITES projects.
3. The "Request for donor approval" for each organization is attached as an Annex.
4. The Secretariat hereby requests the Standing Committee to approve the inclusion of these organizations in the list of approved donors.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Canadian Environmental Defence Fund
2 College Street
Toronto, Ontario M5G 1K3
Canada

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of Canada

5. Legal status:

Founded in 1984, the Canadian Environmental Defence Fund (CEDF) is a national, charitable organization, helping individuals and organizations gain access to the legal system for environmental issues.

6. Objectives of the organization:

CEDF gives individuals and organizations access to the legal system by providing them with assistance they need to advance environmental protection. It helps by providing lawyers, experts, funding and organizational assistance for environmental law issues.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Chelonian Research Foundation
168 Goodrich Street
Lunenburg, MA 01462
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

The Chelonian Research Foundation, established in 1992, is a non-profit tax-exempt private operating foundation.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The specific goals of the Foundation are the production, publication, and support of worldwide turtle and tortoise research, with an emphasis on conservation, systematic relationships, geographic distribution, natural history, morphology, and the scientific basis of chelonian biodiversity and conservation.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Conservation International
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, by the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

Conservation International (CI) developed from a divide within The Nature Conservancy 1987. CI is a non-profit organization founded and incorporated under the laws of the state of California on January 28, 1987. It is tax exempt in the District of Columbia, where CI is headquartered, since November 1988.

6. Objectives of the organization:

Conservation International's mission is to conserve the earth's living natural heritage, its global biodiversity, and to demonstrate that human societies are able to live harmoniously with nature. It focuses on trying to preserve and promote awareness about the world's most endangered biodiversity through scientific programs, local awareness campaigns, and economic initiatives. It also works with multinational institutions, provides economic analyses for national leaders and promotes the best practices that allow for sustainable development.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Not applicable

5. Legal status:

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund is a joint initiative of Conservation International, the Global Environment Facility and the World Bank. These three global non-profit organizations formed this partnership fund in August 2000 and each organization committed USD 25 million to the Fund during the next five years.

6. Objectives of the organization:

Conservation International, the Global Environment Facility and the World Bank recognize that the urgency and complexity of today's threats to species require cooperation among many different sectors, making the best use of resources and expertise. CEPF aims to invest at least USD 150 million over the next five years to advance biodiversity conservation projects in critical ecosystems that harbour the richest variety of life. This investment is based on a common vision that economic prosperity and biodiversity conservation are linked.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde
Postfach 14 21
D-53351 Rheinbach
Germany

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of Germany

5. Legal status:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde was founded in 1964 as a successor to Salamander, itself founded in 1918. It has been approved pursuant to paragraph 29 of the Federal Law for the Protection of Nature as a nature conservation organization. It is a non-profit organization and is tax exempt.

6. Objectives of the organization:

As the name implies, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde (DGHT) unites scientists and non-professionals in herpetology and husbandry. The DGHT offers a common platform for information, communication and publication for the scientist working with amphibians and reptiles as well as the layman who keeps and breeds amphibians and reptiles as a hobby.

DGHT supports several important projects and is involved in the project at the Munster Zoo to breed some 15 endangered species of Asian turtles. In this regard, it is interested in supporting the freshwater turtles and tortoises workshop in Asia scheduled for November 2001.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Environmental Law Institute
1616 P Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

Founded in 1969, The Environmental Law Institute is an internationally recognized, independent research and education center.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) works to advance environmental protection by improving law, policy and management. ELI researches pressing problems, educates individuals about the nature of these issues, and convenes all sectors in forging effective solutions. Its Environmental Management and Capacity Building programs provide tools to citizens and organizations to ensure that the law is understood and that implementation is transparent and effective.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Ford Foundation
320 East 43 Street
New York, NY 10017
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

Founded in 1936, the Ford Foundation operated as a local philanthropic organization in the state of Michigan until 1950, when it expanded to become a national and international foundation. Since its inception, it has been an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Ford Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans for the promotion of peace, human welfare and the sustainability of the environment on which life depends.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

International Wildlife Coalition
70 East Falmouth Highway
East Falmouth, MA 02536
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, by the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

The International Wildlife Coalition (IWC) is a federally recognized, non-profit, tax-exempt, charitable organization founded in 1984.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Coalition is dedicated to public education and research, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation programmes, litigation, legislation and international treaty negotiations concerning global wildlife and natural habitat protection issues.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
140 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

The Foundation was created in 1978 by John D. MacArthur. It is a private, independent grant-making institution dedicated to helping groups and individuals foster lasting improvement in the human condition.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Foundation makes grants through two major integrated programmes – human and community development and global security and sustainability. It pursues its mission by supporting research, policy development, dissemination, education and training and practice. Its programme on global security and sustainability focuses on international peace and security, ecosystem conservation and policy, population, and on cross-cutting themes that include human rights, international justice, and new governance arrangements to address the consequences of globalization.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Loro Parque Fundación
E-38400 Puerto de la Cruz
Tenerife
Spain

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of Spain

5. Legal status:

The Loro Parque Fundación is a non-profit, non-governmental organization registered with the Ministry of Education and Science of the Government of Spain since 1994.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Loro Parque Fundación (LPF) operates on an international basis to promote conservation of parrots, biodiversity, the environment and sustainable development. The LPF focuses its attention on parrots and their habitats, through education, applied research, responsible breeding programmes, and community-based conservation activities that use parrots as ambassadors for nature.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
40 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

NRDC is a non-profit, tax-exempt membership organization incorporated under the laws of the state of New York in 1970.

