

**Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
**Eleventh meeting (COP11)**

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***Agenda Item 13.6: Sustainable use of biodiversity***

**Summary**

The health and well-being of many human communities depend on the sustainable use of wild animal resources for food and medicine, and on the collection of those resources from the wild as a source of income. However, unsustainable harvesting and use of wild resources is threatening their availability and having a detrimental impact on biological diversity, ecosystem integrity and on people's livelihoods.

WWF and TRAFFIC welcome the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat (LGBM) in the Annex to recommendation XV/6 (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2) and congratulate the broad participatory manner in which they were agreed at the Joint Meeting of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat and the CITES Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group, and at the subsequent meeting of SBSTTA 15.

**WWF and TRAFFIC urge COP11 to:**

- Adopt the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat (LGBM).
- *Integrate* the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and identify specific National Focal Points for bushmeat at national level.
- *Provide* adequate, timely, and sustainable financial and technical support to the implementation of the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat.
- *Engage* with development and agricultural institutions and the scientific community in creating alternatives to bushmeat that are not detrimental to biodiversity.
- *Support* the proposed Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management focused on the implementation of the Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat.

Specific text changes are outlined in the Annex to this position paper.

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## **Rationale**

WWF and TRAFFIC welcome the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat (LGBM) as in Annex of Document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2 and congratulate the broad participatory manner in which they were agreed at the Joint Meeting of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat and the CITES Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group convened from 7 – 10 June 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya. Input at this joint meeting was received from a range of Parties as well as the Secretariats of three conventions (CBD, CITES and CMS); UN organizations and programmes (FAO, UNEP-GRASP); the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC); the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC); and TRAFFIC - the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network. The input of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities was of particular importance for the outcomes of the meeting. The spirit of broad participatory manner further continued at the subsequent deliberations during the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SBSTTA.

WWF and TRAFFIC believe that the development of alternatives to bushmeat is not simple and can itself be detrimental to biodiversity, and thus recommend engagement with development and agricultural institutions and the scientific community to develop alternatives that are not detrimental to biodiversity.

WWF and TRAFFIC believe that the exploration of options by the Executive Secretary for the development of a Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat yielded significant interest by Parties and relevant organizations and will, if endorsed by the Parties, strongly support the second objective of the Convention.

However WWF and TRAFFIC also suggest that the scope of the Collaborative Partnership should remain focussed on the Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat, as endorsed by SBSTTA-15.

## Annex

### Suggested text changes to SBSTTA 15 recommendation XV/6 (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/2)

Text that TRAFFIC and WWF feel is important is **in bold** and new text proposed is **in bold and underlined**.

#### *The Conference of the Parties*

12. **Adopts** ~~Welcomes~~ the ~~R~~revised ~~R~~ecommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat (annexed to the present decision) as a potential complement to the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity related to sustainable wildlife management in tropical and sub-tropical countries;

14. **Urges** ~~Invites~~ Parties, other Governments **the financial mechanism** and relevant organizations to:  
**14 (b bis) - Integrate the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and to identify specific National Focal Points for bushmeat at national level;**

14 (d) - Develop and promote alternatives to unsustainable management and use of wildlife, depending on the local and national context, and engage with the scientific community and relevant other organizations working on sustainable development in relevant sectors such as agriculture, forestry and fisheries in improving sustainable use **ensuring that alternatives measures are not detrimental to biodiversity;**

**14 (d bis) - Provide adequate, timely, and sustainable financial and technical support to the implementation of the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat;**

**(15 bis) Welcomes the proposed Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management on enhanced cooperation and coordination for the implementation of the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat;**

**(15 ter) Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, to join and support the proposed Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management on enhanced cooperation and coordination for the implementation of the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat;**

16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

**16 (bis) Support the further development of a Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management focused on enhanced cooperation and coordination for implementation of the revised Recommendations of the Liaison Group on Bushmeat.**

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