



POACHERS OR PROTECTORS? Local Communities at the Frontline of Conservation

What really drives wildlife trade, hunting and trafficking?

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“Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”

Wildlife is in crisis in many parts of the globe, and decision makers need sound expertise and experience to inform their actions. In order to understand the drivers of escalating patterns of poaching, organised illegal wildlife trade, and habitat loss, this event places the indigenous and local communities that live close to wildlife at the forefront of thinking and action, and provides insights on how wildlife conservation can be reconciled with supporting community rights and livelihoods.

The **Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management**, established under the **Convention on Biological Diversity**, with its 13 member organizations is the leading international body representing expertise focused on understanding and promoting the sustainable management of terrestrial vertebrate wildlife and biodiversity conservation, while meeting the livelihood, social, cultural and economic needs of human populations.

The aim of this event is to raise awareness amongst European policy makers of the complexity of wildlife management on the ground; bring a wide range of views on various approaches for conservation and sustainable use of wildlife; showcase effective approaches to community engagement in sustainable wildlife management; and foster dialogue between European policy-makers, international conservation, development organizations and practitioners.

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- 12:30-12:35** Welcome and introduction by **MEP Pavel Poc**
- 12:35-12:45** **David Cooper**, Deputy Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
- 12:45-12:55** **Johannes Stahl**, Senior Member of Scientific Services, CITES Secretariat
- 12:55-13:05** **Daniel Kobei**, Chairman Ogiek Peoples Development Program and representative of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) – Skype Intervention
Role of indigenous peoples in wildlife conservation
- 13:05-13:15** **John E. Fa**, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) & **Jean-Claude Nguinguiri**, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Wild meat and food security
- 13:15-13:25** **Ian Redmond**, Chairman of the Ape Alliance, and a founder and former Envoy of the UN Great Apes Survival Partnership
Gorillas, trust and trophies: how sustainable is sustainable hunting?
- 13:25-13:35** **Jan Heino**, President of the Policy and Law Division, International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)
Hunting is not a crime, poaching is
- 13:35-13:45** **Rosie Cooney**, Chair of the Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Local Communities: the first line of defence in combating Illegal Wildlife Trade
- 13:45-13:55** **Alexander Kasterine**, International Trade Centre (ITC)
The Trade in Wildlife – can it be sustainable? Lessons from Aid for Trade
- 13:55-14:05** **Philippe Mayaux**, Head of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Sector, DG DEVCO, European Commission
- 14:05-14:50** **Questions and Answers** – Moderated by David Cooper, CBD
Dialogue between speakers and audience
- 14:50-15:00** Conclusion by **MEP Pavel Poc**

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