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COMPANY DESCRIPTION

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature, helps the world find pragmatic solutions to our most pressing environment and development challenges. IUCN's mission is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

IUCN works on biodiversity, climate change, energy, human livelihoods and greening the world economy by supporting scientific research, managing field projects all over the world, and bringing governments, NGOs, the UN and companies together to develop policy, laws and best practice.

IUCN is the world's oldest and largest global environmental organization, with more than 1,000 government and NGO members and almost 11,000 volunteer experts in some 160 countries. IUCN's work is supported by over 1,000 staff in 60 offices and hundreds of partners in public, NGO and private sectors around the world.

Since 2008, IUCN has been actively participating as a member of the Board of Directors of the Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT). IUCN, by bringing in the biodiversity perspective, has an important role to play within UEBT.

UEBT MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

Steps	Dates <i>Historical/expected</i>
Membership status granted	2007-05-08
Annual report 1	2011-02-22
Annual report 2	
Annual report 3	
Annual report 4	

Documents annexed for public use?

Yes

No

If so, number of annexes: 1

Description of the annexed documents:

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PROGRESS IN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO PROMOTE UEBT

Through the UEBT membership IUCN is committed to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria.

Implementation of the commitment to the Ethical BioTrade Principles and Criteria

See funds invested section.

Activities undertaken to promote UEBT and Ethical BioTrade

During 2010, IUCN continued to support UEBT by contributing to decision-making through participation in the board of directors. IUCN also chaired the membership committee and participated in the selection of companies for the community trading grants.

Throughout 2010, IUCN focused on influencing policy through the Convention on Biological Diversity. In particular, IUCN contributed to the discussions on the strategic plan and 2020 biodiversity targets, the strategy for resource mobilization, access and benefit sharing and business engagement. With regards to business engagement, IUCN was responsible for bringing a business voice to the CBD, both through the International Business and Ecosystem Dialogue and through the involvement of business stakeholders in IUCN's drafting of position papers. IUCN involved UEBT in these discussions and drew attention to UEBT's work during IBED.

Funds invested in Ethical BioTrade Projects

IUCN have been working with the UEBT secretariat in supporting the development a verification framework for the Allnanbalckia oil supply chain, this has been supported through a CHF1.9m 3 year SECO funded project which is supporting activities of the UEBT secretariat and the economic, environmental and social aspects of the supply chain that impact on provisional members of the UEBT - in particular Novel Development Ghana and Tanzania.

SERVICES OF UEBT AFFILIATE MEMBERS

One of the objectives of UEBT is that Affiliate Members provide support, technical guidance and advice to UEBT Trading Members in their particular area of expertise.

IUCN can give UEBT access to the extensive IUCN membership (including commission members) for technical support and input. The six Commissions unite 10,000 volunteer experts from a range of disciplines. They assess the state of the world's natural resources and provide the Union with sound know-how and policy advice on conservation issues (see <http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/> for more information).

Delivery mechanism

Tradign members can apply for membership of IUCN if they meet the Unions criteria for membership - as has Phytotrade. IUCN is committed to developing projects with it's members and this can help provide members with funding sources.