



Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW)

Message on World Wildlife Day

The Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) welcomes the United Nations General Assembly decision to proclaim 3 March as World Wildlife Day, as a means of celebrating the importance of the world's flora and fauna, strengthening efforts to conserve biodiversity and stepping up the fight against the illegal trade in wildlife.

As a voluntary partnership comprising 12 international organizations with substantive mandates and programmes in wildlife management, the Partnership offers a unique platform for coordinated action among its twelve founding members in promoting the sustainable use and conservation of terrestrial vertebrate wildlife in all biomes and geographical areas.

Established in March 2013, the Partnership helps generate better understanding of critical wildlife management issues and their linkages to human-wildlife-conflict, food security, sustainable livelihoods and good governance. Building on the expertise of its members, its focus has been on assessing different policy options to ensure cross-sectoral cooperation in support of efforts by countries to manage their wildlife resources sustainably.

On the occasion of World Wildlife Day, the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management calls on all governments, parties to multilateral environmental agreements, donor agencies, including development banks, private and corporate donors, and business consortia, other relevant international bodies and organizations, indigenous and local community organizations and civil society, to make concerted and coordinated long-term efforts to support actions that promote innovative initiatives that conserve wildlife, improve the health and well-being of humans and combat illegal activities related to wildlife.

Such action needs to recognize the cross-sectoral dimensions of wildlife management by involving and engaging stakeholders outside the wildlife conservation community, including, local communities and Indigenous Peoples, and supporting their efforts.

The Partnership will examine underlying causes of unsustainable wildlife management practices, their social, economic and ecological implications, and report on progress in fulfilling its work, through its collaborative arrangement among members. The next meeting of the Partnership, on the margins of the General Assembly of the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation, in April 2014, will further the implementation of its work programme and strengthen fundraising. Subsequently, the first progress report of the Partnership will be presented in October 2014, in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, during the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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