



**GREAT APES SURVIVAL  
PARTNERSHIP**

## **GRASP Teleconference Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**March 21, 2012**

**Attendance:** Doug Cress (GRASP), Johannes Refisch (GRASP), Audrey Wandera (GRASP), Sarah Cheroben (GRASP), Johann Jenson (GRASP), Neville Ash (UNEP), Melanie Virtue (Convention on Migratory Species), Mark Baxter (Defra).

**Absent:** Ashley Leiman (Orangutan Foundation), Aggrey Rwetsiba (Uganda Wildlife Authority), Oulare Aboubacar (Guinea Ministry of Forests), Matthew Hatchwell (Wildlife Conservation Society), Noeline Raondry-Rakotoarisoa (UNESCO), Leonard Muamba Kanda (DCN /DR Congo), Novianto Bambang (Indonesia), Anne-Sophie Cerisola (France), Marine Baudet (France)

**Note:** The teleconference did not achieve quorum; therefore, items were discussed but no formal votes were taken.

### **Meetings Points**

- The GRASP Strategic Review was discussed and a last call for edits and comments was issued, to be received by March 23. The final version of the review will be submitted to GRASP in the first week of April, after which a plan for discussion and implementation will be drawn up.
- The GRASP 2012 Council meeting was proposed to be held from November 6-8 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. A final proposal for UNEP approval will be submitted the week of April 2, and coordination will be overseen by GRASP and a GRASP 2012 task force going forward.
- A GRASP 2012 Council task force needs to be formed in order to help plan and implement the meeting, and will cover issues such as themes, agenda, representation, and so forth. GRASP will circulate Terms of Reference in the near future so that candidates will understand the responsibilities in order to take part.
- The GRASP Executive Committee mid-year meeting was proposed to be held June 19-20 at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.
- The GRASP Secretariat provided a brief update on administrative issues:
  1. Staff: GRASP currently has a staff of five, although three are short-term, 6-month, part-time consultants. GRASP has been given permission to additionally recruit a U.N. Volunteer and two interns, and is committed to creating a P2-level permanent position. GRASP is also seeking a Junior Professional Officer (JPO) secondment.

2. Funding: GRASP recently received a 2-year, \$500,000 allocation from Norway through UNEP, funds that will be directed to operational activities. GRASP has also received a financial contribution from the United Kingdom, and is part of the LifeWeb Phase II application to the Government of Spain. GRASP is also working to finalize private sector support from Puma (Germany) and Satogaeri (Japan).
3. GRASP Workplan / Budget: The GRASP Strategic Review delayed the creation of a GRASP workplan and budget for 2012, but those documents are in preparation and will be circulated to the GRASP Executive Committee for review within the next two weeks.
4. GRASP logo: The new GRASP logo that was approved by the Executive Committee in November was blocked by U.N. legal concerns, forcing GRASP to create a revised option. That final logo (shown here in English and French) will be officially released on April 2.



- A GRASP rapid response assessment report on the illegal trade in great apes will be conducted in 2012, with a launch at the GRASP 2012 Council meeting in Paris as the deadline. GRASP will liaise with a variety of wildlife trade and enforcement experts in compiling the report.