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FIRST MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION
OF THE BUKHARA DEER (*Cervus elaphus bactrianus*)
20 November 2011, Bergen, Norway

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Number of participants: 12 (list attached)

Welcoming

Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema – Executive Secretary of CMS - welcomed the participants.

Election of the Chair

By the proposal of the representative of Uzbekistan, Mr. Mussabev (Kazakhstan) was unanimously elected as the chair of the Meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

After a brief discussion, the meeting has adopted the following agenda:

1. Report by the Secretariat of the Convention
2. Reports of the Range States on the implementation of the MoU
3. Extension of the geographical scope of MoU
4. Prospects for further development and implementation of the Memorandum and its Action Plan
5. Next meeting of the MoU Signatories
6. Other

Agenda Item 1

The Meeting took notice of the Report of the Secretariat.

Agenda Item 2

The national reports of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, the Central Asian program of WWF Russia and CIC were presented to the Meeting.

Speakers presented information about their Bukhara Deer activities that aim at supporting the implementation of the MoU and Action Plan, problems and solutions, as well as major events planned for the next 5 years. The participants also discussed the activities of the Secretariat and collaborating organizations.

Agenda Item 3

It was proposed to extend the geographical scope of the MoU and amend it in order to open it for signature by other interested countries, particularly Afghanistan.

Agenda Item 4

Different options for updating and further development of the Action Plan were considered. The possibility of developing a medium term work program as a tool to support the implementation of the MoU was discussed, as well as the alternatives to the reporting format for the implementation of the MoU Action Plan.

Agenda Item 5

The frequency of future meetings of the Signatories and the possible date for the next meeting were discussed.

Regarding agenda items 3-5, the following decisions were made:

1. Expansion of the geographical scope of the Memorandum, to include Afghanistan;
2. Development of a medium term international work program (MTIWP);
3. Improvement of transboundary cooperation;
4. Report on the implementation of the MoU on a two-yearly basis using the the newly agreed format;
5. Urge the 10th Conference of the Parties to CMS to consider allocating necessary resources to the Secretariat to support the implementation of the MoU and maintain the position of a regional coordinator; and
6. Identification of the following priorities for national and transboundary actions for Bukhara Deer conservation.

Kazakhstan:

- Create new protected areas that are also suitable habitats for the Bukhara Deer, to increase its populations to a stable point; and
- Introduce deer in additional areas.

Tajikistan:

- Strengthen the protection of Bukhara deer population in the reserve "Tigrovaya balka";
- Monitor Bukhara deer in its natural habitat;
- Improve facilities and opportunities for the management of protected areas;
- Develop and implement a National Strategy and Action Plan for the Conservation of Bukhara deer in Tajikistan; and
- Improve cooperation for the conservation of Bukhara deer between Zeravshan reserve (Tajikistan) and reserve "Zarafshan" (Uzbekistan).

Uzbekistan:

- Strengthen and increase the scale of coordinated monitoring of all populations of Bukhara deer;
- Identify and explore new areas suitable for the Bukhara reintroduction, as well as work to study the fragmentation of habitats;
- Use deer populations in Badai Tugay for relocation to balance population sizes with the carrying capacity of ecosystems; and
- Develop eco-tourism and related infrastructure (e.g., EcoCenter "Adelia").

For all member Range States of the MoU:

- Continue to work with the CMS Secretariat and share best practices with other Range States on the optimization of Bukhara deer and its habitat;
- Develop ecological corridors for migration;
- involve local people and provide incentives for the conservation of Bukhara deer (e.g., alternative income generation); and
- Strengthen anti-poaching activities.

Signed by the:

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Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan

Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Representative of the World Wildlife Fund

Representative of the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)

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