Community management for mammals: is it the right time?

David Scallan, Anne-Marie Goedmakers, Marina Rosales

Questions addressed...

•What would be suitable for networking?

•Funding?

•Who would the partners be?

Strengths

- Exchange of experience/best practice.
- Simple application/system, open to all (volunteer-based).
- People can ID mammals (compared to birds), but often difficult to see.
- Data availability e.g. data on accidents (very interesting to insurance companies, governments etc).

Opportunities

- Other systems exist (e.g. can build on them).
 (Note: There's lots of existing systems, <u>but not linked</u>...)
- Attractive/appealing e.g. camera traps in parts of USA, they are provided free to support monitoring.
- Quality data e.g. on species, habitat types, threats, pressures (scientific information).
- Decision-support.
- Feedback system to users.
- Give benefits to local people
 - e.g. in Peru, tourism benefits (people receive training). Guides can be registered in the network (e.g. wildlife watching, hunting).
- Cross boarder information exchange.
 - For early warning systems e.g. ASF in wild boar.
- Big companies might engage (e.g. because the data are useful).
- Being able to act quickly (IAS).

Weaknesses

- Don't know if it will be used.
- Needs a lot of effort to start this project e.g. need to give guidance to users (e.g. on ID of deer spp.)
- Costs of volunteer training (to develop and run)
- Needs a major communication strategy (also expensive)

Threats

- Not used by people
- Used by the wrong people (e.g. people want to shoot protected species)
- Software issues (virus)

Funding

- Companies with logos (of mammals)
- Insurance companies
- Governments
- create a label to see



Potential partners

- Local hunters
- Civil society
- NGOs
- Private sector (investors, banks,)
- Governments (due to Art. 17 reporting requirements)
- Existing systems that collate such data
- IUCN
- Zoos
- UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre
- National history museums
- Schools