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External Funding

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat considers that there are many ways in which the development of the Convention is dependent upon activities which are not covered by the regular funding of the Convention. Thus, it is of paramount importance that the Secretariat should seek and negotiate external funding to enable such projects to be undertaken and thus improve the implementation and the evolution of the Convention.

As the number of Parties to CITES increases, the requirements for specific projects and the development of various enforcement aids becomes more and more important in achieving satisfactory development of the Convention and in guaranteeing a minimum degree of efficiency in the pursuit of its objectives. However, the regular budget does not provide for such activities and is strictly limited to operational expenditures. Furthermore, the non-payment of contributions by certain Parties creates a situation in which the Secretariat has to reduce expenditures in certain budget items to cover for expenditures where there is no flexibility.

In addition to the regular funding of the Secretariat, the Convention benefited between the sixth and seventh meetings from external funding for several projects:

- Identification Manual: Contributions, both in kind and in cash, have been received from various governmental and non-governmental sources for the preparation of the sheets of the Manual as well as subsidies for printing the updated Manual. For details of this support, reference may be made to the report regarding the Identification Manual Committee (document Doc. 7.16).

Total recorded income 1987-1989: US\$ 65,000.

Total committed expenditure 1987-1989: US\$ 65,000.

- Standard nomenclature: To compile a standard checklist of the vertebrates of the world, the Secretariat has managed a project in co-operation with UNEP and the Association of Systematics Collections since 1982. In addition, the Secretariat intends to extend the project to plants.

In 1988, the project has benefited from a US\$ 15,000 contribution from the Government of the United States of America.

Total recorded income 1986-1989: US\$ 15,000.

Total committed expenditure 1986-1989: US\$ 26,338.

- Conservation programme for caimans in Latin America: Caiman species are distributed throughout Central and South America. However, little is known of their biological aspects. Since basic data are essential for management of the species, the Secretariat started studying the taxonomy, biology and geographical distribution in Bolivia, southern Brazil and Paraguay in 1986. Since then, the project has been extended to other countries in the region (Honduras, Belize, Guyana, Venezuela, Colombia and Peru). After the surveys are completed, an overall management programme for caiman resources in Latin America will be established.

Funding was obtained from the following sources:

- A financial contribution from the Government of Japan amounting to US\$ 160,000.
- A financial contribution from the Government of the United States of America amounting to US\$ 25,000.
- A financial contribution from the Commission of the European Communities amounting to US\$ 17,234.
- A financial contribution from WWF-USA amounting to US\$ 15,000.
- A financial contribution from France-Croco amounting to US\$ 16,844.
- A financial contribution from Exocuir amounting to US\$ 10,000.
- A financial contribution from URENA Nestor amounting to US\$ 19,750.
- A financial contribution from Oguma and Co. amounting to US\$ 12,904.
- A financial contribution from Jasons Snc. amounting to US\$ 10,000.

Total recorded income 1987-1988: US\$ 380,927.

Total committed expenditure 1987-1988: US\$ 380,927.

- Survey of the status of Asian monitor lizards: At its second meeting, the Technical Committee selected several species which should be studied immediately, including Varanus salvator, V. griseus, V. bengalensis and V. flavescens. Little is known of the biological status of Varanus species occurring in Asia. The survey began in 1988 and was completed in early 1989. The draft report has already been distributed to relevant countries for their comments.

A total of US\$ 60,000 was received from the Government of Japan.

Total recorded income 1987-1989: US\$ 60,000.

Total committed expenditure 1987-1989: US\$ 60,000.

- Survey of the status of pythons in South-East Asia: This project was also given high priority by the Technical Committee. The Secretariat managed to obtain the necessary funds and hired consultants to carry out the project. The biological and trade status of Python curtus, P. molurus bivittatus and P. reticulatus will be studied with special emphasis on Indonesia.

Funding was obtained from the Government of Japan amounting to US\$ 35,000.

Total recorded income 1988-1989: US\$ 35,000.

Total committed expenditure 1988-1989: US\$ 35,000.

- Survey of the status of the Nile crocodile in southern Africa: At the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat announced that it had received a funding commitment for the project on Nile crocodile conservation and management in several countries in the southern/eastern African region. The countries involved are Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique, Malawi, Madagascar, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania. On the basis of the results of the survey, several countries submitted ranching proposals for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

A financial contribution was received from the Government of Japan amounting to US\$ 105,000.

The Swiss Government contributed US\$ 12,252 to the study in Madagascar.

Total recorded income 1987-1989: US\$ 117,252.

