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Dear Dr Cooper

Australia thanks the Secretariat for the opportunity to submit its views in response to **Notification 2023-121** (issued 06-11-2023), Ref.: SCBD/SSSF/JL/SS/MCa/91359.

The Notification seeks views on best practices for sustainable wildlife management and the identification of areas that might require complementary guidance.

A. Areas in need of complementary guidance

- i. Issues in [Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species](#) (IPBES) that are not included in document [CBD/SBSTTA/25/11](#):
 - **Policy options that are inclusive and participatory will strengthen sustainable uses of wild species** – guidance on how to fully include all genders and youth in decisions and practices relating to the sustainable use of wildlife.
 - **Policy options that recognize and support multiple forms of knowledge will enhance the sustainability of the use of wild species** – guidance on how to capture and incorporate traditional knowledge and practices into sustainability measures.
 - **Policy instruments and tools will only be effective if they ensure fair and equitable distribution of costs and benefits from sustainable use of wild species** – guidance on how to measure, quantify and record the costs and benefits from sustainable use of wild species. This relates to the environmental economic accounting work that some Parties are undertaking (including Australia).
 - **Monitoring wild species and practices** - guidance and tools to support robust research, project and program planning to monitor and evaluate wild populations and the impact of use on populations, ecosystems, biodiversity and people.
- ii. Additional guidance gaps:
 - Guidance on the impact of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine species. The Australian Government is currently developing this guidance which will be available to share in Q3 2024.
 - Best practice survey techniques for a range of taxa groups. The Australian Government has developed best practice guidance for in-water survey techniques for cetaceans, marine turtles and dugong which it will be able to share in the next few months.

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B. Best practices for sustainable wildlife management

The following best practice documents and tools were identified:

[Commonwealth of Australia 2017. National Strategy for Reducing Vessel Strike on Cetaceans and other Marine Megafauna 2017.](#)

[Commonwealth of Australia 2023. National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Canberra, Australia.](#)

[Commonwealth of Australia 2017. Australian National Guidelines for Whale and Dolphin Watching 2017.](#)

[CITES Tree Species Program \(CTSP\) Resources](#)

[FAO Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management \(CPW\)](#)

[CITES guidance on Non-Detriment Findings](#)

[CITES Management of nationally established export quotas](#) and [Expert Quotas Tool](#)

[CITES Review of Significant Trade Management System](#)

[CITES Sustainable use of biodiversity: Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines](#)

Yours sincerely



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