

**ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
FOR GORILLA CONSERVATION**

Adopted by the Meeting of the Parties at its Second Meeting (Bergen, 26-27 November 2011)

*Taking note* of the proposal by the Republic of the Congo to develop a specific strategy for the survival of gorillas;

*Considering* the results achieved for the protection of gorillas and their habitats since the Paris (France) Declaration in October 2007, and the signing and entry into force of the Agreement;

*Noting* the development of an Action Plan to reinforce the implementation of wildlife legislation by the COMIFAC States, under their Convergence Plan;

*Further noting* the conservation and management measures taken with regard to gorillas both in protected areas and other gorilla habitats; and

*Recognizing* the ongoing process for the development of new and the revision of existing Action Plans for the four Sub-species of gorillas;

*The Meeting of the Parties to the  
Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats*

1. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat to monitor the revision process of the Action Plans for the four Sub-species and to circulate them to all Parties, other Range States and interested stakeholders;
2. *Agrees* to adopt the methodology contained in the IUCN Best Practice Guidelines for the Surveys and Monitoring of Great Ape Populations with the uniform standards for the collection of data so that the data are quantitatively comparable both in space and time and *requests* that the Interim Secretariat circulates these guidelines to all Parties and other Range States;
3. *Requests* Parties and *urges* other Range States that have not done so already, to consider establishing small coordination units with the task of overseeing the monitoring of:
  - a. gorilla population dynamics; and
  - b. operations targeting illegal activities affecting gorillas and their habitats.

4. *Decides* to contribute to and liaise with the Ape Populations, Environments and Surveys (A.P.E.S.) database on the status of the gorillas, and other great apes across the whole of their range; and
5. *Instructs* the Interim Secretariat to work closely with GRASP and IUCN to investigate a way to utilize this information in an efficient manner.