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**South Africa  
and  
United Republic of Tanzania**

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania on cooperation in the field of biodiversity conservation and management. Dar es Salaam, 11 May 2017**

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**Afrique du Sud  
et  
République-Unie de Tanzanie**

**Mémorandum d'accord entre le Gouvernement de la République sud-africaine et le Gouvernement de la République-Unie de Tanzanie sur la coopération dans le domaine de la conservation et de la gestion de la biodiversité. Dar es-Salaam, 11 mai 2017**

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC  
OF TANZANIA**

**ON**

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF BIODIVERSITY  
CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

**PREAMBLE**

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

**RECOGNIZING** the goals and principles stated in the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter referred to as the "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, 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;

**RECALLING** the Resolution on Illegal Trade in Wildlife adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly in June 2014; and

**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;

**RECALLING** the provisions of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Protocol on Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement, which calls for cooperation in wildlife management and law enforcement amongst Member States;

**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 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) cooperation on and compliance and enforcement of legally binding multi-lateral environmental agreements, including the CBD and the CITES ;