Corruption Hotspots:
Understanding the Effects of Corruption in Environmentally Sensitive World Regions

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Our focus in this workshop

- Corruption’s impact on entire ecosystems in environmentally sensitive regions (or “biodiversity hotspots”)
- Will use biodiversity hotspots as focusing tool for our discussions
- Biodiversity hotspots defined as regions containing at least 1,500 species not found anywhere else in the world; and have lost at least 70 % of original habitat
- Conservation International recognises 34 hotspots worldwide – including *The Caucasus and The Guinean Forest of Western Africa*
Why is this issue important?
Corruption’s potential impact on the environment

1) Direct impact on conservation programmes e.g. by reducing available financial resources

2) Provides positive incentives for overexploitation of resources
Our objectives for this workshop

1) Promote awareness and discussion of concrete effects of corruption in environmentally sensitive regions

2) Identify specific examples of corruption and its environmental impact

3) Provoke discussion of innovative future action to address issue
Some questions to keep in mind

1) Why has the anti-corruption community so far not addressed corruption’s impact on entire ecosystems?

2) Is there value to addressing corruption from a holistic, environmental perspective? If yes, what is it?

3) What action could the anti-corruption community take to address corruption’s impact on environmental degradation?
What happens next?

- Presentation on corruption in Caucuses biodiversity hotspot (15mins) – Tamuna Karosandize, TI Georgia
- Moderated discussion (10 mins)
- Presentation on corruption in Guinean forests hotspot (15 mins) – Jasper Kummeh, Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia
- Moderated discussion (10 mins)
- Presentation on corruption and environmental harm (15mins) – Ken Rosenbaum, Forest Integrity Network
- Moderated discussion (10 mins)
What happens next? cont‘d

- Breakout groups: Identifying priority issues and listing of potential follow-up actions, including which actors (35 mins)

- Reporting back from breakout group rapporteurs (20 mins)

- Conclusion and summary (5 mins)