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The Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) celebrates World Wildlife Day 2016 by launching the *Glossary of Wildlife Management Terms and Definitions*

3 March 2016, Rome - The Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) welcomes World Wildlife Day 2016, and rallies under this year's theme "*The future of wildlife is in our hands*" to call all stakeholders to recognize the inextricable link between wildlife, people, and sustainable development. The CPW urges actors on all levels to consider the crucial roles of sustainable wildlife management as a tool to promote biodiversity and conservation while enhancing the well-being of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Over this past year we have seen greater recognition given to importance of wildlife management at the global level. Notably, at its 69th session the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution reinforcing greater attention for wildlife conservation and management, stressing the need for collective efforts to address wildlife crime and to put an end to the global poaching crisis. In addition, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, contains two relevant targets that address wildlife management.

To celebrate World Wildlife Day 2016, the CPW launches the [*Glossary of Wildlife Management Terms and Definitions*](#). This online resource aims to raise awareness of the diverse usage and meanings of technical terms related to wildlife management and conservation.

Many terms and definitions are context-specific and consensus among stakeholders is difficult to reach. The glossary intends to improve dialogue and eventually contribute towards a harmonization of wildlife terminology.

"The Glossary represents a valuable communication tool, that can generate a better understanding of the technical language used in different regions, as well as in institutional, local and international contexts," said Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Chair of the CPW and Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). "As a work-in-progress, it is expected that the Glossary will serve in a balanced way, to provide terms in fields like wildlife, food security and livelihoods, human–wildlife conflict and illegal/unsustainable hunting, and animal health to convey the aspects of wildlife management and conservation."

The online Glossary does not promote a normative use of terms, but follows a descriptive approach instead, and illustrates, as far as possible, options for definitions in use by the CPW partner organizations.

CPW Vice-Chair Jan Heino from the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) said, "Definitions are often subject to debate; and even more so when there are different stakeholders involved. This glossary provides the user with terms and definitions related to wildlife management and explains how they are used by CPW partners."

The *Glossary on Wildlife Management Terms and Definitions* is a work-in-progress. Currently, the Glossary is comprised of about 250 terms and definitions in English, with equivalents presented in French, Spanish, and German. The content of the online resources will be updated periodically in order to ensure that the definitions remain up-to-date based on current knowledge and experience.

Michael Kleine, IUFRO's Deputy Executive Director emphasized that, "For the time being, there is still opportunity for adding definitions or explanatory notes that particularly show the differences in interpretation according to regions, conventions and legislations. The Glossary will be an excellent reference for all those working on better communication in the sensitive field of sustainable wildlife management and conservation."

Glossary online:

<http://www.iufro.org/science/special/silvavoc/wildlife-glossary/>

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World Wildlife Day

The United Nations General Assembly declared in 2013 that World Wildlife Day should be celebrated on 3 March, the date of the adoption of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in 1973. The day is an opportunity to celebrate wildlife, underline the privileged interactions between wildlife and human populations across the globe, and recall the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime, which has wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts. www.wildlifeday.org

Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management

The Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) is a voluntary partnership of thirteen international organizations with substantive mandates and programmes for the sustainable use and conservation of wildlife resources. The mission of the CPW is to promote conservation through the sustainable management of terrestrial vertebrate wildlife in all biomes and geographic areas and to increase cooperation and coordination on sustainable wildlife management issues among its members and partners. The CPW Secretariat is hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. <http://www.fao.org/forestry/wildlife-partnership>

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