

Statement of JWCS on global conservation of wildlife at

G8 Summit in Hokkaido

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JWCS is a nongovernmental organization in Japan for wildlife and nature conservation for the earth. We made the following appeal in Japanese and English on World Environment Day (June 05, 2008) to respond a request for statement by IUCN, UNEP and other organizations to the President of our organization.

“We announce an urgent comment in public for Global Warming and related issues appealed by Japanese Government, the Government related organizations and the media.

The habitat and populations of the wildlife in the world have not improved since the Earth Summit leading to establish UNEP in 1972. Actually, we could observe the diminishing changes for wildlife on the earth over three decades. Unfortunately, some approaches by Japanese Government are a disincentive to proper management for the urgent situation in wildlife, and there is the fact of acceleration for whaling or ivory trade pushed by the government, though the government appealed for the nature protection. The government emphasizes the importance for the activities of whaling in the High Seas under the name of ‘Scientific Research. We sincerely request and appeal the amendment for the utilization policy supported by Japan’s Government since the world wide conservation and protection for wildlife anywhere in the world reciprocally influences to protect the nature on the entire ecosystem of the planet. “

Our Board of Trustees comprised of natural scientists and social scientists keep warning in critiques to protect our nature on the earth. Today’s appeal is fair comment, under the policy of our organization, on the Japanese Government that is the host country for the G8 Summit this year.

The common comprehension is significance for global conservation of the natural environment for the continued survival of human beings in the present generation and also guarantees it for our future generation through species evolution through

interspecies interactions. It is agreed as a universal movement in this century that all industrialized countries are requested to support actions for the global conservation. Habitat changes and population fluctuations of wildlife are historical indicators for evolution and biological changes in global dynamics of natural ecosystem, influenced by human activities. Therefore wildlife conservation is important under the crisis of the world to protect human being. We sincerely appeal to Japanese Government to achieve the common goal together for the global conservation through impeding the whaling in the High seas destroying ocean ecosystems and trade in elephant ivory destroying terrestrial ecosystems.

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