

**A Two-partite
Memorandum of Understanding
for
The Conservation of Grevy's zebra and other Wildlife
Species in Chew Bahir Wildlife Reserve and the
Surrounding Areas**

Between the:

**Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's
Regional State, Tourism, Parks and Hotels Agency
(SNNPRS-TPHA)**

and

**Wildlife Conservation and Environmental
Development Association of Ethiopia (WildCODE)**

December 2008

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This MoU is a two-partite agreement made between the Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's Regional State, Tourism, Parks and Hotels Agency (here after referred to as SNNPR-TPHA) and Wildlife Conservation and Environmental Development Association of Ethiopia (WildCODE) (hereinafter referred to as "WildCODE"). The SNNPR-TPHA and WildCODE will be guided by the desire to collaborate in activities that will contribute to the conservation and sustainable utilization of the wildlife resources with particular emphasis for the conservation of the endangered Grevy's zebra in and around the Chew-Bahir Wildlife Reserve (CBWR) that is administered by the SNNPRS

Having regard to supporting among one of the important hot spots ecosystem in the country which has high ecological, scientific, economic and cultural values in the future, WildCODE and the SNNPRS-TPHA, will be supporting the conservation of **GREVY'S ZEBRA AND OTHER WILDLIFE SPECIES IN THE CBWR AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.**" through Wild CODE project activities in collaboration with SNNPR-TPHA in the area

Realizing that the collaboration and joint efforts of SNNPR-TPHA and WildCODE will greatly contribute to the socio-economic development, conflict resolution and sustainable natural resources use and development in and around the CBWR;

WHEREAS SNNPR-TPHA and WildCODE recognise that in order to successfully conserve **CBWR** there will need to be due focus on the areas surrounding the Reserve. This will involve community-based conservation, sustainable natural resource management, wildlife tourism development, including community based tourism, capacity building, as well as community outreach activities from conservation areas, as well as environmental education.

Accordingly, the SNNPRS in collaboration with WildCODE devise the following partnership and strategies that will help for the better management and **CONSERVATION OF GREVY'S ZEBRA AND OTHER WILDLIFE SPECIES IN THE CBWR AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.**"

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Therefore, it is hereby agreed as follows:

Article 1. Definitions

In this agreement (as hereafter defined) the following words and expressions shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them except where the context otherwise requires;

“**Agreement**” means this agreement and any annex or amendments hereto attached and which form an integral part of this agreement and such other documents as may from time to time be expressly agreed in writing by the parties to form part of the agreement.

“**Contracting parties,**” means SNNPR-TPHA and WildCODE.

Article 2. Responsible Authorities

- 2.1. The SNNPR-TPHA designates the region wildlife department (focal Person) responsible for the fulfilment and follow-up of its obligations under this agreement.
- 2.2. Wild CODE designates Responsible body (Focal person) as the implementing organ responsible for the fulfilment of its obligations under this agreement.

Article 3. Co-operation

3. 1. SNNPR-TPHA and Wild CODE agree;
 - a. To co-operate and consult on matters dealing with the conservation of CBWR and the surrounding area wildlife resource, in particular to the development of the highly threatened/endangered grevy zebra conservation..
 - b. To co-operate and consult with officials and communities around CBWA with regard to wildlife conservation in the region.
 - c. To implement, co-operate and consult on conservational activities that will be supported by Wild CODE .
 - d. Both parties will cooperate in the realization of the objectives of this agreement in accordance with the activities and budgets of the project document (Appendix I) as agreed by WildCODE and SNNPR-TPHA

Article 4. Responsibilities (Undertakings):

4.1. Wild CODE hereby agrees to:

- a. Implement the project for the conservation of Grevy's zebra in and in the region of CBWR of southwestern Ethiopia.
- b. Prepare project proposals and lobby conservation grants for the conservation of Grevy's zebra in and in the region of CBWR ;
- c. As its capacity entail, support SNNPR-TPHA in implementing conservation activities in the protected areas of the region, fundraising and technical support .
- d. Prepare and provide a quarterly and annual project progress report to SNNPR-TPHA and other relevant stakeholders,

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4.2.. SNNPR-TPHA hereby agrees to:

- a. Facilitate contacts and cooperation with other Government Institutions and Officials for effective implementation of the project,
- b. To undertake activities planed by the Agency for the year in CBWR including:
 - Demarcation of the boundary of CBWR with the participation of local communities
 - Conducting wildlife survey incollabration with Ethiopian Wildlife Authority.

Article 5. General

- 5.1.This Agreement shall come into effect and be binding on the Parties hereto on the date it is signed by the duly authorized representatives of SNNPR-TPHA and Wild CODE,
- 5.2.This Agreement shall remain valid until the 1st of February 2012, unless terminated pursuant to paragraph number 7.4 below,
- 5.3.This Agreement may be amended or terminated by any Contracting Party giving three (3) months prior written notice of amendment or termination to the other contracting parties,
- 5.4.This Agreement may be revised or modified from time to time by mutual consultation and consent between the parties,
- 5.5.In case of any dispute arising out of this Agreement, the Parties will settle the dispute through amicable negotiations between themselves.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the undersigned, being duly authorised hereto, have in the names of their respective organisations signed this Agreement in two originals in English Language, both texts being equally authentic.

Signed on the _____ of _____ 2008

On behalf of SNNPR-TPHA

On behalf of WildCODE

Signature: _____

Signature _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____