6. Objectives of the organization:

NRDC's purpose is to safeguard the earth, its people, its plants and animals and the natural systems on which all life depends. NRDC uses law, science, and the support of its members to protect the wildlife and wild places and to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all living things.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Rockefeller Foundation
420 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10018
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

The Rockefeller Foundation was created in April 1913 when the New York State Legislature passed an act on its incorporation and the NY governor approved its charter in May of the same year.

4. 6.Objectives of the organization:

The Foundation works to enrich and sustain the lives and livelihoods of the poor throughout the world. Since its inception, it has given grants in support of programmes organized around four thematic lines of work: creativity and culture, food security, health equity and working communities. A cross-theme of global inclusion supports, promotes and supplements the work of these themes.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Save the Tiger Fund
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
1120 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

Save the Tiger Fund (STF), founded in 1995, is a special project of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in partnership with ExxonMobil Corporation, an oil company, which committed a minimum of USD 5 million over five years to support tigers through STF. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a non-profit organization providing support to local conservation projects in the United States of America. The American Congress created the Foundation in 1984 dedicated to the conservation of natural resources.

6. Objectives of the organization:

Save the Tiger Fund is dedicated to supporting the conservation of Asia's remaining population of wild tigers. The Fund works to achieve this goal by supporting and investing in a variety of innovative and effective tiger conservation projects across tiger range States that increase cooperation and communication, build local leadership and deliver effective on-the-ground conservation to tigers in human-dominated landscapes. These three objectives form the foundation for the Save the Tiger Fund investments.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Sierra Club Foundation
85 Second Street, Ste. 750
San Francisco, CA 94105
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

The Sierra Club was founded in 1892 by 182 charter members. The Foundation is a public charity whose mission is to provide financial support to environmental organizations.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Foundation funds a range of environmental projects which fall into the general categories of public education, litigation, and training. Its main recipient, the Sierra Club, whose conservation efforts were originally concentrated in the Sierra Nevada area, more specifically Yosemite National Park, has widened its mission to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural environment at the international level.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Van Tienhoven Stichting
P.O. Box 9514
NL-2300 RA Leiden
The Netherlands

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the Netherlands

5. Legal status:

The Van Tienhoven Stichting was founded in 1930 to be the legal body of the Netherlands Commission for International Nature Protection, founded in 1925. To have a legal body became necessary because its chairman, Mr P.G. van Tienhoven, had donated a generous sum to be used for international nature protection.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The Van Tienhoven Stichting is active in funding projects with a major component of nature conservation outside the Netherlands. Grants for nature conservation projects are given to persons or bodies which have a good reputation in nature conservation.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

Wildlife Conservation Society
2300 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, NY 10460
United States of America

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of the United States of America

5. Legal status:

On April 26, 1895, the New York State chartered the New York Zoological Society. It was one of the first wildlife conservation organizations in the United States of America. The Society adopted its present name, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), in 1994 to describe more accurately its mission of saving wildlife throughout the world.

6. Objectives of the organization:

The New York Zoological Society was chartered to create a zoo in order to encourage the knowledge of zoology, promote research in this science and related subjects, and furnish education and recreation to the general public. Since 1895, WCS has worked from the Bronx Zoo headquarters to save wildlife and wild lands throughout the world.

The Society combines the resources of wildlife parks in New York with field projects around the globe to inspire care for nature, provide leadership in environmental education, and help sustain biological diversity.

REQUEST FOR DONOR APPROVAL

1. Name of the proposed organization:

IWMC World Conservation Trust
3, Passage de Montriond
1006 Lausanne
Switzerland

2. Date of submission:

June 2001

3. Proposal presented by:

The CITES Secretariat

4. Has the organization the support of the national CITES Management Authority?

Yes, the Management Authority of Canada

5. Legal status:

Founded in 1994, IWMC World Conservation Trust is an international, non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of Canada.

6. Objectives of the organization:

IWMC works to strengthen international cooperation among all those concerned with wildlife conservation, including governments, users' associations, international intergovernmental bodies, conservation organizations, and traditional communities.

The primary mission of IWMC World Conservation Trust is the promotion of the conservation of habitat and wildlife resources. IWMC continually encourages governments and the public to support and accept professional, science-based wildlife management. The mission includes demonstration of humane, ethical concern for and fair treatment of all those people whose traditions include the sustainable use of wildlife resources.

The mission includes public education of conservation principles, support of CITES, IWC, and various treaties with marine concerns, and overall, promotes growing understanding of the importance of sustainability of any use of wildlife resources in a changing world. Respect for the traditional values and customs of people close to their resources is as important to IWMC World Conservation Trust, as is the science-based conservation of all their natural resources for future generations.