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**Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of South Africa on co-operation in the field of biodiversity conservation and management. Nairobi, 11 October 2016**

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et  
Kenya**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**ON**

**CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF BIODIVERSITY  
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

**PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to jointly as "the Parties" and in the singular as "Party");

**RECOGNIZING** the goals and principles stated in the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter referred to as "CBD"), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (hereinafter referred to as "CITES") and National Biodiversity, CITES and wildlife legislation in both countries;

**AWARE** of the regional and global nature of biodiversity management, conservation and protection, compliance, and law enforcement issues and the urgency to find cost-effective and long-term solutions in addressing these issues through international cooperation and the importance of coordinating joint activities of the Parties;

**RECOGNIZING** that sustainable use is an integral part of conservation as agreed to by Parties to the CBD;

**NOTING** that illegal wildlife poaching and trafficking remain a global challenge;

**CONSIDERING** the spirit of cooperation and collaboration in the CITES and the CBD;

**SHARING** the common concerns and responsibilities of the Parties to enhance cooperation in the field of biodiversity conservation and protection, law enforcement and compliance with the CITES;

**CONVINCED** that cooperation between the Parties in the field of biodiversity conservation and protection, law enforcement and compliance with the CITES is of

mutual benefit and will further promote the friendly relations between their respective countries,

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) is to promote cooperation between the Parties in the field of biodiversity management, conservation and protection, law enforcement, compliance with the CITES, and other relevant legislation and conventions and to establish a long-term cooperative relationship on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The following areas have been identified by the Parties as priority areas of cooperation:

- a) biodiversity management, conservation and protection;
- b) promotion of sustainable use of biodiversity as an integral part of conservation of species and ecosystems, aimed at ensuring the long term survival in nature of species and ecosystems;
- c) harmonisation of compliance with legally binding provisions of multi-lateral environmental agreements, including the CBD and the CITES;
- d) endeavouring to work towards common positions prior to and during regional and international forums in an effort to promote Africa unity;
- e) biodiversity law enforcement; information sharing relating to compliance monitoring and enforcement, including best practice and techniques to