

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**TRAFFIC International**  
**and**  
**South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)**

**A. OBJECTIVE**

TRAFFIC International with its representative programmes and offices in South Asia and the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) intend to cooperate in the area of sustainable trade in wildlife. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) seeks to formalize working arrangements to provide the basis for further cooperation.

**B. BACKGROUND**

TRAFFIC is a joint programme with WWF and IUCN (World Conservation Union) and is a specialized network for monitoring wildlife trade and it works to ensure that the trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature. Its vision is to manage the trade in wild plants and animals at sustainable levels without damaging the integrity of ecological systems and in such a manner that it makes a significant contribution to human needs, supports local and national economies and helps to motivate commitments to the conservation of wild species and their habitats.

SACEP is an Inter governmental organization established in 1982, by the governments of South Asia, to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region and to promote regional co operation in the field of environment, both natural and human in the context of sustainable development. SACEP is also the Secretariat for the South Asian Seas Programme. The 10<sup>th</sup> Governing Council of SACEP incorporated special work programme for combating illegal trade in wild life and its products. SACEP has agreed to cooperate with TRAFFIC International in establishing a regional network for combating illegal trade in wild flora and fauna and ensuring that the trade is maintained at sustainable levels in South Asia.


**Article I**

It is agreed that both parties will jointly take up the following tasks:

- (i) Develop and implement South Asia Regional Strategy for combating illegal trade in wild flora and fauna and to ensure that the trade is maintained at sustainable levels in South Asia.
- (ii) Establish South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network concerning matters referred to in clause (i) above.
- (iii) Exchange information and documents concerning matters referred to in clause (i) above.

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- (iv) Hold consultations on matters of common interest and on topics relating to their collaboration.
- (v) Participate in conferences and meetings which may be held on matters of common interest.
- (vi) Strengthen partnerships, alliances and other cooperative mechanisms so as to foster impacts of the programme at both regional and national levels.

#### Article II

- (i) The Executive Director of TRAFFIC International and the Director General of SACEP will seek to secure sufficient funds are available for the establishment of South Asia Network and implementation of South Asia Regional strategy.
- (ii) The Executive Director of TRAFFIC International and the Director General of SACEP shall adopt appropriate administrative measures to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the secretariats of both Parties.

#### Article III

This agreement will be effective for a period of five years from the date of signing and can be extended by mutual consent. Amendment in the memorandum can be made through mutual discussions and consent between the parties, at any time. A review of this agreement should be undertaken after three years.

#### Article IV

- (i) This MoU shall come into force on the date it is signed by both SACEP and TRAFFIC International.
- (ii) SACEP and TRAFFIC International shall give each other six (6) months prior written notice of intent to suspend or terminate this MoU.
- (iii) Signed by the duly authorized representatives of SACEP and TRAFFIC International in two copies, on the dates indicate below.



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**Dr Arvind Anil Boaz**  
Director General  
SACEP

Date : 10/7/07 -----



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**Mr Steven Broad**  
Executive Director  
TRAFFIC International

Date : 20/7/07 -----