



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)?

I would expect that a collaborative partnership could responsibly and effectively identify species that could be sustainably harvested and implement this project without allowing it to spiral out of control. The loose definition of "bushmeat" in the CBD report refers to smaller animals as possible harvest targets, yet the public reaction to "bushmeat" largely involves primates and larger mammals. That gap in understanding could easily lead to an expansion of the illegal trade and render efforts to control this program useless. Extremely clear guidelines – and even clearer methods of enforcement – are necessary.

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

As the Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP) deals with chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans and bonobos, there is no such thing as sustainable wildlife management involving these species. But there have been very few examples of well-run, effective sustainable wildlife management programs to date.

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

To guarantee the highest level of engagement and enforcement possible, I would advocate a model like the MIKE program or perhaps even GRASP itself, whereby all stakeholders – national governments, NGOs, UN agencies, and others -- had an equal say in the policy and programs.

4. Which resources could you contribute to the partnership, if any? GRASP would contribute staff time to collaborating in this way.

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