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A Joint Statement on the Agenda Item 3: Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

prepared by the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management

The Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) wishes to express our gratitude to Parties for the greater attention now being given to the issue of sustainable use of biodiversity in the negotiations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

We note the positive discussions around the new targets on sustainable use, for example, Targets 4 and 8 of the currently proposed monitoring framework. We encourage continued attention being given to sustainable use for other targets as well, for example, Target 12 on values and Target 14 on production and supply chains. This will emphasize the crucial role of sustainable wildlife management to food security, health, income, jobs and well-being, particularly for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. We believe adoption of strong indicators for these targets is essential for measuring the effective implementation of the framework.

The CPW network has substantive expertise in this subject, as well as in wildlife trade, food security, livelihoods, human-wildlife conflict, and animal health. In June 2019, CPW and other partner convened the Consultative Workshop on Sustainable Wildlife Management Beyond 2020. The conclusions are included in the workshop report and have been made available to the Information document of the SBSTTA 23. Later, in March 2020, the CPW convened a virtual workshop to discuss targets and indicators on wildlife harvest, use and trade, and datasets required to measure progress towards implementation of the post-2020 framework. The CPW is also pleased to have contributed to discussions at the Thematic Consultation on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity last July with a presentation on sustainable wildlife management. We stand ready to assist Parties to develop and measure progress on these indicators.

Finally, we must recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has put the spotlight on wildlife's role in zoonotic disease. In this regard, we bring to your attention the CPW's joint statement 16 October 2020, setting out the guiding principles needed to reduce the risk of future pandemics originating from wild animals, while strengthening the conservation of wildlife, livelihoods, food security and culture.

Thank you, Chair.

























