

**IUCN - Shell Partnership
Minutes Synopsis of the 4th Steering Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 15 July, 2009
Gland, Switzerland**

**Present: Bill Jackson, Juan Marco Alvarez, Shiranee Yasaratne, Carl Gustaf Lundin, and Dennis Hosack (IUCN)
Deric Quaile, Andrew Vickers, Paloma Berenguer, Allard Castelein, and Steven de Bie (Shell)**

The 4th IUCN – Shell Steering Committee (SC) meeting began with a welcome to Allard Castelein and thanks extended to Deric Quaile for his long service to IUCN and the Shell - IUCN partnership. The initial topic of discussion was carbon capture and storage (CCS) and the action item resulting from this discussion was for the two Relationship Managers (RMs) to coordinate a Shell CCS briefing session to IUCN, in Gland, in September/October of 2009. Following the CCS discussion, the SC began a review of partnership strategic issues, including Protected Areas, the Business Academy for Conservation, an IUCN staff visit to a Shell facility to become more familiar with Shell work, the upcoming IUCN – Shell partnership review, and World Heritage sites. A more detailed discussion then ensued regarding the on-going projects and progress of said projects – biodiversity action plan review, biofuels, Red List species support group, and business skills transfer. After further project and issue discussion, consensus was reached that the partnership should focus on three main areas of concern/partnership collaboration – the North Sea, the Arctic, and biofuels. It was recommended that the partnership still be willing to respond to emerging issues of importance to both organizations, but the majority of the effort should be directed towards these three strategic issues. In the last session of the SC meeting, topics of mutual interest were raised, with both organizations agreeing that the secondments to one another's organizations had added value and were requested to be continued for at least one additional year. Also, congratulations were extended to the improved communications efforts by both organizations and to Ms. Virpi Stucki and her team on the progress and success of the Biodiversity Action Plan review project. The next meeting is to be held in early November in The Hague.

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