

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES  
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Sixty-sixth meeting of the Standing Committee  
Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 January 2016

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WILDLIFE DONOR ROUNDTABLE

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The Conference of the Parties, at its 16th meeting (CoP16, Bangkok, 2013), adopted Decisions 16.5 to 16.7 on *Access to other sources of funding* as follows:

**Directed to the Secretariat**

16.5 *Subject to the availability of external funding, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the World Bank and other relevant financial institutions, cooperation agencies and potential donors, shall organize a Wildlife Donor Roundtable to:*

- a) *share information on existing funding programmes on wildlife;*
- b) *understand the long-term financial needs of developing countries to implement the Convention; and*
- c) *explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife and to tackle wildlife crime.*

16.6 *The Secretariat shall present a report of its findings and recommendations at the 66th and 67th meetings of the Standing Committee, as necessary, and at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress made with regard to the implementation of Decision 16.5.*

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

16.7 *The Standing Committee shall review the progress of implementation of Decisions 16.5 and 16.6 at its 66th and 67th meetings, as necessary.*

3. Pursuant to CITES Decisions 16.5 to 16.6 and following the call from the UN Secretary-General to strengthen the UN system's response to tackling illegal trade in wild fauna and flora, a Donor Roundtable on Wildlife and Forest Crime was held in New York on the sidelines of the High Level Political Forum on 7 July 2015.
4. The meeting was organized by the CITES Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the World Bank (WB). The organizers recommended to focus the discussion on activities related to tackling wildlife crime to facilitate the identification of specific activities, gaps, overlaps and potential coordination mechanisms. The concept note and agenda (see annexes 1 and 2) for this roundtable reflect this approach.

5. The event was hosted by UNDP and moderated by the CITES Secretary-General. Participants included over 30 representatives and officials from the governments of Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, as well as the Global Environment Facility, the Organization of American States, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), and relevant organizations of the UN system.
6. Through several presentations and a moderated discussion that involved all representatives and officials, participants offered a wide range of updates and suggestions on existing programmes, funding plans, gaps and opportunities for more effective collaboration and better coherence in line with the Roundtable objectives.
7. Participants welcomed and recognized the value of convening a time-bound Donor Advisory Group on Wildlife and Forest Crime composed of the donors present at that meeting, with a workplan and terms of reference to be drafted and agreed. The end point was agreed to be the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17) to be held in South Africa from 24 September to 5 October 2016. Donors can be self-selected based on their interest in the topic and ability to provide access to information on financing flows.
8. The World Bank, with support from the UN and Donor Advisory Group, is preparing a report mapping international and domestic financing and proposing preliminary recommendations on required support, gaps, and opportunities for more effective collaboration. The World Bank will submit such a document with updated information prior the present meeting. An annotated outline and breakdown of what expenses would be included in a typology is under preparation and in consultation with concerned stakeholders.
9. Over 2016, the Donor Advisory Group will endeavor to ensure better coherence and coordination and draw on lessons from ongoing work at all levels, including in countries receiving GEF funding, applying the ICCWC Wildlife and Forest Crime Analytic Toolkit and adopting integrated National Wildlife and Forest Crime Strategies.
10. Global events have been identified during which the Donor Advisory Group can convene with the UN/WB Group, including a side event at the present meeting of the Standing Committee and a possible side event at CITES CoP17, which could include the making of additional pledges.

#### Recommendations

11. The Standing Committee is invited to note the present document and the report mentioned in paragraph 8.
12. The Secretariat would like to consult the view of the Standing Committee regarding the level of Parties' interest in the Secretariat and the Donor Advisory Group convening the following events:
  - a) a roundtable similar to the one organized around the theme of tackling wildlife crime to explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife; and
  - b) a side event at CITES CoP17, which could include the making of additional pledges as mentioned in paragraph 10.
13. If the Standing Committee agrees to hold such meetings subject to available resources, the Secretariat recommends that the Committee encourage Parties and donors to provide their full support.

## Donor Roundtable on Wildlife and Forest Crime

Tuesday 7 July,

UNDP Conference Room,

11<sup>th</sup> Floor, 304 East 45<sup>th</sup> St, New York

### Provisional Agenda

A **Donor Roundtable on Wildlife and Forest Crime** will be held in New York on the sidelines of the High Level Political Forum on 7 July 2015. The meeting will be hosted by UNDP and moderated by the CITES Secretary-General, Mr John E. Scanlon.

The provisional agenda follows:

July 7 2015	
9:00 – 9.30	<b>Registration of participants, catered breakfast</b>
9.30 – 10.00	<p><b>UNDP’s welcoming and introduction of Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ibrahim Thiaw - UNEP Deputy Executive Director and Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations</li> <li>▪ Cristiana Pasca-Palmer, Head of Unit Climate Change, Environment, Natural Resources, EuropAid, European Commission</li> </ul>
10:00 – 12.00	<p><b>Initial mapping of existing donor programmes to combat wildlife and forest crime/ Gap assessment: Vision, agencies and programmes of work in place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation by the UN, Paul Harrison, UNDP Global Advisor on Wildlife Enforcement</li> <li>▪ Presentation by The World Bank, Valerie Hickey, Practice Manager of the World Bank Group’s Environment and Natural Resources Global Practice.</li> <li>▪ Presentation by the European Commission</li> <li>▪ Sharing experiences, insights and updates</li> <li>▪ Interactive discussion on the initial mapping, gap assessment, next steps and potential follow-up (<i>Invitees are expected to engage in a mapping exercise/discuss current programming, future programming and national priorities</i>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated by John Scanlon, CITES Secretary-General</i></p>
12.00 – 12.20	<p><b>Recommendations and closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aldo Lale-Demoz, Deputy Executive Director, UN Office on Drugs and Crime</li> </ul>

## Donor Roundtable on Wildlife and Forest Crime

New York, 7 July 2015

### Concept Note

#### Introduction and purpose of the roundtable

Pursuant to CITES Decision 16.5 and following the call from the UN Secretary General to strengthen the UN System response to tackling illegal trade in wild fauna and flora<sup>1</sup>, CITES, UNDP, UNEP, UNODC and the World Bank (WB) are convening a Donor Roundtable on Wildlife and Forest Crime on 7 July 2015.

The general purpose of the Donor Roundtable is to:

- share information on existing wildlife and forest crime programmes;
- build a shared understanding of the long-term financial needs to implement the Convention and the existing programmes; and
- explore the potential for scaled-up financial resources to ensure the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife and to tackle wildlife crime by strengthening existing funding arrangements and/or developing new arrangements.

The three specific purposes of the meeting are to address key issues related to:

- Initial mapping of existing donor funding mechanisms, schemes and programmes available to tackling wildlife and forest crime, including law enforcement, governance and demand-side reduction strategies;
- Taking stock of current member State and donor programming and identification of technical assistance requirements of recipient member States to implement integral enforcement strategies; and
- Preliminary assessment of the needs and gaps to scale up the fight against wildlife and forest crime across origin, transit and destination countries.

The Donor Roundtable will be held on 7 July 2015 in New York on the sidelines of the **High Level Political Forum**.

#### Participants

Member States, relevant international financial institutions and other potential donors will be invited to participate.

Current and potential donors and financial institutions that will be invited include: Australia, Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), African Development Bank (AFDB), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

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<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of this Concept Note it should be understood that the term wildlife and forest crime includes fish and marine species – particularly fisheries crime.