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LIAISON GROUP ON BUSHMEAT

First meeting

Buenos Aires, 15-17 October 2009

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The first meeting of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat is convened in response to element 1, goal 4, objective 2 of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity (decision VI/22, annex), as well as in response to the priority areas identified by the Conference of the Parties in its decision IX/5 for further implementation of the programme of work.
2. In decision IX/5, Parties were urged, *inter alia*, to strengthen the implementation of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity and to address, as a matter of priority, major human-induced threats to forest biodiversity, including unregulated and unsustainable use of forest products and resources (including unsustainable hunting and trade of bushmeat, and their impacts on non-target species).
3. In accordance with objective 2 under goal 4 of the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity (decision VI/22, annex), the mandate of the Liaison Group is to:
 - (a) Consult in a participatory manner with key stakeholders to identify and prioritize major issues pertaining to the unsustainable harvesting of bushmeat and related products;
 - (b) Provide advice on the development of policies, enabling legislation and strategies that promote sustainable use of bushmeat and related products;
 - (c) Provide advice on appropriate alternative sustainable livelihood technologies and practices for the affected communities;
 - (d) Provide advice on appropriate monitoring tools.
4. As far as possible, special consideration has been given to proportionate regional representation, giving special consideration to subregions where bushmeat is a major issue, and representation of relevant organizations such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), as well as the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF).

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. A representative of the Executive Secretary will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 15 October 2009. A representative of the Government of Argentina will welcome participants, and representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Center for

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International Forestry Research (CIFOR), and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) will make opening remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

6. After a self-introduction of participants, the Group will be invited to elect a Chair based on proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/LG-Bushmeat/1/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption.

2.3. Organization of work

8. Under this item, the Group will consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II below. The Group may wish to conduct its initial deliberations in plenary and break into smaller groups on specific issues, as appropriate. The language of the meeting will be English.

ITEM 3. INFORMATION-SHARING AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. Presentation of draft policy recommendations and presentations by international organizations and non-governmental organizations

9. A representative of the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) will present an overview of draft policy recommendations as outlined in document the note on the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife-based resources (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/9*).

10. Representatives of international organizations and NGOs will be invited to provide relevant scientific and technical information, including on:

- (a) The status and trends of bushmeat harvesting, and its impacts on wildlife populations and species;
- (b) Major issues pertaining the unsustainable harvesting of bushmeat and related products;
- (c) International, regional, and (examples of) national policies that address the unsustainable harvesting of bushmeat, including an overview of international trade in bushmeat;
- (d) Appropriate alternative sustainable livelihood technologies and practices for the affected communities;
- (e) Monitoring tools.

3.2. Presentations by participants from developing countries

11. Participants from developing countries will be invited to present their views and experiences regarding the use of bushmeat, with a particular view on lessons learnt in a national and regional context, including on:

- (a) The status and trends of bushmeat harvesting, and its impacts on wildlife populations and species;
- (b) National policies, enabling legislation and strategies that promote sustainable use of bushmeat and related products;

* Also available as CBD Technical Series No. 33.

(c) Identification and prioritization of major issues pertaining the unsustainable harvesting of bushmeat and related products.

3.3. *Discussions of policy recommendations*

12. On the basis of previous interventions, the Group will be invited to review the policy recommendations developed by a broad range of experts and organizations, as presented in chapter 7 of the note by the Executive Secretary on the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife-based resources: the bushmeat crisis (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/9).

13. The Group may wish to consider discussing the recommendations in several working groups, on the basis of the targeted level (national level; regional level; international level). The working groups would report back to plenary.

14. Based on the results of the discussions under this item, a drafting group could be set up to revise the recommendations presented in section 7 of the above-mentioned note on the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife-based resources and to develop a statement for the World Forestry Congress plenary session under its programme item 1.6 “Wildlife Associated with Forests”.

15. The drafting group would report back to plenary, and the Group would be invited to discuss the revised recommendations.

3.4. *Drafting of a statement for the World Forestry Congress, and further steps*

16. The Group will be invited to discuss the draft statement for the plenary session of the World Forestry Congress, to be presented by the Chair or a member of the Group.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

17. Under this item, participants may wish to raise other matters related to the subject-matter of the meeting, and to agree on any follow-up actions.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

18. Under this item, participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting, including the statement to be submitted to the World Forestry Congress, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Chair.

19. The meeting is expected to close at 1 p.m. on Saturday, 17 October 2009.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE LIAISON
GROUP ON BUSHMEAT**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/LG-Bushmeat/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/LG-Bushmeat/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/13/INF/9	Conservation and sustainable use of wildlife-based resources: the bushmeat crisis

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Thursday, 15 October 2009	
8 a.m.–9 a.m.	Registration.
9 a.m.–9.30 a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting by representatives of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Government of Argentina, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC).
9.30 a.m.–10 a.m.	2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers; 2.2. Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work.
10 a.m.–10.30 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	3.1 Presentation of draft policy recommendations and presentations by international organizations and non-governmental organizations
1 p.m.–2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2.30 p.m.–4 p.m.	3.2. Presentations by developing country participants
4 p.m.– 4.30 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
4.30 p.m.–6 p.m.	3.2. Presentations by developing country participants (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 16 October 2009	
9 a.m.–11.00 a.m.	3.2. Presentations by developing country participants (<i>continued</i>)
11.00 a.m.–11.30 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	3.3 Discussions of policy recommendations in Working Groups (national level and international level)
1 p.m.–2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2.30 p.m.–5.30 p.m. (with flexible break)	3.3 Discussions of policy recommendations in working groups (national level and international level) (<i>continued</i>)
4 p.m.–4.30 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
5.30 p.m.–6 p.m.	3.3. Discussions of policy recommendations (in plenary)

Saturday, 17 October 2009	
10 a.m.–10.30 a.m.	3.3. Discussions of policy recommendations (in plenary) (<i>continued</i>)
10.30 a.m.–11.00 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
11.00 a.m.–1 p.m.	3.4. Drafting of a statement for the World Forestry Congress and further steps. 4. Other matters. 5. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.
1 p.m.–2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2.30 p.m.–6 p.m. with flexible break	(Optional - venue provided): <i>Information exchange and joint programming for internationally funded projects</i>
