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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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***Making Trade in CITES Species More Sustainable:
Lessons from Uganda and Bolivia***

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A side event organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) BioTrade Initiative, the BioTrade National Programmes of Uganda and Bolivia, the CITES Secretariat, and an informal biodiversity-related conventions working group.

In order to promote the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife, and the generation of sustainable livelihoods at local level, the UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative has been working with BioTrade National Programmes and CITES authorities to facilitate the organisation and consolidation of value chains for wildlife products, and the integration of actors into these chains.

The BioTrade's value-chain approach encompasses the whole range of actors and activities involved in the management, production, and marketing of a wildlife product. It also involves the relationships established between actors involved directly and indirectly in each stage of the value chain (e.g. producers, processors, distributors, traders, regulatory and support institutions). One important advantage of this approach is that it helps countries to comply with CITES requirements (e.g. legislation, annual reports, enforcement, etc).

Since the CITES CoP13, the BioTrade Initiative and BioTrade National Programmes have been looking for ways to implement this approach by supporting supply chains of CITES species. Examples from Uganda and Bolivia will illustrate the progress that has been made.

Introduction by the Moderator

Rik Kutsch Lojenga, Programme Manager, BioTrade Facilitation Programme, UNCTAD

CITES and BioTrade

Stephen Nash, Chief of Capacity-Building Unit, CITES Secretariat

Uganda's Experience in Promoting Sustainable Trade of CITES-Listed Species

Susan Bingi, National Coordinator of Uganda BioTrade National Programme;
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Bolivia's Experience with Trade in *Caiman Yacaré*

Omar Rocha, Director, Wildlife Department, Biodiversity Directorate, Government of Bolivia

Questions and comments from the floor