Total committed expenditure 1987-1989: US\$ 117,252.

- A workshop on the management of the Nile crocodile: A workshop was held in Zimbabwe in June 1987. To assist African countries in organizing a workshop on the management and sustainable utilization of the species, the Secretariat obtained a financial contribution from the Commission of the European Communities amounting to US\$ 7,305.57.

Total recorded income 1987-1989: US\$ 7,305.57.

Total committed expenditure 1987-1989: US\$ 7,305.57.

- Survey of the saltwater crocodile in the Solomon Islands: The population of the saltwater crocodile in the Solomon Islands is listed in Appendix I. The Solomon Islands is not a Party to CITES, however, and the export of crocodiles has been allowed by the Government. It seems that the saltwater crocodile can be exploited on a sustainable basis if a management programme for the species is established. The field survey is under way and is scheduled to be completed in mid-September of this year.

Funding was obtained from the Government of Japan amounting to US\$ 30,000.

Total recorded income 1989: US\$ 30,000.

Total committed expenditure 1989: US\$ 30,000.

- Publication of the CITES Secretariat's report on Significant Trade: The Government of Canada assisted the Secretariat by printing the reports free of charge and sending them to each Party state.

- Technical assistance missions to Asia and Africa: A financial contribution was received from the Conservation Treaty Support Fund amounting to US\$ 37,986.

Total recorded income 1988: US\$ 37,986.

Total committed expenditure 1988: US\$ 37,986.

- Development of fund-raising strategy and communication links: In order to meet the requirements of the Convention and the Conference of the Parties, external funding is vital to the activities of the Secretariat. It has been perceived that a strategy for fund-raising should be developed.

This project benefited from the following sources:

- US\$ 1,079.14 from Brasseries Bonaparte.
- US\$ 180 from the International Olympic Committee.
- US\$ 2,500 from Exocuir.
- US\$ 12,500 from France-Croco.
- US\$ 5,000 from Italrettile.
- US\$ 13,800 from the All Japan Association of Reptiles Skin and Leather Industries.
- US\$ 1,987 from Marlin Travel.
- US\$ 70 from Mr. Fernhout.
- US\$ 1,500 from R. & L. Leon.
- US\$ 504 from Rolex S.A..
- US\$ 826.28 from Swiss Air.
- US\$ 7,500 from Tanneries des cuirs d'Indochine et de Madagascar.
- US\$ 898.20 from UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan.
- US\$ 6433.57 from the Municipality of Lausanne.
- US\$ 2098 from WWF-Switzerland.

Total recorded income 1988-1989: US\$ 56,904.16.

Total committed expenditure 1987-1989: US\$ 56,904.16.

- CITES seminars for European countries: In January 1989, the Secretariat organized CITES seminars which were attended by representatives from 19 countries. The purpose of the seminars was to explain the role and activities of the Secretariat and to discuss specific problems that participating countries were facing.

The Commission of the European Communities has committed a total of US\$ 28,248.

Total recorded income 1988: US\$ 28,248.

Total committed expenditure 1988: US\$ 28,248.

- Survey of the status of Tupinambis species in Argentina: Two Tupinambis species occur in Argentina and are listed in CITES Appendix II. Since there was a fear that the current level of exploitation might cause a negative effect on the populations, the Secretariat started this project in 1987 in co-operation with WWF-USA. The result of the project will enable Argentina to establish reasonable quotas for the export of Tupinambis species on the basis of scientific data.

US\$ 1,000 was received from Bodiopelli.

US\$ 60,546.30 was received from Cicur.

Total recorded income 1988-1989: US\$ 61,546.30.

Total committed expenditure 1988-1989: US\$ 61,546.30.

- Conservation programme for hawksbill turtle populations in Asia and Oceania: The Secretariat carried out a survey of the biological and trade status of the green and hawksbill turtles on a global scale, and the result was presented at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It was suggested that more information especially on the hawksbill turtle be collected. The project will start very soon.

Funding was obtained from the following sources:

- A financial contribution from the Government of Japan amounting to US\$ 80,000.
- A financial contribution from the Bekko Division of the Japan General Merchandise Importers' Association amounting to US\$ 15,000.
- A financial contribution from the Nippon Turtle Shell Association Federation amounting to US\$ 7,432.

Total recorded income 1988-1989: US\$ 180,432.

Total committed expenditure 1988-1989: US\$ 180,432.

