

**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF
UNECE/FAO TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

**Reference to proposed Integrated Programme of Work:
WA 2: Policy dialogue and advice**

Programme element: XXX

A. OBJECTIVES:

1. Development of guidance for policy makers at international, regional and local levels in order to foster sustainable wildlife management (also in view of conflict over different types of land use and/or damage caused by wildlife);
2. Highlight the role of sustainable use of wildlife in forest management, biodiversity conservation, poverty alleviation, and the promotion of traditional livelihoods and cultural values.

B. ACTIVITIES:

1. Identify and evaluate available innovative methodologies that can be used to quantify the monetary value of wildlife and its use;
2. Improve the methodologies where appropriate by using a stakeholder approach (including peer reviewed articles, symposia etc.);
3. Seek interest and funding to develop and implement pilot projects in selected ECE countries to test the valuation methodology and deliver basic data to quantify the monetary value of wildlife, together with other benefits associated with its use.

EXPECTED MAJOR OUTPUTS:

1. At least two ToS meetings and one regional workshop to define a methodology to quantify the monetary value of wildlife and its use;
2. Agreed methodology to quantify the monetary value of wildlife and its use;
3. At least one pilot country identified and implementing the developed and proposed methodology.

D. BACKGROUND:

Forests are major habitats for wildlife. Forests and wildlife together provide a basis for commercial and/or recreational activities. In view of its economical, ecological and social value, wildlife is one of the most important renewable natural resources. Wildlife is of a cross-cutting dimension and its relevance goes much beyond one sector alone. The lack of coordination between the various actors in the wildlife sector often results in poor public visibility and understanding of the benefits of wildlife management for conservation. Furthermore, the focus is often solely on the animal protection linkage while neglecting the significant role wildlife is playing for food security and livelihoods, ecosystem resilience and human health.

No study has so far attempted to quantify the monetary value of the sustainable use of wildlife in the ECE region. In addition, different national and/or regional studies have used different assessment methodologies; therefore figures can neither be compared, nor extrapolated at different scales.

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DURATION

From January 2014 to November 2015. Renewable

METHODS OF WORK	Annual meeting. Other methods to be determined by the team.
REPORTING	Annually, to the Joint UNECE/FAO Working Party on Forest Statistics, Economics and Management
TEAM LEADERS	To be elected at first Team meeting
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