

## **Annex 9**

### **To the Protocol on Cooperation and Exchanges in the Field of Conservation of Nature Between the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the State Forestry Administration of the People's Republic of China**

In accordance with Articles 2, 3 and 8 of the Protocol on Cooperation and Exchanges between the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the State Forestry Administration of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) signed in Washington, D.C. on November 19, 1986 and extended for five-year periods in 1991, 1996 and 2001, representatives of the Parties met in Washington on March 19, 2003 to review the results of activities carried out during 1999-2002 under Annex 8, and adopt a program of exchanges of delegations from mid-2003 through early 2005. The subjects, lead agencies and schedules for those exchanges are appended to this document, together with a list of the members of the American and Chinese delegations.

On March 18, 2003 Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Craig Manson and Administrative Leading Member of the State Forestry Administration Yang Jiping met at the U.S. Department of the Interior and shared information on the status of nature conservation in the United States and China. Mr. Yang expressed the hope that exchanges of senior officials might increase and invited Mr. Manson to visit China in the near future; Mr. Manson expressed gratitude for the invitation. Mr. Manson and Mr. Yang discussed several conservation issues, including threats posed by invasive species and the status of argali sheep in China. In further staff discussions on March 19, 2003, the Chinese side expressed interest in seeking a reclassification by the United States of argali sheep in China from endangered to threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). The U.S. side explained the process by which the P.R.C. Government could formally request (petition) that the argali be reclassified under the ESA and noted that any petition should be accompanied by science-based data.

During the meeting the Parties discussed wildlife topics of importance to both countries. These included:

- Migratory bird banding
- Practical applications of genetic studies of wildlife
- Species conservation issues: musk deer, pangolin, cervids, mustelids, freshwater turtle, crane, seahorse, Tibetan antelope
- Implementation of the CITES Convention
- Wetlands conservation
- Wildlife refuges and nature reserves
- Restoration of fisheries
- Grant programs for great apes, tiger and Asian elephant
- Wildlife trade legislation
- Law enforcement

The Chinese side expressed interest in broadening contacts between the bird banding centers of each nation. The Chinese side indicated a desire to collaborate with a U.S. partner in the conservation of genetic material from endangered mammals, and possibly birds. The Parties

cited invasive species as an issue of concern and importance to both countries. The U.S. side provided information on the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Program and invited China to submit grant applications. The Parties agreed to exchange copies of laws pertaining to international trade in wildlife and domestic protection of wildlife, including threatened or endangered species. Both sides agreed to collaborate in the creation of an educational awareness brochure on requirements for importing wildlife into the United States. Wildlife law enforcement information will be shared between the Parties when mutually beneficial.

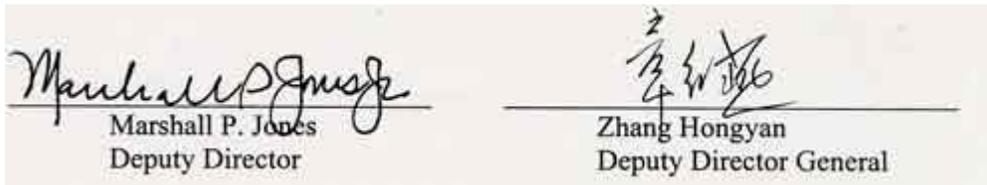
The parties agreed to hold the next Joint Committee Meeting in Beijing, P.R.C. in 2005.

This Annex shall enter into force upon signature by both Parties, and shall remain valid for the duration of the Protocol.

Done at Washington, D.C. on the 19th day of March, 2003 in duplicate in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE UNITED STATES  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
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AMERICAN DELEGATIONS VISITING THE P.R.C. UNDER ANNEX 9

		LEAD ORGANIZATIONS	
SUBJECT	DATES, DURATION # OF PARTICIPANTS	U.S.	P.R.C.
Protected areas management: (education, habitat management, law enforcement, data collection, displays)	Spring 2004 2 weeks 6 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	P.R.C. State Forestry Administration
Large lake fishery habitat restoration (naked carp, lake trout, walleye)	Fall 2003 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	P.R.C. Ministry of Agriculture

CITES implementation, inspection, enforcement and capacity building *	Fall 2004 up to 2 weeks up to 7 people (to be agreed)	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	P.R.C. CITES Administration Office (SFA); Science Commission (Academy of Sciences)
Wetlands: ecosystem based conservation; restoration	Spring 2005 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	P.R.C. State Forestry Administration

\* Provisional, depending on availability of funds.

#### CHINESE DELEGATIONS VISITING THE U.S. UNDER ANNEX 9

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SUBJECT	DATES, DURATION # OF PARTICIPANTS	U.S.	P.R.C.
Protected areas management: (education, habitat management, law enforcement, data collection, displays)	Spring 2005 2 weeks 6 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	State Forestry Administration
Large lake fishery habitat restoration (naked carp, lake trout, walleye)	Fall 2004 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Ministry of Agriculture
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Wetlands: ecosystem based conservation; restoration	Fall 2003 2 weeks 4 people	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	P.R.C. State Forestry Administration

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