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1. Please state the progress that this project has made in achieving its stated goals: to establish a professional team to develop bushmeat curriculum including lessons and field exercises to cover many aspects of the pan-African and regional bushmeat crisis; to host the bushmeat education material and network development workshops in each region; to identify individuals who will be responsible for directing and executing the development of the project; and to secure funding for and test the bushmeat curriculum through short courses prior to full implementation.

The Bushmeat Crisis Task Force (BCTF) and the three regional wildlife colleges in Africa (École pour la Formation des Spécialistes de la Faune de Garoua, Cameroon [EFG], College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka, Tanzania [CAWM] and Southern African Wildlife College, South Africa [SAWC]) have achieved all of the goals of this phase of our effort to develop bushmeat education and training programs throughout sub-Saharan Africa.

Approximately 100 participants from approximately 30 countries participated in the three workshops held at EFG, CAWM and SAWC during 2002, contributing to the development of bushmeat curricula that will be used to train mid-career wildlife managers to better respond to the challenges of the bushmeat trade on the ground.

The three workshop reports are in the process of being distributed to all workshop participants and interested colleagues. These reports are already being used to progress to the next stage of this effort: development of a bushmeat curriculum for each college. EFG currently has five years of funding (\$300,000 over 2002-2006) from the WWF R.E. Train Education for Nature (EFN)

educators. A framework for future training courses incorporating the three key target groups was developed during the workshop. The final workshop report is in progress and should be finalized soon; this would then also be available in French and Portuguese.

2. Please state the progress that this project has made in achieving progress towards the following expected outcomes:

a. A template for a comprehensive bushmeat curriculum regarding the causes, effects and appropriate solutions to the bushmeat trade and how they can be most effectively implemented

EFG: During the workshop, working groups determined the target audiences for short courses (wildlife managers and some conservation trainers/educators), reviewed current offerings in the EFG curriculum and performed an analysis of the needed competencies (knowledge, skills and attitude) to address the bushmeat crisis. Groups developed the structure of the course, including methodology for training in certain competencies (i.e. role playing exercises for stakeholder analysis activities), and resources for each element. The groups also included strategic and practical considerations, such as experts and other resources for assistance during the curriculum development phase. The reports from each working group are currently being compiled into a workshop report, which will guide the CDS and the CDC in planning the details of the bushmeat curriculum.

In their needs assessments and proposed training schedules, each working group focused on many key training elements. These elements include:

- Root causes and effects of the commercial bushmeat trade
- Law enforcement and policy development
- Economics, alternatives (economic and protein) and community management
- Ecological effects of the bushmeat trade, population monitoring and information database management
- Public awareness building and education

CAWM: The outputs from the Workshop were outline syllabi for three short courses on managing bushmeat resources (as indicated above), full details of the proposed syllabi can be found in the Workshop report. Initial curriculum development work, preparing a detailed Course Outline for the short course for Resource Managers, has already begun at Mweka.

SAWC: Pending funding, the SAWC is in the process of hiring a Curriculum Development Specialist (CDS). It is anticipated that this individual would be on board soon. One of his/her key performance areas would be to develop the Bushmeat curriculum framework, formulated during the workshop into a series of short courses; this would be done in conjunction with CAWM, Tanzania and EFG in Cameroon. It is anticipated that once developed the course/s would be incorporated into the College certificate and diploma curriculum.

SAWC: As with the previous workshops, the 30 participants partaking in the SAWC workshop were able to share and relate to experiences common to their respective organisations relevant to the bushmeat crises. It is also anticipated that the final workshop report would be distributed further and would not be restricted to the individuals who have attended the workshop. Also the development of the curriculum would entail further consultation with workshop participants and other stakeholders.

d. Creation of a framework for additional training and capacity building within government wildlife departments (curriculum can be taught both within and outside of the college environment, as necessary).

EFG: The CITES Bushmeat Working Group (CBWG), which is composed of Directors of Wildlife in the Central African region and works to identify solutions that can be implemented by range States, sent delegates to the workshop at EFG. One of the groups' identified aims is to provide training and capacity-building to wildlife managers that deal with the bushmeat issue; the EFG workshop was structured around five of the primary training needs identified by the CBWG. The EFG bushmeat curriculum will be shared with the CBWG and government wildlife managers will be invited to take part in the training. In addition, BCTF is conducting discussions with other NGOs working to develop training programs in Central Africa, including WWF-US, which is working with the Government of Gabon to provide training for the managers and guards of the developing national park system.

CAWM: Of the 39 Workshop participants, 11 were from government wildlife departments or agencies, with 1 from a regional government task force. Two of the training courses developed, for wildlife/resource managers and for law enforcement officers, focused primarily on government officers. One Workshop participant working within the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) has already indicated that outputs from the process will be included within a training programme being developed by KWS.

SAWC: As most of the workshop participants hail from governmental institutions it is envisaged that training would be extended beyond the borders of the College, in order to ensure that the envisaged training have maximum impact, some of the training would be offered in and ex-situ. Partnerships would also be formed with other training providers in order to establish a secure network.

3. Please comment on any other aspects of this project that should be addressed.

CAWM: Further necessary steps in the development of training on bushmeat are to develop detailed course outlines for the Law Enforcement Officers course and the Community, Private Sector and NGO Representatives course, and then prepare training materials for all three of the proposed short courses and integrate these into the Mweka curriculum, and then to deliver the training to the key target groups identified. At this time, CAWM is finalizing a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to expand their training to all areas of the

information has not yet been brought together and will provide an excellent service for BCTF members, key decision makers, researchers, media, educators and the public regarding the issue. At this time BCTF is finalizing a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Resources Institute (WRI) for the hiring and management of a joint GIS technician position who would work toward developing map-based products of interest to a large number of our Supporting Members and partners. This project includes the development of the sustainability assessment model as proposed by Dr. E.J. Milner-Gulland.

PASA and Education/Awareness: BCTF is now working with the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), an umbrella organization for 19 primate sanctuaries in Africa, to assist in the development of bushmeat education programs and public outreach. PASA initially approached BCTF for this level of assistance, as the sanctuaries are in the unique position of caring for the orphans of the bushmeat trade and have access to the local communities through their educational efforts. Plans are now ongoing for BCTF participation at the PASA Directors' meetings scheduled for June 2003 in Uganda, where the action plan for this process will be finalized.