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Recommendation
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**Management of Wild Ungulates and their Habitats
through Selective Hunting**

OBSERVING

That sustainable use of Deer, both Red deer (*Cervus elaphus* L.) and Roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) as well as Chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra* L.) populations, particularly in Western, Central and Eastern Europe, is constantly improving as demonstrated by official hunting statistics and trophy measurements;

NOTING

That this improvement of both numbers and the harvest of well-developed trophies is due to best practice examples of sustainable hunting in terms of managed selection of Deer and Chamois specimens preceding and during periods of reproduction;

AWARE

That some damage by Deer and Chamois to forests occurs especially during reproductive activities; and

CONCERNED

about attempts to limit the harvesting period for Deer and Chamois to the extent that the main and most vital selection period is closed on “ethical” grounds;

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REMINDS

all signatory parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity including, in its Principles and Guidelines for Sustainable Use (CBD VII.12), that sustainable use should be supported by empowerment and rights of local users (Principle 2), based on adaptive management through traditional and local knowledge (Principle 4) and avoid adverse impacts on other components of ecosystems (Principle 5), and that all these Principles are important for sustainable management of wild Deer and Chamois populations and their habitats;

URGES

all countries with Deer and Chamois populations as wild resources to manage their populations and environment sustainably according to internationally accepted best practices, which specifically include selective harvesting preceding and during mating seasons.