

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA)

and

SNNPRS – Culture and Tourism Bureau (SNNPRS-BCT)

and

Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS)

1. Aim of this Agreement:

This tripartite Agreement is made between the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (hereafter referred to as 'EWCA'), the Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's Regional State –Bureau of Culture and Tourism (hereafter referred to as 'SNNPRS-BCT) and Frankfurt Zoological Society (hereafter referred to as 'FZS'), concerning the Hunting for Sustainability in Africa –Ethiopia (HUSA-ET) project.

The aim of the project is to assess of the social, institutional, economic and ecological values and aspects of hunting in Ethiopia. This project will be undertaken jointly by Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS), the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA) and the relevant regional government offices.

2. Management and Coordination

The responsibility for the implementation and management of the project will be shared by FZS and EWCA as per the Agreement signed with the Disaster Management and Food Security Sector (DMFSS) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and in partnership with regional offices. Project oversight is also granted by the Macaulay Institute (Scotland) as the overall Project Coordinator of the international consortium.

Realizing that the collaboration and joint efforts of FZS, EWCA and SNNPRS-BCT will greatly contribute to the research to be undertaken on the socio-economic development and sustainable natural resources use around the Omo and Mago National Parks;

Accordingly, FZS in collaboration with EWCA and SNNPRS-BCT devise the following partnership and strategies that will help for the better execution of the project in the region and thus a better understanding of hunting in the country.

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;

1.1. **“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.

1.2. **“Contracting parties,”** means EWCA, SNNPR-BCT and FZS

Article 2. Responsible Authorities

2.1. FZS designates its Ethiopian office as the implementing organ responsible for the fulfilment of its obligations under this Agreement. FZS shall appoint a Project Leader to be responsible for implementation of FZS responsibilities under this Agreement.

2.2. EWCA designates the Wildlife Utilization Directorate as the implementing organ responsible for the fulfilment of its obligations under this Agreement. EWCA shall appoint the Director of the Wildlife Utilization Directorate to be responsible for implementation of FZS responsibilities under this Agreement.

2.3. SNNPRS-TPHA designates **Parks management Coordinator** as the implementing organ responsible for the fulfilment of its obligations under this Agreement. SNNPRS-BCTTPHA shall designate **Coordinator of Parks management** to be responsible for implementation of SNNPRS-BCT TPHA responsibilities under this Agreement.

Article 3. Co-operation

3.1 FZS, EWCA and SNNPR-BCTTPHA agree to;

- Cooperate and consult on matters relating with the project that will be undertaken in the region.
- Cooperate and consult with officials and communities around Omo and Mago National Parks with regard to the aim and activities of the project.
- Cooperate in the realization of the project objectives in accordance with the activities and budgets of the DMFSS Project Document and Agreement.

Article 4. Responsibilities (undertakings):

4.1 FZS hereby agrees to:

- Implement the project ‘Hunting for Sustainability in Africa-Ethiopia’ (HUSA-ET) as per the DMFSS project document and Agreement in partnership with EWCA, SNNPRS-BCTTPHA and other regional stakeholders

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- Fulfil in a timely and professional manner all activities agreed in annual activity plans
- Prepare and provide quarterly and annual project progress report to EWCA, SNNPRS-BCTTPHA and other regional stakeholders
- Build and maintain effective partnerships, regular dialogue, and constructive engagement with project stakeholders in Ethiopia
- Facilitate capacity building and training of partners and other stakeholders where jointly agreed as necessary for the implementation of project activities and to the benefit of wildlife management in Ethiopia
- Provide technical advice to project partners and other stakeholders so as to ensure long-term sustainable utilization of wildlife in Ethiopia,
- Facilitate communication between project partners in Ethiopia and consortium partners internationally

4.2 EWCA hereby agrees to:

- Undertake the project jointly with FZS, SNNPRS-BCT and other regional stakeholders as per the DMFSS Project Document and Agreement
- Contribute to annual project plans and progress reports
- Fulfil in a timely and professional manner all activities agreed in annual activity plans
- Facilitate other project activities as necessary, including liaising with stakeholders, organising meetings and granting access to secondary data where possible
- Build and maintain effective partnerships, regular dialogue, and constructive engagement with FZS, SNNPRS-BCTTPHA and other project stakeholders
- Build stakeholder capacity where jointly agreed as necessary for the implementation of project activities and to the benefit of wildlife management in Ethiopia

4.3 SNNPRS-BCTTPHA hereby agrees to:

- Support project implementation as per the DMFSS Project Document and Agreement
- Facilitate contacts and cooperation with other regional government offices and officials for effective implementation of the project in the region
- Contribute to annual project plans and progress reports and participate in field activities as agreed therein
- Fulfil in a timely and professional manner all activities agreed in annual activity plans
- Build and maintain effective partnerships, regular dialogue, and constructive engagement with FZS, SNNPRS-BCTTPHA and other project stakeholders
- [Assign experts to work as a counter part](#)

Article 5. General

- 6.1 This Agreement shall come into effect on the date it is signed by the duly authorized representatives of FZS, EWCA and SNNPRS-BCT
- 6.2 This Agreement shall remain valid until 30 April 2012, unless terminated pursuant to 6.3 below
- 6.3 This Agreement may be amended or terminated by any Party giving three (3) months prior written notice of amendment or termination to the other parties

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- 6.4 This Agreement may be revised or modified from time to time by mutual consultation and consent between the Parties
- 6.5 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 three originals in the English language.

Signed on the _____ of _____ 2009

On the behalf of FZS

Signature _____

Name _____

Position _____

On the behalf of EWCA

Signature _____

Name _____

Position _____

On the behalf of SNNPRS-BCT

Signature _____

Name _____

Position _____