

Gorilla Agreement

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Agenda Item 15: Enhanced Cooperation with the Great Apes Survival Partnership (GRASP)



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Gorilla Agreement

- **History**

- Concluded in 2007 as Article IV (3) AGREEMENT under CMS

- **Governance Structure**

- MOP is the highest decision-making body
 - Meets every three years to review progress in implementation and to set policies for the new reporting period
 - MOP has met in 2008 and 2011
- Technical Committee
 - One representative of each Range States, one from GRASP,
 - One expert from the following fields: forest management and conservation; environmental law; and wildlife health
- Secretariat
 - CMS Secretariat provides interim Secretariat

Objectives

GRASP

Species: Bonobos, Chimpanzees, Gorillas, Orangutans

Aim: To stop any further decline of great ape populations and their habitat

Type of activities

- Scientific & technical work
- Field-level implementation
- Education, information and outreach
- Policy work
- High level political advocacy
- Facilitate and moderate cross sectoral and transboundary stakeholder processes

GRASP Priority Plan

- Illegal wildlife trade; Political advocacy; Disease monitoring; Habitat protection; Conflict-sensitive conservation; Green Economy



Gorilla Agreement

Species: Gorillas

Aim: Coordinate measures to maintain gorillas in a favourable conservation status or to restore them to such status

Obligation: Party shall prohibit the taking of animals

Action Plans:

- conservation of all species and sub-species of gorilla;
- habitat conservation;
- management of human activities;
- research and monitoring;
- education and information;
- implementation and enforcement of gorilla conservation policies;
- reduction of the impact of disease;
- contribution to the sustainable development of local communities;
- reduction of human-gorilla conflicts.





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Proposal for cooperation

- Developed jointly with GRASP Secretariat in 2015
- Circulated to all Parties by Notification 2015/030 – no feedback received
- Submitted to GRASP Executive Committee in 2015 – adopted
- Further discussed by GRASP Executive Committee in 2019 – Resolution adopted



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Proposal for cooperation

Joint Focal
Points

Joint
Meetings

Joint Work
Programme

Joint
Scientific
Advice

Support
Secretariat
Services

Joint
outreach /
information

Joint
fundraising

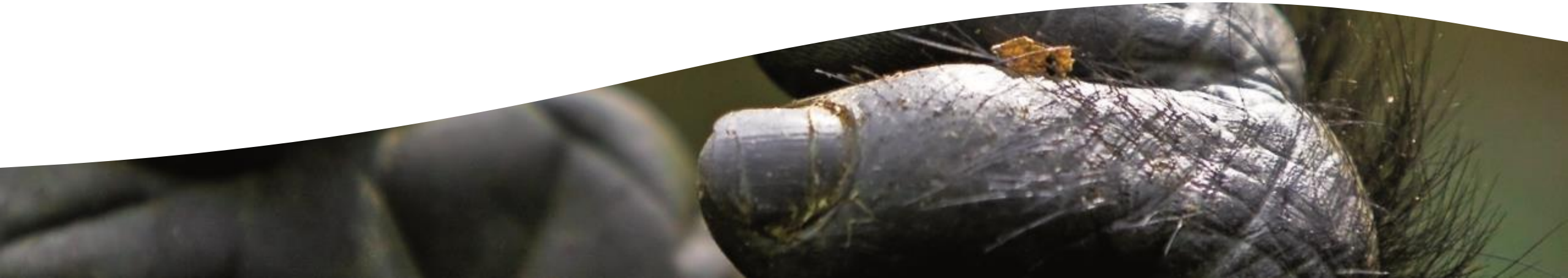
a) Joint Focal Points

Proposal

- Range States to have the same focal point(s) to GRASP and the Gorilla Agreement

Expected Benefits

- Greater consistency and continuation of actions by Range States / Parties



b) Joint Meetings

Proposal

- MOP of the Gorilla Agreement to be organized in conjunction with GRASP Council meetings
- MOP to decide to adjust the meeting cycle as required

Expected Benefits

- Increased efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Programmatic coherence and consistency



