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**Memorandum of Understanding**

**between**

**the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization**

**and**

**the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory  
Species of Wild Animals**

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, hereinafter referred to as 'UNESCO' and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, hereinafter referred to as 'CMS', represented by the Head of its Secretariat and acting on its own and on behalf of Secretariats of Agreements concluded under its auspices

*Recalling*

1. the preamble to CMS which includes reference to the ever-growing value of wild animals from environmental, ecological, genetic, scientific, aesthetic, recreational, cultural, educational, social and economic points of view;
2. Article IX 4b of CMS which states that the functions of the CMS Secretariat shall be to maintain liaison with and promote liaison between the parties, the standing bodies set up under Agreements and other international organizations concerned with migratory species,
3. that the International Co-ordinating Council of the UNESCO Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) at its 16<sup>th</sup> session held in Paris in November 2000 acknowledged the importance of present co-operation between MAB and relevant international partners such as CMS, and decided to strengthen the Secretariat's mandate to intensify work with those partners,
4. that UNESCO's intergovernmental Committee for the Convention concerning the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Committee) has recognized the collective interest that would be advanced by closer co-ordination of that Convention's work with other international conservation instruments, as specified in the Committee's Operational Guidelines, paragraph 139 (March 1999),

5. that UNESCO, in its fields of competence, and in the context of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) and the World Heritage Centre, has developed a number of scientific biodiversity programmes, activities and networks relevant to the implementation of CMS, and dealing in particular with research, monitoring, education, *in situ* conservation and sustainable use of 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 natural and mixed World Heritage sites and biosphere reserves, including migratory species and their habitats;

### HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

#### **Article I - Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish a framework for co-operation between CMS and UNESCO's Programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) as well as UNESCO's World Heritage Convention in the field of conserving migratory species and the world's natural heritage and biodiversity with a view to identifying synergies and ensuring effective co-operation in joint activities.

#### **Article II - Institutional Aspects of Co-operation**

Aspects of institutional co-operation include:

- mutual participation as observers of the representatives of CMS and UNESCO in respective, relevant meetings including Conferences of the Parties, MAB International Co-ordinating Council sessions, and Statutory Meetings of the World Heritage Convention;
- joint notification of national focal points of the co-operative activity between the two organizations, seeking in general to promote the consultation and co-operation among focal points, and in particular in those Member States and States Parties where the focal points are different.

#### **Article III - Access to and Dissemination of Information**

- a. UNESCO and CMS will institute procedures for regular exchange of information in their respective fields. In the case of CMS, this extends to the Secretariats of Agreements concluded under its auspices.

b. UNESCO and CMS will develop a system for the exchange of relevant data and endeavour to co-operate on the preparation of documents which are relevant to both institutions.

c. The CMS Secretariat and UNESCO will jointly encourage the use of their respective rosters of experts on migratory species of wild animals.

#### **Article IV – Co-ordination of Activities**

a. The CMS Secretariat and UNESCO will, to the extent possible, co-ordinate their programme activities to ensure that their implementation is complementary and mutually supportive. The various branches of UNESCO and bodies of CMS and of Agreements concluded under its auspices may develop and implement joint work programmes under the aegis of this MoU.

b. Joint activities will include:

- elaboration of environmental education materials;
- education and public awareness programmes on migratory species and their habitats;
- capacity building - training courses and workshops;
- inventories, assessments and monitoring of migratory species in biosphere reserves and natural world heritage sites;
- *in situ* conservation and integrated ecosystem management in biosphere reserve and natural world heritage sites, in particular in transboundary areas.

#### **Article V – Focal Points**

The Executive Secretary of CMS and the Director of the Division of Ecological Sciences of UNESCO are focal points for the purposes of this MoU and, in particular, regarding official communication and exchange of information. All matters related to specific activities of the World Heritage Convention including official communications and exchange of information, should be referred to the Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

#### **Article VI – Reporting on the Effectiveness of this Memorandum**

The Focal Points of CMS and UNESCO appointed in accordance with Article V above will arrange regular consultations as required for the implementation of this MoU. They will also report on the measures taken under this MoU to their respective governing bodies and seek further guidance on new areas of co-operation.

#### **Article VII – Review, Amendment and Termination**

a. This MoU may be reviewed to assess its effectiveness and may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties.

b. This MoU may be terminated by either party giving notice in writing to the other not less than six months in advance of the effective date of termination.

Done at .....on....., in two original copies in the English language.

For UNESCO:

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