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Questionnaire for the expression of interest for participating in a collaborative partnership on sustainable wildlife management

1. What are your expectations for a collaborative partnership on sustainable wildlife management (with a focus on supporting developing countries in implementing the recommendations of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat)?

Training courses

University Diplomas and Master programmes

With special attention to biological soil fertility and the role and conservation of soil fauna.

Bushmeat consumption is just one of several wildlife depletion problems. Soil fauna are the unseen wildlife that suffers without being noticed.

2. What are key experiences of your organization in sustainable wildlife management at global, regional and national level?

The Dept. of Natural Resources, Inst. of African Research, Cairo University, established in 1971, has worked during all those years on this issue and has produced hundreds of papers, theses, and organized scores of conferences and training courses on the subject in Africa. The Dept. has now a strong staff (15 PH.Ds., Lecturers. Asst. Profs. & Profs.) experienced in both plant and animal life in Africa. Next year (2012-2013) it will start a unique first for Africa Applied Diploma programme on African World Heritage (natural and cultural). It will also organize an International Conference on "Politics and Economics of African World Heritage" on 23 & 24 May 2012. (Docs attached).

3. Which organizational format would you suggest for a possible partnership on sustainable wildlife management? (Please cite examples of other international partnerships, if possible).

A Working Group, within the IPBES.

Examples from IUCN.

4. Which resources could you contribute to the partnership, if any?

Time, library, office space, research assistants.

In this connection, we hope that CBD will be able to help financing the travel and accommodation expenses for both the Conference (African scientists, plus Participation fees) and the Diploma (African students, plus study fees 3,000 Sterling (UK) pounds.

In addition, we hope that you can delegate a representative of CBD to honour the Opening session of the Conference.

With best wishes

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