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A critical review of biodiversity benefits of alternative livelihood projects

RECOGNIZING the potential importance of alternative livelihood projects in meeting the Aichi Targets of the *Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020* and the *Millennium Development Goals*;

ACKNOWLEDGING that alternative livelihood projects can make significant contributions to human socioeconomic development;

APPRECIATING that alternative livelihood projects are widely implemented with a goal of improving the status of biodiversity;

CONSIDERING the significant funds that have been committed to developing alternative livelihood projects globally;

CONCERNED that a systematic review of alternative livelihood projects has not been undertaken to determine the extent to which they are meeting their goals for both people and biodiversity, thus reducing the possibility to learn from past successes and failures when designing new projects; and

DETERMINED to understand the impacts of alternative livelihood projects on species, ecosystems and people;

The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Jeju, Republic of Korea, 6–15 September 2012:

1. APPLAUDS the efforts of IUCN Members to integrate the needs of people and biodiversity in their programmes;
2. URGES IUCN Members to rigorously measure the impacts of alternative livelihood projects on species, ecosystems and people, and disseminate the results; and
3. REQUESTS that the Director General, in collaboration with Commissions, IUCN Members and donors, develops best practice guidelines for alternative livelihood projects to ensure sustainable benefits to species, ecosystems and people.