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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT ACTING THROUGH THE DURRELL INSTITUTE
OF CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY (DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY,
MARLOWE BUILDING, CANTERBURY CT2 7NR, KENT, UNITED KINGDOM) AND
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA
(15, CHEMIN DES ANEMONES, 1219 CHATELAINE, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND)

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into between the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES Secretariat) and the University of Kent acting through the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICEUK). The principal purpose of the MoU is to establish a formal basis of cooperation in support of capacity building activities between the DICEUK and the CITES Secretariat.
2. One of the primary goals of the Strategic Vision adopted by the Parties to CITES is the enhancement of national capacities to implement the Convention. With respect to this goal, the CITES Secretariat designs and implements capacity building courses and creates instructional materials and resources to assist Parties and stakeholders to better understand and implement the Convention.
3. DICEUK has established a cross-disciplinary postgraduate programme in conservation biology to provide students with a knowledge base and practical experience to address current issues relating to biodiversity conservation and management, and wildlife trade.
4. The CITES Secretariat and DICEUK recognize the potential benefits to Parties and stakeholders of establishing a formal basis for enhancing collaboration in the design of instructional materials and in the implementation of courses related to biodiversity conservation, management and wildlife trade.
5. The objectives of this agreement relate only to the scope of activities carried out by the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology and the CITES Secretariat and are as follows:
 - a) To establish the basis for formal collaboration between the CITES Secretariat and DICEUK with regard to capacity building courses and instructional materials and resources;
 - b) To advise and participate, as appropriate and subject to available resources, in the design and implementation of capacity building courses and instructional materials and resources on biodiversity conservation, management and wildlife trade developed by the CITES Secretariat and DICEUK.

6. These collaborative activities include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Sharing of instructional materials, resources and expertise in the design and implementation of capacity building courses and instructional materials;
 - ii. Active participation in courses, including lecturing and mentorship, as appropriate and subject to available resources;
 - iii. Collaboration in the design of new courses and instructional materials;
 - iv. Exploration for the design and implementation of joint courses;
 - v. Joint efforts to increase awareness of existing courses and instructional materials for Parties and interested public.
7. The CITES Secretariat and DICEUK agree to consult on matters of common interest which are likely to increase collaboration.
8. This agreement does not imply any transfer of funds between the signatories and specific activities pursuant to this MoU will be agreed in advance by the nominees referred to in clause 9.
9. The CITES Secretariat and DICEUK will each nominate a contact person who will be the main person responsible for assuring the implementation of this MoU.
10. Neither the CITES Secretariat nor DICEUK will have any liability to the other party nor its personnel arising as a result of work carried out under this agreement and each party hereto shall refrain from any action that may arise under this agreement which adversely affects the other party.

The CITES Secretariat

DICEUK

Willem Wijnstekers
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Date: 7 June 2006

David Melville
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Date: 7 June 2006