

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BILATERAL COOPERATION AND
EXCHANGE IN WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

AND

THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TOURISM OF TANZANIA

The Department of the Interior of the United States of America, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants").

For the purpose of promoting cooperation and exchanges in the field of wildlife conservation and protected natural resources areas,

Have reached the following understandings:

Article 1

The Participants intend to carry out bilateral cooperation under this MOU on the basis of equality, reciprocity, and mutual benefit.

Article 2

The Participants confirm that the areas of cooperation under this MOU may include, inter alia:

1. Conservation of wildlife inside and outside protected areas.
2. Support management and conservation measures of migratory wildlife routes, dispersal areas, and buffer zones.
3. Support implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and in particular the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
4. Collaboration on the development of wildlife training facilities namely Pasiansi, Likuyu Game Scout Training Institute and enhancement of the capacity of the College of African Wildlife MWEKA.
5. Developing sustainable eco-tourism infrastructure and programs.
6. Other cooperative management and research activities as may mutually be deemed appropriate.

Article 3

The Parties agree that cooperation under the present MOU may take the following forms:

1. Exchanges of scientific and technical materials, publications, and other documentation on wildlife and nature conservation.
2. Technical assistance to develop institutional capacity in Tanzania to address wildlife and nature conservation across the landscape.
3. Exchanges of wild animals and plants for scientific research or reintroduction.
4. Exchanges of delegations, government officials, research teams, specialists, and trainees between countries, as well as organization and implementation of symposia, joint research, and professional courses.
5. Exchange or transfer of information that is needed to make the necessary findings required under domestic laws or international agreements for the issuance of import and export permits for wildlife (including plants);
6. Exchange of information on CITES issues, including species proposals, decisions, and resolutions under consideration at meetings of the Conference of the Parties or on matters referred to the permanent committees of CITES.
7. Other forms of cooperative management and research as may be mutually deemed appropriate.
8. Technical and financial support in translocation of key wildlife species in particular rhino.

Article 4

All cooperation under the present MOU shall be subject to the laws and regulations of the respective countries.

Article 5

The Participants respectively will designate coordinators from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior of the U.S.A as their Executive Agents to administer activities conducted under this MOU. The Participants will coordinate the participation of other organizations and individuals in both countries in cooperation and exchanges set forth in Article 2 and 3 of this MOU.

Article 6

The Participants will discuss and decide the programs of cooperation through correspondence. When necessary, meetings can be held as mutually agreed to consult upon matters related to the implementation of this MOU.

Article 7

On the basis of mutual benefit, each Participant will provide the other with the materials, publication, literature, wild animals, and plants as set forth in Article 3 of this MOU. Each Party may send delegations, study teams, and individuals to the other country, for which the sending side shall meet the cost involved. The number of participants and the duration of their stay should be communicated to each other well in advance, and each party will assist the visiting party with regard to basic logistics. Under special circumstances, the Participants may agree on other arrangements.

Article 8

This MOU shall enter into force upon signature by both Participants.

This MOU may be terminated at any time at the discretion of either Participant as long as six (6) months advance notification is provided in writing by the Participant seeking to terminate the MOU to the other Participant.

Article 9

This MOU may be amended as necessary by written agreement of the Participants. Amendments will enter into force immediately upon signature by both Participants and form an integral part of this MOU.

FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Secretary

JAN 15 2009

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Ambassador

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Date