

**MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION****between****The Secretariat  
of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nairobi, 1992)****and****The Secretariat  
of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals  
(Bonn, 1979)**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretariats").

*Recalling that:*

1. Article 5 of the Convention on Biological Diversity ("CBD") calls upon its Parties to "... co-operate with other Contracting Parties, directly or, where appropriate, through competent international organizations, in respect of areas beyond national jurisdiction and on other matters of mutual interest, for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity",
2. The Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CBD adopted Decision II/13 on "co-operation with other biodiversity-related conventions" which requested the Executive Secretary to co-ordinate with the Secretariats of other conventions, with a view to facilitating the exchange of information and experience, to explore harmonization of reporting requirements, to co-ordinate work programmes and to consult on how other conventions can contribute to the implementation of CBD,
3. Migratory species of wild animals are one of the most vulnerable components of global biological diversity,

*Recalling also that:*

1. Article IX of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals ("CMS") requires the CMS Secretariat to maintain liaison with, *inter alia*, international organizations concerned with migratory species, and
2. the Conference of the Parties to CMS at its Fourth Meeting adopted Resolution 4.4 on the "Strategy for the Future Development of the Convention", in which the Secretariat is advised to "establish a partnership with the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity";

*Emphasizing* their wish to co-operate in order to both be more effective and benefit from existing and future synergies in the conservation and sustainable use of the world's biological diversity, including migratory species of wild animals:

decide as follows:

#### **Article 1 Institutional Co-operation**

- a) Each Secretariat will, on a regular basis, be represented in meetings of the Conference of the Parties of the other convention.
- b) Each Secretariat will explore possibilities for the organs of each convention to participate as observers at meetings of the other convention.
- c) The Secretariats will inform their respective focal points in each Contracting Party of their co-operative activities and will seek to promote consultation and co-operation between focal points in those Contracting Parties where the focal points are different for each Convention.

#### **Article 2 Exchange of Experience and Information**

- a) The Secretariats will institute procedures for regular exchange of information in their respective fields. For CMS this includes the Agreements concluded under its auspices.
- b) The Secretariats will develop a system for the exchange of data on biodiversity or its components between the clearing-house mechanism of CBD and information systems which are or will be at the disposal of CMS. The Secretariats will also endeavour to co-operate as much as possible in preparing relevant documents for each convention.

#### **Article 3 Co-ordination of Programmes of Work**

- a) The Secretariats will explore the possibility of co-ordinating the preparation of their respective work plans.
- b) The Secretariats will explore the possibility of harmonizing the reporting requirements of Contracting Parties of both conventions.

#### **Article 4 Joint Conservation Action**

- a) The Secretariats will consult their Contracting Parties with a view to encouraging them to integrate the special requirements of migratory species in their national strategies, plans or programmes under CBD. This would include international co-operation among Range States for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species.

- b) The Secretariats will consult their Contracting Parties with a view to increasing the level of co-operation and co-ordination between the bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, responsible for the implementation of CBD, CMS and Agreements concluded under its auspices.
- c) The Secretariats will endeavour to co-ordinate their activities in research, training and public awareness activities.

**Article 5**  
**Consultation, Reporting and Further Guidance**

The Secretariats will institute measures for consultations on the implementation of this Memorandum of Co-operation. They will report accordingly to their respective governing as well as advisory bodies and seek further guidance on new areas of co-operation.

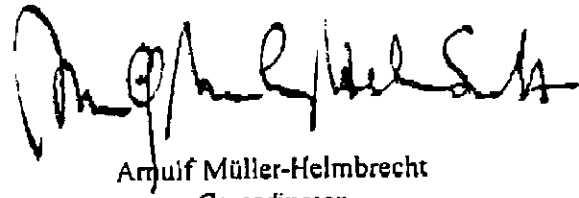
**Article 6**  
**Review and Denunciation**

This Memorandum of Co-operation may be reviewed at the request of either Secretariat. It may be denounced by a unilateral written notice of either party. The denunciation shall take effect twelve months after the other party has received the notification.

Done at Bonn, on the 13th day of June 1996



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