



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between the

**World Organisation for Animal Health (hereinafter referred to as OIE),
having its Headquarters at 12, rue de Prony, 75017 Paris, France, represented by Dr.
Bernard Vallat, Director General**

and the

**International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (hereinafter referred to as
CIC),
having its Headquarters at Telki út hrsz. 0178/9, 2092 Budakeszi, Hungary, represented
by Mr. Bernard Lozé, President**

Preamble

Considering that the OIE is an intergovernmental organisation responsible for improving animal health worldwide was established to fight animal diseases at global level already in 1924, through the signing of an international Agreement, as 'Office International des Epizooties', and in January 2011 had a total of 178 Member Countries,

considering that OIE is recognised as the reference organisation by the World Trade Organization (WTO) for international animal health standards,

considering that OIE has a longstanding tradition in providing assistance to its Member Countries in fighting animal diseases and this also with the background that animal protein production plays a critical role in food security and the alleviation of poverty,

considering that OIE works on safeguarding world trade by publishing sanitary standards for international trade in animals and animal products for Member Countries to protect themselves from the introduction of diseases and pathogens and avoid their spread worldwide,

considering that OIE has a high interest in issues related to wildlife health, including wildlife born diseases transmissible to domestic animals (endangering the economy of livestock production) and even to humans with grave consequences on public health and social structures.

considering that the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (hereinafter referred to as "CIC") is a global organization, with legal seat in Vienna, Austria and its Headquarters in Budapest, Hungary is aiming at a world that values and supports sustainable hunting for the benefit of people and nature (Vision of the CIC) through promoting on a global scale sustainable hunting as a tool for conservation while building on valued traditions (Mission of the CIC),

considering that the CIC has members (states, hunting associations and federations, research organizations as well as individuals) in 84 countries and is a recognized inter-governmental observer organization of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The CIC also has concluded a partnership agreement with the Convention on Migratory

Species (CMS) in 2005 and recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Recognizing that partnership between OIE and CIC would reflect effectively on synergies and create the opportunity to develop a dynamic joint programme that embodies the vision and mission of both organizations in the field of biodiversity and health. This partnership will assist OIE and the CIC in their efforts to contribute to the objectives of a number of International Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

The OIE and the CIC (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”) have agreed to the following:

Section 1. Objective

The main objective of this cooperation is to enhance the capacity of countries in fighting animal diseases, especially in the relation between wild animals and livestock as well as zoonoses, thereby contributing to biodiversity conservation, food safety, and food security as well as animal and human health.

Section 2. Scope of cooperation

2.1 With a view to attaining the above objective and in compliance with the mandate of the two parties, the cooperation envisaged by this Agreement will include collaboration within the framework of the work programmes of the two parties on the following types of activities:

- a) Identifying, documenting and disseminating successful experience and best practices on fighting animal diseases and avoiding their spread into wildlife, domestic animals and human society.
- b) Improving communication among countries and between National Veterinary Services and National Hunting Associations through the promotion of the networks of professional experts on spreading of infectious animal diseases (Early Warning System), working out operational guidelines and capacity building for the Reference Laboratories and Collaborating Centers for control of wildlife diseases.
- c) Propose experts on OIE’s request that could contribute to inter alia OIE’s technical assistance programmes in animal diseases and veterinary public health. It is understood that OIE will keep the ultimate responsibility to select and appoint the experts.
- d) Developing joint projects within the scope of their collaboration, mainly (but not restricted to) demonstrating best practice, to test innovations and to train human resources. If the CIC identifies financial resources for the implementation of projects jointly developed, OIE with its experience and capacities available is most suited to be entrusted to execute such projects in a trust fund arrangement with or through the CIC.
- e) Be available to assist OIE in organizing conferences, seminars, training workshops and technical meetings on matters related to sustainable use and conservation of wildlife and veterinary public health at global, regional and national level. It is understood that it will be OIE’s prerogative to prepare and finalise the meetings’ agenda and list of participants and identify the resource persons.

- f) Demonstrate the collaboration through representatives of the Parties participating in the different fora at various levels of the other organization.
- g) The Parties will also collaborate in communicating the results of their joint work through joint press releases and joint publications in public, general and professional media.

Subsequent to this Agreement, separate arrangements will be agreed annually for activities to be carried out in collaboration.

These annual arrangements will be annexed to this Cooperation Agreement.

Both OIE and CIC will designate a focal point for the coordination of the relationship with each other.

Section 3. Use of OIE and CIC logos

The Parties agree not to use in any press release, memo, report or other published disclosure related to this Agreement any of the other Parties' name and logo without prior written agreement by the party concerned.

Section 4. Final Provisions

- 4.1 Neither the OIE or the CIC, nor its personnel shall communicate to any other person or entity any confidential information made known to it by OIE or CIC in the course of the implementation of this Agreement nor shall it use this information to private or company advantage. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. No provision of this Memorandum obligates the OIE and the CIC to hold in confidence information delivered to it under this Agreement if international law requires the parties to publicly disclose such information.
- 4.2 Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation and the execution of this Memorandum, or any document or arrangement relating thereto, shall be settled by negotiation between the Parties.
- 4.3 This Agreement may be terminated by the Parties at a jointly agreed time or by one Party giving three months' notice in writing to the other Party.

Section 5. Amendments

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be effected only on the basis of written mutual consent by the Parties.

Section 6. Entry into Force

The parties have signed this Agreement in two copies, one copy to be held by the OIE and the other by the CIC. The present Agreement will enter into force upon signature by both Parties.

Signatures

On behalf of the

World Organisation for Animal Health
(OIE)

On behalf of the

International Council for Game and
Wildlife Conservation (CIC)

26th of May 2011

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