

## Memorandum of Cooperation

between the

**Secretariat of the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (Carpathian Convention)**

and the

**International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)**

### **The Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the CIC (hereinafter referred to as "the Signatories")**

**Considering** that the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians (hereinafter referred to as the "Carpathian Convention") is a sub-regional treaty to foster the sustainable development and the protection of the Carpathian region, signed by seven Carpathian States (Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, and Ukraine) in 2003 and entered into force in 2006. The Carpathian Convention is the only multi-level governance mechanism which covers the entire Carpathian region. Its vision is to pursue comprehensive policies and cooperation to protect and sustainably develop the Carpathian region.

**Considering** that the Carpathian Convention stands for the improvement of livelihoods in the Carpathians while conserving natural values and cultural heritage in part by providing assistance to its member states in the management and conservation of wildlife.

**Considering** that the Carpathian Convention has a high interest in issues related to the conservation, sustainable use, and restoration of biological diversity throughout the Carpathians with the Parties taking measures to ensure a high level of protection and sustainable use of wildlife and their habitats which are characteristic of the Carpathians and equally take measures to prevent the introduction of, or control and eradicate, invasive alien species.

**Considering** that the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (hereinafter referred to as "CIC") is a global organization, established in 1935 under the French Law on associations of 1st July 1901, then with the seat in Paris/France, recognized in 2003 according to the Federal Law of the Republic of Austria on granting privileges to international nongovernmental organizations (BGB1. Nr. 174/1992) as International Non-Governmental Organization, working in the public interest, and subsequently since then with legal seat in Vienna/Austria and its Headquarters in Budapest, Hungary, where the CIC is granted full diplomatic status, is aiming at a world that values and supports sustainable hunting for the benefit of people and nature (Vision of the CIC) through promoting, on a global scale, sustainable hunting as a tool for conservation while building on valued traditions (Mission of the CIC).

**Considering** that the CIC has members (states, hunting associations and federations, research organizations, as well as individuals) in 81 countries and is a recognized inter-governmental observer organization of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The CIC also has concluded a partnership agreement with the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) in 2005.

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**Recognizing** that partnership between the Carpathian Convention and the CIC could be productive and systematic with the creation of a dynamic program embodying the visions and missions of both organizations, which would assist the Carpathian Convention and the CIC in their efforts towards the achievement the objectives of a number of International Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

**Have reached the following understanding:**

**Section 1. Objective**

The main objective of this cooperation is to enhance the capacity of countries in the Carpathian region in conserving and sustainably managing wildlife resources, thereby contributing to biodiversity conservation, food safety and nutrition (food security), wildlife, livestock, human health, and social and economic development.

**Section 2. Scope of cooperation**

With a view to attaining the above objective, the cooperation envisaged by this Memorandum of Cooperation may include collaboration within the framework of the work programs of the two Signatories on the following types of activities:

- a) Identifying, documenting, and disseminating successful experience and best practices on management, conservation and sustainable use of wildlife;
- b) Promoting exchange of data and information on wildlife species;
- c) Mutually recommending experts upon request that could contribute to technical assistance programs in sustainable use, management and conservation of wildlife. It is understood that the respective Signatory will keep the ultimate responsibility to select and appoint the experts;
- d) Promoting networks of professional experts in fields related to wildlife conservation, sustainable use of wildlife resources, veterinary health, food safety, combating and preventing wildlife crime, wildlife disease reporting, etc.;
- e) Developing joint projects within the scope of their collaboration, mainly (but not restricted to) demonstrating best practice, to test innovations, and to train human resources. Jointly identifying financial resources and execution modalities for the implementation of developed projects;
- f) Assisting the Carpathian Convention in organizing conferences, seminars, training workshops, outreach and other extension services, and technical meetings on matters related to sustainable use, the conservation of wildlife, wildlife monitoring, combating and preventing wildlife crime, disease surveillance and reporting, prevention of disease spread through hunting practices, invasive alien species, and veterinary public health at global, regional and country level;
- g) Demonstrating the collaboration through representatives of the Signatories participating in the different fora at various levels of the other organizations;
- h) Communicating the results of their joint work through joint press releases, via internet postings, joint publications in public, and general and professional media.

**Section 3. Annual work plan**

Subsequent to this Memorandum of Cooperation, a work plan will be discussed annually for common areas of work and the concrete activities to be carried out in collaboration.

The outcome of this discussion will be annexed to this Memorandum of Cooperation. Both the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention and the CIC will designate a focal point for the coordination of the communication with each other.

Nothing in this Memorandum shall create or imply a financial obligation by either Signatories to this Memorandum. Any financial questions will be regulated by separate letters of arrangements related to possible future projects or joint activities. It is recognized that for certain activities to be implemented fully, additional resources may be required. Signatories will endeavor to carry out joint fundraising for this purpose.

**Section 4. Use of official logos**

The Signatories will not use in any press release, memo, report, website, or other published disclosure related to this Memorandum of Cooperation any of the other Signatories' name and logo without prior written consent by the Signatories concerned.

**Section 5. Disputes**

1. Any dispute about the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be resolved by consultations between the Signatories, and will not be referred to any national or international tribunal or third party for settlement.

**Section 6. Amendment**

1. The Signatories may amend this Memorandum by mutual written consent, which will be appended to this Memorandum and become an integral part of it.

**Section 7. Termination**

1. This Memorandum of Cooperation may be terminated by the Signatories at a jointly approved time or by one Signatory giving three months' notice in writing to the other Signatory.
2. This Memorandum of Cooperation represents the understanding reached between the Signatories upon its signature by the Carpathian Convention Secretariat and the CIC.

**Section 8. Final provisions**

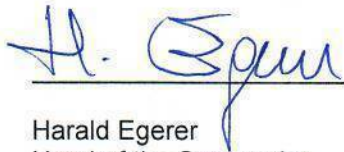
1. Nothing in this Memorandum of Cooperation will bind any of the Signatories either jointly or severally.



Signed in duplicate at Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, Czech Republic on the 19 October 2016 in the English.

**Signatures**

On behalf of the  
Secretariat of the Framework Convention  
on the Protection and Sustainable  
Development of the Carpathians  
(Carpathian Convention)



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Head of the Secretariat

19.10.2016

On behalf of the  
International Council for Game and  
Wildlife Conservation (CIC)



Tamas Marghescu  
CIC Director General

19.10.2016

**Annex:**

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