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Agenda Item 19: Sustainable Wildlife Management

Thank you, Chair

I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

We commend the action by parties to recognize women as key actors in sustainable wildlife management evidenced by the mention of women throughout the text. This acknowledgement is crucial, as women play a vital role in biodiversity conservation and the stewardship of natural resources.

We appreciate the analysis conducted on the various tools, guidance, and documents related to sustainable wildlife management. In particular, we recognize the gaps identified, specifically regarding guidance on gender equity and the governance of wild species. Moreover, we acknowledge the identified need for further guidance on inclusive and participatory decision-making processes, the recognition of rights, and equitable distribution of costs and benefits. These aspects are critical to ensuring that wildlife governance frameworks are truly inclusive and sustainable.

We advocate for the integration of gender-sensitive indicators in all relevant frameworks to ensure that biodiversity policies and programs are equitable and responsive to the unique needs and contributions of women.

Furthermore, we urge the Parties to incorporate a human rights-based approach into the governance of wild species. By addressing these gaps and reinforcing gender considerations, we believe that the governance of wild species will be more effective and equitable, ultimately contributing to sustainable outcomes for both people and nature.



In this regard, we suggest the following text modifications to the document ***CBD/COP/16/2/Rev 1 on*** item 19.

- In paragraph 2, after the wording “inclusive of” to add “**and respect to the rights of**”
- In paragraph 3 to add “**and a human rights based approach**” at the end of the sentence.
- In paragraph 4(c), after the wording “in line with” to add “**the Gender plan of Action**”
- In paragraph 4(e) after the wording “vulnerable situations” to add “**especially women**”
- In the same paragraph 4(e) after the wording “to land” to add “**and marine**”
- In paragraph 4(g) after the word “to develop” to add “**gender sensitive**” indicators
- In paragraph 4(j) after the word “languages” to add “**and local knowledge**”
- In paragraph 4(k) after the word “the participation” to add “**rights holders and their**”
- Lift the brackets around paragraph 5
- In that same paragraph delete the text ~~[, subject to the availability of resources,]~~
- Lift the brackets around paragraph 7
- In paragraph 8 delete the text ~~[, subject to the availability of resources,]~~

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

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