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**We are the global movement
for tribal peoples' rights. We help
them defend their lives, protect
their lands and determine their
own futures.**

Re: Tribal peoples' rights and the 2nd international conference on the illegal wildlife trade, Kasane, Botswana

We understand that you may be attending the forthcoming United For Wildlife conference in Botswana on the illegal wildlife trade.

We are asking if you would stress to participants that there is a difference between peoples hunting sustainably for subsistence, and illegal poaching which endangers wildlife. Our efforts to press the organizations in United For Wildlife to make public declarations acknowledging this have met with little success.

A ban incorporating subsistence or tribal hunting, such as President Khama has declared in Botswana, is a gross violation of human rights. It is in violation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the ILO Convention 169 and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It is also in violation of Botswana's High Court ruling from 2006, as well as the country's Constitution. It will destroy the last hunting Bushmen in Africa – as we believe is partly its intention.

Several conservation organizations in United For Wildlife have played a role in the illegal eviction of tribal peoples from their lands, as has the government of Botswana.

For the Botswana conference to be calling for "law enforcement" about poaching while being complicit in gross human rights violations, does no service to conservation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Corry". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephen Corry
Director

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