

# **“Wildlife Management Across Borders”**

## **Hunting & Biodiversity Conservation in Central Asia**



**FAO-CIC Symposium**  
**“Wildlife Management Across Borders –**  
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**Conservation of wildlife through benefit for local people”**  
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### **Recommendation**

Participants attending the joint FAO-CIC Symposium – *Sustainable Use Programs in Central Asia* – endorse and recommend the integration of the following broad principles within the framework of the Bishkek Mountain Platform, under consideration on the occasion of the Bishkek Global Mountain Summit.

In implementing the Ecosystem Approach (of the CBD) to conserve and sustainably use wild biological diversity in mountain areas there is need to recognize that:

1. Local people, drawing on local tradition and knowledge of the species, should undertake scientifically rigorous population base-line surveys and monitoring activities.
2. Local people have a right to derive benefit from the use of wild species, including the earning of economic incentives, shall be promoted to further decentralization of management of wild species.
3. Governments, recognizing their responsibility should harmonize policies, regulations, licensing and permitting systems in the various jurisdictions encompassing the geographic range of species to promote their conservation and sustainable use; provide means to ensure that the managers are accountable for their management performance, recognizing that such actions require peace in border areas.
4. Governments should promote and sponsor education and communication activities explaining the principles of the ecosystem approach and sustainable use and their relevance in management of wild renewable resources, with particular focus on involving research institutions.
5. Within nations, capacity needs and local empowerment of institutions shall be facilitated through collaboration, cooperation and alliances amongst non-government organizations engaged in promoting sustainable use of wild species, especially in sharing of research information and fostering more effective advocacy in international arenas.
6. Governments and United Nations agencies should enhance their cooperation and collaboration to support and assist the implementation of these recommendations.