ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE CURRENT EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING NEEDS OF THE STATE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SNC) TO ENSURE CITES ACTIVITIES

IDENTIFICATION

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INTRODUCTION

The Covenant foresees training needs assessment for SEI and SNC to be completed in month 6 (Benchmark C 51). When reviewing the training needs it became apparent that the equipment needs of both SEI and SNC had changed as well. This is why the present report also includes an assessment of current equipment needs.

BACKGROUND

In the Project Fiche of Twinning project SK/03/IB/EN/01 the following equipment and activities were suggested for SNC/SEI on the pages 9 and 10:

B) Investment - Equipment
B.6 Technology SEI/SNC – CITES centre

- registration and database hardware
- education and communication equipment including connection with other CITES centres in Europe
- basic health-medical equipment for the centre

The maximum budget for the B.6 activity:
30 000

D) Technical assistance – Training and services
D.1 Slovak Environmental Inspectorate/CITES – 10 people **(SEI offices from whole Slovakia in CITES centres)**

- training for the capacity building in the CITES administrative

The maximum budget for the D.1 activity:
5 000

Activities under B.6 and D.1 of the project fiche were initially proposed especially for the SEI. In 2000 the project "Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species of wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) and the Related EU Legislation" was approved and implemented from 2001 to 2003. This project included several workshops, trainings and technical support especially for SEI as well as for the CITES centres. As SNC carries out the function of scientific authority for the Convention on International Trade with Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora – CITES it is suggested to refocus some activities under B.6 and D.1 of the project at the SNC and update them as follows:

B.6 Equipment for SNC needed to ensure CITES implementation

- procurement of industrial television
- procurement of birds of prey (CITES) DNA database
- procurement of hunting database of CITES animals
- procurement of equipment for rescue centres

D.1 Training for SNC staff

- one - day training for SNC staff – 40 (zoologists) aimed at the short-term care for CITES animals keeping at the rescue centres (facilities of SNC)
- preparation and production of manual/leaflet: manual (500 copies) focused on short-term care for CITES animals keeping at the rescue centres and leaflet (10 000 copies) focused on CITES species protection and rescue

After consulting with MoE, SEI stated that at this present point in time they do not have any training nor equipment needs for CITES activities.

JUSTIFICATION

B.6 Equipment for SNC to ensure CITES activities

▪ ***Industrial television (IT) procurement*** for nests monitoring. The purpose of this activity is to control the nests of CITES birds of prey to ensure protection against robbing that supports illegal trade and holding of bird of prey species, data collection and relevant database development.
One set of IT consists of a camera, signal transmission system, antenna, receiving unit, battery or solar panels, register data system.

▪ ***Procurement of birds of prey DNA database*** that shall serve all nature protection bodies in SR (e.g. Ministry of Environment, State Nature Conservancy, Slovak Environmental Inspectorate) for the purpose of CITES Act enforcement.

▪ ***Procurement of hunting database of CITES animals*** – data on game species abundance that are simultaneously listed in the CITES annexes (i.e. bear, wolf, lynx, wild cat, ducks, etc.) for purpose of its use within the CITES protection.

▪ ***Procurement of equipment for rescue centres*** (mobile boxes, trapping facilities, nests, etc.) - for better care for animals including Red-eared slider (*Trachemys*

scripta elegans) that is non-native species (listed in the CITES annex) and occurs in wild nature in Slovakia.

INDICATIVE BUDGET BREAKDOWN
Equipment for SNC to ensure CITES activities

Name	Price per the item	No of items required	Indicative budget
Industrial television	EUR 6 000	2	EUR 12 000
DNA database	EUR 500	1	EUR 500
Hunting database	EUR 5 000	1	EUR 5 000
Equipment	EUR 625	20	EUR 12 500
Total budget			**EUR 30 000**

D.1 Training for SNC staff

- one - day training for SNC staff – 40 (zoologists) aimed at the short-term care for CITES animals keeping at the rescue centres (facilities of SNC)
- preparation and production of CITES manuals/leaflets: manual (500 copies) focused on short-term care for CITES animals keeping at the rescue centres and leaflet (10 000 copies) focused on CITES species protection and rescue

INDICATIVE BUDGET BREAKDOWN
Training for SNC staff

Name	Price per the item	No of items required	Indicative budget
Training	EUR 1000 *)	One day training for 40 people	EUR 1 000
Manuals/ leaflets	EUR 2 000	2 types	EUR 4 000
Total budget			**EUR 5 000**

***)** It is suggested that only 1000 EUR (as opposed to 5000 EUR originally) foreseen in the Project Fiche shall be used for the training purposes. It would be desirable to use the remaining 4000 EUR for the preparation and production of CITES manuals/leaflets.