



Convention on
Biological Diversity

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL

And

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter “the CBD Secretariat”) and BirdLife International (hereinafter “BirdLife”),

Recalling the decision V/14, Annex II(c) of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which requested the Executive Secretary to identify and establish cooperative arrangements with those international thematic focal points that can provide relevant and appropriate thematic information;

Recalling also paragraph 2 of decision VII/28, wherein the Conference of the Parties to the CBD welcomed the commitment by non-governmental organizations (NGO) to support the implementation of CBD programme of work on protected areas;

Further Recalling paragraph 1 of decision VIII/24 on protected areas wherein the COP noted the significant contribution of the partners of the consortium of non-governmental organizations, especially BirdLife, Conservation International, Wildlife Conservation Society, The Nature Conservancy and World Wide Fund for Nature-International to the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas;

Considering that BirdLife is an international non-profit global Partnership of national non-governmental conservation organizations present in 107 countries and territories that work together on shared priorities, exchanging skills, achievements and information;

Aware that the mission of BirdLife is consistent with the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and that BirdLife has been contributing to CBD implementation through, *inter alia*, the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP 2010), the Friends of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas and as international thematic focal point for birds for the clearing-house mechanism;

Recognizing that the past co-operation between the CBD Secretariat and BirdLife has been successful and that both signatories wish to enhance that co-operation;

Further recognizing that the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the period 2011-2020 and the ‘Aichi Targets’, adopted at the 10th Conference of the Parties provide a good basis for enhancing their cooperation;

Have agreed as follows,

Article 1

Statement of Objectives

The objective of this MoU is to enhance cooperation between the CBD Secretariat and BirdLife on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity in order to support implementation of the Convention.

Article 2

Areas of Collaboration/Joint Activities

Cooperative activities executed under this Memorandum will be effected through annexures relating to specific activities agreed upon by both signatories in writing. Such annexures will coincide with the COP schedule and will form an integral part of this Memorandum. The signatories agree that the following is a nonexclusive statement of activities they may undertake under this MoU, singly or together, in furtherance of their common purpose.

1. Support the development, testing and application of a framework of indicators for measuring progress in achieving biodiversity targets adopted by the Convention and contribute to strengthening capacities in selected countries to adapt global biodiversity targets to their national contexts and make data available for biodiversity monitoring.
2. Make data on avian biological diversity available to Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for, *inter alia*, national clearing-house mechanisms, national reports and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans.
3. Continue to strengthen the implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas, in collaboration with the Friends of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas and with particular focus on the conservation of Important Bird Areas, and support the active participation of BirdLife Partners in similar mechanisms at the national level.
4. Support the growth of the LifeWeb Initiative as a means to strengthen financing for implementing the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, including by supporting Parties in the development of their invitations for support based on highest national priorities, and encouraging donors to use this platform to inform their decision making and support projects profiled on it.
5. Strengthen collaboration on the practical application of the CBD criteria for the identification of Ecologically and Biologically Sensitive Areas in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction and other aspects of the implementation of the Programme of Work on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity.
6. Facilitate linkages between national BirdLife Partners and CBD Parties' national focal points, and strengthen collaboration on the local, national and regional implementation of the CBD including by contributing analysis, experiences case studies, best practices and practical guides towards the development and

implementation of CBD work programmes linking biodiversity with development and poverty eradication.

7. Strengthen the science and policy efforts to link biodiversity with climate change mitigation and adaptation.
8. Raise awareness on the value of biodiversity and the steps that people can take to protect it by supporting Parties to strengthen the implementation of Communications, Education and Public Awareness programmes, especially through the activities of national BirdLife Partners, their members and local networks.

Article 3

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute between the CBD Secretariat and BirdLife arising out of the interpretation or execution of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement, the dispute shall be settled through arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) as at present in force.

Article 4

Entry into Effect, Amendment and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into effect upon signature by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Chief Executive of BirdLife International.

Any amendment to this Memorandum will be effected only on the basis of written consent of both Parties.

This Memorandum will be reviewed by both signatories, and may be revised and renewed, three years after its entry into effect. It may be terminated by either signatory by giving three months written notice.

THE PARTIES HEREBY EXECUTE THIS MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION,
EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2010 at _____



Dr Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary

For and on behalf of the Secretariat of
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY



Dr Marco Lambertini
Chief Executive

For and on behalf of
BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL