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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you already know, Resolution 4.039 from the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona calls on the Species Survival Commission (SSC) and the Commission on Environmental Economics and Social Policy (CEESP) to *establish a mechanism for increased cooperation on: A. the conservation, social, cultural and economic benefits of sustainable use of renewable natural resources; and B. other positive and negative interactions between people and wildlife in the context of conservation.*

The range of options available to implement this resolution is very large, and as a result, we have asked Dr Holly Dublin, who is a prominent member of both Commissions, to carry out a review of the options available, and to recommend a clear way forward. Holly will:

1. Contact key stakeholders in the SSC, CEESP, other Commissions, the Secretariat and the IUCN Membership to canvas opinions on the substantive work that should be undertaken collaboratively between the two Commissions on sustainable use and human-wildlife interactions, and on the structural mechanism required to support this work. Specifically, this consultation will involve:
 - a. Conducting a targeted questionnaire of key stakeholders, using electronic media, building on the survey already conducted within the SSC Sustainable Use Specialist Group in the 2004-2008 IUCN Quadrennium, but expanded to include additional stakeholders, especially in CEESP;
 - b. Analysing the results of the questionnaire; and
 - c. Convening a small workshop of leading experts covering the spectrum of interests in SSC and CEESP, with the purpose of:
 - i. Proposing a realistic and achievable programme of work on sustainable use identifying the key issues to be prioritised for follow up over the next four years; and
 - ii. Proposing an SSC-CEESP inter-commission structure to support this work.
2. Outline the likely cost of implementing this programme of work during the current quadrennium, and suggest possible sources of funding.

Our intention is that this work should be completed by the end of July 2009.

If you would like to participate in this survey, please send an email to Carol Poole at ssc.ceespsurvey@gmail.com. We would be grateful if you could assist Holly as she seeks to guide us through the important and challenging issues relating to IUCN's work on sustainable use.

Yours sincerely,



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