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## Climate Change and REDD

Presented by the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment and UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC)



Lera Miles, UNEP-WCMC, described work between UN-REDD Programme and CMS in areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Andreas Tveteraas, Norwegian Ministry of the Environment, introduced the meeting, explaining it would explore: how the UN Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN-REDD) is linked to conserving species and ecosystems; and the linkages between carbon and biodiversity.

Heidi Sørensen, State Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Norway, stated that action to combat climate change and biodiversity loss is frequently the same, citing efforts made to save rainforests as an example. She explained Norway's interest and role in the UN-REDD Programme, reporting that they have given close to their target of Kr3 billion in contributions.

Using the figure that the estimated value of forest biodiversity and ecosystem services is equivalent to US\$ 2-5 trillion/year, Sørensen said that the REDD+ Programme, under UN-REDD, has the potential to make tropical forests more valuable alive, rather than dead. She concluded that Norway is actively engaging to achieve positive synergies between REDD+ and biodiversity conservation.

Lera Miles, UNEP-WCMC, presented on "REDD+ and biodiversity – supporting countries to realize multiple benefits," explaining that REDD+ encompasses not only deforestation and forest degradation, but that it also includes the role of conservation, sustainable forest management and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. She described the "multiple benefits" as going beyond climate change mitigation to include: ecosystem-based benefits like forest biodiversity and ecosystem services; and social benefits like enhanced participation in decision-making, creating jobs, defining land tenure arrangements and providing direct payment for carbon credits.

Miles outlined work that REDD+ has done at the national level: developing national standards and safeguards; putting together an online toolkit on multiple benefits; generating national toolkits for use at provincial level; and supporting the valuation of ecosystem services as part of UN-REDD's work on the green economy.

She concluded with the UN-REDD Programme's proposed work for 2012, which includes, inter alia: generating a multiple benefits tracker tool; creating a geographic information system (GIS) toolkit; and capacity building for the use of tools and mapping.

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# Migratory Mammals of Africa South

Presented by the CMS Secretariat

Ian Redmond, Year of the Gorilla Ambassador, introduced a film produced by Steve Taylor entitled "The Migratory World of Africa South." He said that the film, which was co-funded by CMS, Monaco, the Born Free Foundation, Humane Society International (Australia) and the International Fund for Animal Welfare, explores the magnitude of biodiversity in the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA) and the complexities of creating the world's largest conservation area.

Noting that the area incorporates Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and is based around the Caprivi-Chobe-Victoria Falls area, he said that he hopes the countries that are members of the Memorandum of Understanding will become signatories to CMS in due course.

The film depicts the wildlife in the area, including: avian biodiversity; predators such as lions, leopards and cheetahs; scavengers including hyena and black-backed jackals; and herbivores such as elephants, giraffes and antelope. It noted how humans impact animal habitats through civil conflict and conflict with domestic animals due to the encroachment of grazing land, fishing and other practices. It also explored whether the human-animal conflict could be ameliorated through possible eco-tourism.



Ian Redmond, Year of the Gorilla Ambassador, noted that the rainfall in the Congo Basin feeds into the rivers of the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area.



Screen shots from the film "The Migratory World of Africa South."

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