- Special Project Unit: The International Fur Trade Federation has contributed a total of US\$ 50,000 towards this Unit during 1987-88 for the services of a secretary and administrative costs, and committed US\$ 25,000 for 1989.

Total recorded income 1987-1989: US\$ 76,000.

Total committed expenditure 1987-1989: US\$ 76,500.

- Ivory Unit: In order to achieve proper implementation of the Parties' decisions with respect to ivory trade controls, the Secretariat sought funding for the activities of the Ivory Unit, which is responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of the export quota system and other control mechanisms.

See the Annex for full details.

- Delegates Project: Pledges and contributions have been made by various government and non-government sources amounting to close to US\$ 400,000 supporting the participation of developing countries' delegates in the 7th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. This project has financed Daily Subsistence Allocation and/or travel for 115 delegates to the meeting. An update of this project will be submitted at the beginning of the meeting.

Others

- The services of an Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant are provided by UNEP from part of the overhead costs charged to the Trust Fund, amounting to approximately US\$ 225,000.

- The Conservation Treaty Support Fund provided CITES with US\$ 22,000. for a National Legislation Project and US\$ 10,000. was paid directly to the Television Trust for Environment for the production of a video and a related public service announcement on CITES.
- Secondment of professional staff: The Government of the Northwest Territories of Canada seconded a professional staff member to the Secretariat for a maximum of three years. The Government of France seconded a professional staff member for two years. Two other states have committed secondments for three years of one professional staff member each, all commencing in 1990. These secondments amount to approximately US\$ 1,200,000.
- KLM Royal Dutch airlines provided several free tickets for Secretariat travel to a total value of US\$ 11,000 during the period.

Conclusions

Since the beginning of 1987, more than US\$ 3,000,000 in external funding (both financial and in kind) has been obtained by the Secretariat (outside of the regular budget of the Convention) for 1987, 1988, 1989 and future years. While external funding is vital to the work of the Secretariat it should be applied only to projects outside of the regular operations of the Secretariat. The Parties must assume the responsibility of meeting the needs for regular operations through their regular contributions. The Secretariat is grateful to all those who have made our work easier and more effective through these special contributions.

REPORT ON THE IVORY UNIT

1. At the seventeenth meeting of the Standing Committee held in San José, Costa Rica (25-29 January 1988), the Secretariat submitted a document dealing with the funding of the Ivory Unit. In this document, the Secretariat explained that at the end of 1987, the Secretariat was US\$ 65,000 in arrears to UNEP for the cost of the Ivory Unit. A budget for the operations of the Unit for 1988 was also included in this document.
2. The Standing Committee discussed the issue at great length and a financing plan was developed for 1988. The plan called for a budget of US\$ 184,000 for 1988 originating from the following sources:

U.K. Government	9,500	Received
J.G.M.I.A.	33,000	Received
E.E.C.	55,000 (50,000 ecus)	----
US Aid	50,000	----
US FWS	20,000	Received
WWF-USA	20,000	----
	<u>187,500</u>	<u>62,500</u>

3. During 1988, thanks to unexpected contributions a total of US\$ 140,205 was received for the Unit. However, it should be pointed out that some of those contributions were donated for specific projects such as the meeting of the African Elephant Working Group, etc.
4. In 1989 total pledges amounting to US\$ 220,000 (US\$ 85,000 received at the end of August 1989) were made to the Unit. Again several contributions were destined for specific projects such as the meeting of the African Elephant Working Group. Once all of the 1989 pledges have been received, contributions totalling US\$ 478,372 will have been made to the Ivory Unit (see attached table).
5. The same table shows the total expenditures of the Unit for the years 1986-87-88-89. Those expenditures amount to US\$ 622,375 leaving a deficit of US\$ 144,003 for the four years the Ivory Unit has been in operation.

Conclusion

6. As per the recommendations of the Standing Committee, the Secretariat recommends that the cost of the Ivory Unit, if maintained, be included in the Trust Fund budget as of 1990. It could also be that the Conference of the Parties will decide to abolish the Ivory Unit.

Nevertheless, it is the recommendation of the Secretariat that the deficit be absorbed by the Trust Fund receipts. This will allow the Secretariat to clear all debts with UNEP.

