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The Executive Secretary
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
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Re: Peer Review Submission — Draft Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD Notification 2026-047) — Endorsement by Head of Organization

Dear Executive Secretary Schomaker,

I write in my capacity as President of World Heritage Animal Genomic Resources (WHAGR) to formally endorse the peer review submission filed by WHAGR in response to CBD Notification 2026-047, which invites participation in the peer review of the first draft global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF).

The submission, prepared in accordance with the review template provided by the Secretariat, presents nineteen technical comments addressing the report's treatment of the genetic diversity of domesticated mammals and birds — an element explicitly named in Goal A and Target 4 of the Framework and defined as a component of biological diversity under Article 2 of the Convention. The comments are grounded exclusively in the report's own data, the text of the Framework, and the findings of the relevant multilateral scientific and technical bodies, including IPBES, FAO, and the Sustainable Development Goal monitoring framework. They identify a systematic omission — documented by the report's own evidence — and provide, for each identified gap, specific and actionable recommendations drawing on existing internationally agreed data systems, instruments, and governance frameworks.

In support of this submission, WHAGR has also provided a White Paper titled "The Blind Spot in Corporate Biodiversity Strategy" (March 2026), which documents the downstream consequences of the domesticated species gap identified in the peer review, tracing its propagation through corporate biodiversity disclosure frameworks and nature-finance instruments. The White Paper has been reviewed by Professor Stephen J.G. Hall, Emeritus Professor of Animal Science, University of Lincoln, and by Daniel J. Gustafson, former Deputy Director-General of FAO and current Special Representative of the Director-General.

WHAGR is a conservation organization focused on the genetic diversity of domesticated mammals and birds as a component of global biodiversity. We submit these comments in a technical peer review capacity, with the objective of assisting the Secretariat in producing a revised report that fully reflects the scope of the Framework as adopted by the Parties. WHAGR respectfully urges the Secretariat to consider the comments submitted and to take the necessary steps to ensure that the revised global report reflects the full scope of the genetic diversity mandate set out in Goal A and Target 4 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Please accept, Madam Executive Secretary, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Enclosures:

1. Peer Review Comments — CBD Notification 2026-047 (completed review template)
2. Supporting White Paper: "The Blind Spot in Corporate Biodiversity Strategy" (WHAGR, March 2026)