

## College 2 Academic and research College

### Feedback from Academic and Research College to Annual Priorities

Here is the feedback from the Academic and Research College to the draft annual priorities presented at the Advisory Council meeting on Oct 24:

#### Priority 1: Strengthening the Security Dimension of Wildlife Management

As a general matter, the Academic and Research College supports the implementation of this priority. We would note that our members produce research that could be helpful in developing the approach for this priority. This ranges advanced technological approaches for mapping trafficking to social science research to assist in differentiating between large scale criminal trafficking and traditional bushmeat hunting for local consumption. We are interested in exploring ways our research could be used to strengthen CBFP's work on wildlife management in the coming year.

We also note that fulfilling this work is likely to require trained personnel, and note capacity building as a potential point of collaboration. Likewise, monitoring and evaluation of the impacts of any anti-trafficking program is a natural role for the research and academic college.

#### Priority 2: Building a database to monitor projects carried out by CBFP partners

This priority is in line with recommendations from the Academic and Research College last year. One member of our college notified the others that we should consider contributing to the effort. To the extent this priority tracks projects rather than stores data, we would encourage the implementers to accommodate research in addition to direct implementation projects, as we believe research projects also add value to CBFP's accomplishments. For example, the RIFFEAC journal makes CBFP-relevant research publicly available. To the extent the project would create a repository for relevant data from the region, we would be interested in contributing data and possibly expertise to the project.

Finally, the use of evidence for decision making is highly aligned with our college's stream from last year. The results of our stream may be helpful in shaping that effort, and we are happy to discuss with the team working on this effort.

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