BUDGET COVERING THE COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IVORY UNIT
(IN US\$)

LINE	DESCRIPTION	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>m/m</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>m/m</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1986-1989</u>
1101	Ivory trade Co-ordinator P.4/Associate Officer P.2	75,924	75,383	7	60,267	11	50,000	261,574
1198	Prior years adjustment	-----	(3,010)	-	-----	--	20,000	16,990
1099	Sub-total	75,924	72,373	7	60,267	11	70,000	278,564
1201	Ivory Quotas and procedure				19,400			19,400
1202	Ivory Trade				16,332			16,332
1220	Elephaant and other studies		12		-----		9,090	9,102
1299	Sub-total		12		35,732		9,090	44,834
1301	Secretary			12	70,601	6	23,000	93,958
1305	Secretary		29,958					29,958
1398	Prior years adjustment		-----	--	29,601		-----	-29,601
1399	Sub-total		29,958	12	41,000	6	23,000	93,958
1600	Travel on official business	17,108			457		5,000	22,565
1399	Sub-total	17,108			457		5,000	22,565
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	Total Component 10	93,032	102,343		137,456		107,090	439,921
2101 a)	Data processing (contract with WTMU)				207		15,000	15,207
2101 b)	WTMU additional areas process. of data		20,000					20,000
2102	Consultancy contract with CSIRO (elephant population)				13,975			13,975
2199	Sub-total		20,000		14,182		15,000	49,182
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	Total Component 20		20,000		14,182		15,000	49,182

LINE	DESCRIPTION	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>m/m</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>m/m</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1986-1989</u>
3001	African Elephant Working Group				34,697		61,910	96,607
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3099	Sub-total				34,697		61,910	96,607
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	Total Component 30				34,697		61,910	96,607
4300	Premises rent	3,210						3,210
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4399	Sub-total	3,210						3,210
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	Total Component 40	3,210						3,210
5100	Office repairs				1,321			1,321
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5199	Sub-total				1,321			1,321
5200	Publications				-35			-35
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5299	Sub-total				-35			-35
5301	Communications		20,000		6,156			26,156
5302	Other				144			144
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5399	Sub-total		20,000		6,300			26,300
5400	Hospitality				197			197
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5499	Sub-total				197			197
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	Total Component 50		20,000		7,783			27,783
6131	Overhead for UNOG Adm. Serv.	2,855	-2,787		5,604			5,672
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5099	Sub-total	2,855	-2,787		5,604			5,672
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	Total Component 60	2,855	-2,787		5,604			5,672
	
	GRAND TOTAL	99,097	139,556	19	199,722	17	184,000	622,375

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SUMMARY OF COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES
Ivory Unit
(US\$)

CONTRIBUTOR	PLEDGE 85	PAYMENT 85	PLEDGE 86	PAYMENT 86	PLEDGE 87	PAYMENT 87	PLEDGE 88	PAYMENT 88	PLEDGE 89	PAYMENT 89	TOTAL PLEDGE	TOTAL PAYMENT	TOTAL Pledges-Payments
EEC									27,625.00		27,625.00		27,625.00
France Croco					3,204.90	3,204.90	10,071.00	10,071.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	33,275.90	33,275.90	
Friedlein			2,801.20	2,801.20	2,801.00	2,801.00					5,602.20	5,602.20	
Fuso Trading					1,000.00	1,000.00					1,000.00	1,000.00	
Government of Japan									20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Government of the United States of America							19,994.95	19,994.95	85,000.00		104,994.95	19,994.95	85,000.00
Government of Great Britain			7,637.36	7,637.36	8,044.20	8,044.20	9,500.00	9,500.00	8,265.00		33,446.56	25,181.56	8,265.00
H.K. Ivory Association							14,800.00	12,800.00		2,000.00	14,800.00	14,800.00	
Hollander A.G.													
International Fund for Animal Welfare									9,090.91	9,090.91	9,090.91	9,090.91	
									5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Kee Cheong Ivory Factory							10,000.00	10,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Takaichi Ivory					3,000.00	3,000.00					3,000.00	3,000.00	
The Japan General Merchandise Importers' Association	31,350.00	31,350.00	31,350.00	31,500.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	15,003.04	18,851.34	135,853.04	139,701.34	-3,848.30
Wang							20,000.00	20,000.00			20,000.00	20,000.00	
WWF-International									7,844.31	7,844.31	7,844.31	7,844.31	
WWF-USA							24,839.03	24,839.03	20,000.00		44,839.03	24,839.03	20,000.00
	31,350.00	31,350.00	41,938.56	41,938.56	43,050.10	43,050.10	142,204.98	140,204.98	219,828.56	84,786.56	478,371.90	341,330.20	137,041.70

Note: US\$ 50,000 was pledged by the Government of the United States of America in 1988 and transferred to WWF-USA; this amount is still outstanding in CITES books and has been included in the 1989 pledges.