

Shell - IUCN Partnership Minutes Report of the 2nd Steering Committee meeting

The Shell IUCN partnership Steering Committee met in Gland on Thursday 17 July in its 2nd meeting. The meeting thanked and expressed words of appreciation for the efforts of Mr. M. Rafiq (IUCN) and Mr. L. Holst (Shell), both of which will leave their respective organizations in the near future, and without whom this relationship may never have taken off.

It was agreed that a shared communication protocol should be produced to help ensure consistent and transparent communications are provided to enquirers about the partnership, its purpose, and how it came to be.

The Steering Committee Terms of Reference second draft was reviewed and, with changes to be incorporated, should be finalized in the coming month.

The Steering Committee discussed both Base Programme (i.e., those projects supported through the general partnership agreement budget) and Level 2 (i.e., those projects that have “graduated” to support outside of the general partnership agreement budget) projects. A general discussion of activities and associated budgets ensued with the following outcomes: relationship managers are requested to manage projects so that timelines are met, budgets are adhered to, and outcomes are achieved; the budget reports are still an item needing attention and should be clearer and more precise by the time of the next meeting; this relationship should not be afraid to tackle difficult projects, but with potentially large rewards; there is interest on both sides to move forward on issues involving the Arctic, recognizing that it is IUCN's opinion that there should be protection of the Arctic, but if work is to occur, IUCN wants to be at the table to ensure the best outcomes, relative to oil and gas projects; the subject of a standard methodology that can be used to determine total input to produce different fuels is a priority for Shell and IUCN needs to re-engage and determine where it stands on this project; the Business Academy for Conservation proposal is much improved, although there is still progress to be made and further consultation with Shell is needed soon.

Shell will be involved in the World Conservation Congress at several events. A second draft of Relationship Performance Indicators was reviewed with general agreement, and with the request that they be used to assess progress by the next Steering Committee meeting.

Next Steering Committee meeting will take place prior to the end of 2008, possibly involving a field visit to a Shell operation.

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