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Compendium of the Side Event at COP 12 in Korea 2014

Falconry and Falconer's Activities Associated with Sustainable Wildlife Management

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Hall D, Room 3 - African Group, G77 and China Meeting Room



Presented by

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Summary

Falconry is a worldwide traditional hunting art using trained birds of prey with a history of over 3,000 years. It is listed as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. In recent years, sustainable use of wildlife is being recognized as a way to help conserve biological diversity; sustainable use of wild raptors has been at the core of the basic practice of falconry for millennia.

In this side event, the following three presentations were provided to introduce falconry, falconer's activities and a basic understanding of hunting. The keynote speech was presented by Dan Cecchini, Jr (Advisory Council, Board Member & US Delegate of IAF). Birds of prey rehabilitation work was presented by Sang-hyun Park (Korean Delegate of IAF). Hunting - being part of nature was presented by Tamás Marghescu (Director General of CIC). Twelve posters were also displayed in the event room to show the outline of falconry and falconer's activities. The latest IAF Journal, brochures which included some of the twelve posters and the program were provided for participants as references of the event.

In the keynote speech, various contents were introduced to outline falconry and falconer's activities such as a historical highlight of IAF, conservation through sustainable utilization with traditional knowledge (examples in Turkey, Turkmenistan and Ireland), contribution of falconers to conservation and the results (restoration of Peregrine falcon and conservation of Grouse species in North America, restoration of Houbara bustard that is traditional quarry species in Middle east, Global action plan for Saker falcon, another results in Germany and Poland etc.).

The second presentation was an introduction of rehabilitation work for injured birds of prey by a falconer in the Republic of Korea which was the host country of COP12. In this presentation, a live Peregrine falcon and Eurasian hobby (small falcon) were displayed. Participants were able to see real birds as results of the conservation work. The history of falconry in Korea was also introduced.

The final presentation was an introduction of a basic understanding of hunting, trends in hunting, globalization of bushmeat, recognition of cultural value of hunting and the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW, <http://www.fao.org/forestry/wildlife-partnership>) that is a voluntary partnership of international organizations with substantive mandates and programs for the sustainable use and conservation of wildlife resources.

Falconry and falconer's works relating to sustainable use are not well known in the modern world, even though there is a long history of falconry providing many positive results related to sustainable use. Hunting is also a subject which has had a difficult time to get the message of its importance to sustainable use of wildlife. This side event was a good opportunity to introduce a summary of falconry and hunting with their associated conservation work through the sustainable use of wildlife.



Twelve posters to show the outline of falconry and falconer's activities



Presentation by Dan Cecchini, Jr with Hobby



Presentation by Sang-hyun Park with Falcon



Presentation by Tamás Marghescu



Communication with participants



References for the participants



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