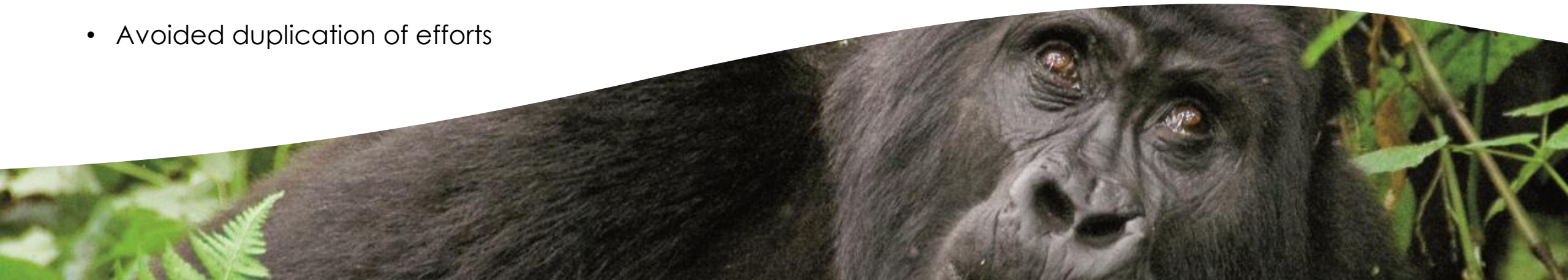
c) Joint Work Programme

Proposal

- Gorilla Agreement to use the elements of GRASP work plans relevant to gorilla conservation as its Programme of Work

Expected Benefits

- Increased efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Greater consistency of conservation work
- Avoided duplication of efforts



d) Joint Scientific Advice

Proposal

- Gorilla Agreement MOP to request the Scientific Commission of GRASP to provide scientific advice

Expected Benefits

- Increased efficiency and cost effectiveness
- Greater consistency of conservation work

Implications

- The Technical Committee would remain dormant until the MOP decided to reactivate it



e) CMS Gorilla Agreement to provide secretariat services

Proposal

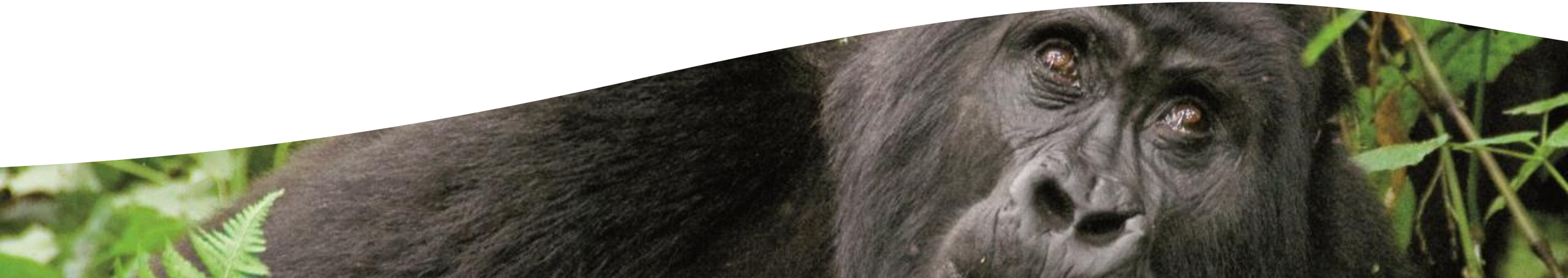
- CMS Secretariat to support GRASP Secretariat in serving the joint meeting of MOP/GRASP Council

Expected Benefits

- GRASP to receive additional support for document management, logistical arrangements

Implications

- The Chairperson of the Gorilla Agreement MOP may participate in the GRASP Executive Committee meetings to ensure collaboration during the intersessional period
- The Rules of Procedure of the Gorilla Agreement MOP would require amendments





f) Joint Outreach

Proposal

- Joint outreach activities to be conducted to promote gorilla conservation in general as well as joint activities

Expected Benefits

- Greater distribution network and wider stakeholder community for outreach activities
- Enhanced cost-effectiveness



g) Joint Fundraising

Proposal

- The Gorilla Agreement Secretariat and the GRASP Secretariat to conduct joint fundraising for specific projects to implement the joint programme of work

Expected Benefits

- Increased efficiency
- Greater consistency and impact of conservation work



Recommendations

- a) Discuss possible cooperation between the Gorilla Agreement and GRASP as outlined in this document;

- b) Consider adopting the draft Resolution contained in Annex I of Doc.15.





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