Madam Chairperson

The IIFB thanks the Secretariat for preparing the draft decision and welcomes the opportunities in the past two years to be involved in the evolving work on bush meat and sustainable wildlife management.

The IIFB welcomes the establishment of Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW), However, we also note with some concern that our participation in this partnership has been hampered on occasions, because of the lack of financial support. We urge the parties and other donors to allocate money to allow indigenous peoples and local communities, as key collaborators and stakeholders, to fully and effectively participate in this process. We would also like to call on the CBD Secretariat to strengthen this partnership.

Throughout the Convention, Parties are beginning to acknowledge and support indigenous peoples’ integrated land-use management systems; stressing the need to approach traditional knowledge as complementary to science and other knowledge; and the value of community-based biodiversity monitoring efforts.\(^1\)

We suggest that this acknowledgement is mainstreamed in the issue of sustainable wildlife management and bushmeat, as follows:

Paragraph 8:

\textit{Requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, and with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, subject to the availability of resources:}

(a) To prepare technical guidance on the role of sustainable wildlife management for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; \textit{which should aspire to include views and guidance based on indigenous and traditional knowledge on sustainable wildlife management and monitoring (with approval and involvement of the holders of such knowledge) , and indicate linkages with the guidance in the Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use}

(b) To enhance communication and information sharing among members of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management and prepare joint awareness raising and outreach materials;

(c) To report on progress to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting to be held prior to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Thank you Madam Chairperson.

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\(^1\) SBSTTA17 recommendation: XVII/1, 3(h), Annex I 2(f), 5-7 (UNEP/CBD/COP/12/2).