



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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## THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CMS SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

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CMS/ScC.13/Doc.2

## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



Agenda item	Documents	Notes
<p><b>1. Opening remarks</b> A representative of UNEP will welcome the participants. Mr. Robert Hepworth, Executive Secretary of CMS will make introductory remarks. Prof. Colin Galbraith, Chairman of the CMS Scientific Council, will open the meeting.</p>		
<p><b>2. Adoption of the agenda</b> The meeting is invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC.13/Doc.1 CMS/ScC.13/Doc.2.1</p>	
<p><b>3. Developing a strategy for the work of the Scientific Council</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Draft CMS Strategic Plan</b> The Chairman of the CMS Strategic Plan Working Group will introduce the draft CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011, as submitted to COP8 for consideration, highlighting the main developments of the document since the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council and the role of the Council in its elaboration. The meeting is expected to take note of the draft Strategic Plan and make the appropriate links with the Scientific Council Strategy Implementation Plan. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Meeting to take note of the draft Strategic Plan and take it into account in the further elaboration of the Strategy Implementation Plan.</p> <p><b>3.2 Further elaboration and adoption of the Strategy Implementation Plan for the Scientific Council</b> The Chair will introduce this item by reporting on activities undertaken since COP7 towards the development of a strategy for the work of the CMS Scientific Council, highlighting developments since the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council. The Secretariat will introduce a revised version of the draft <i>Strategy Implementation Plan for the Scientific Council 2006-2011</i>. The meeting is expected to further elaborate and finalize the document. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Agreed <i>Strategy Implementation Plan for the Scientific Council 2006-2011</i>.</p> <p><b>3.3 Resources and working practices of the Scientific Council</b> Proposals on the format and contents of new documents/reports to be regularly prepared and reviewed at ScC meetings will be presented and discussed. The meeting will have the possibility to discuss an option to reduce the costs of meetings of the Scientific Council, proposed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties by the Standing Committee Budget working Group and reflected in doc. UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.19 Annex C. Appointment or reappointment of Conference-appointed councillors will also be discussed. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Format of new information tools approved, or guidance given for their further development. Recommendations of the Scientific Council on cost reduction options for meetings of the Council expressed and transmitted to COP8. Recommendations to the COP on appointment/reappointment of Conference-appointed councillors agreed.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.8.2</p> <p>CMS/ScC13/Doc.3</p> <p>CMS/ScC.13/Doc.7 UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.19</p>	
<p><b>4. Small scale projects funded by CMS</b></p> <p>The Secretariat and, where appropriate, individual Councillors will provide an overview of the status of projects currently underway or recently completed. The meeting will have the possibility to discuss the perspectives and options for the continuation of the Small Grant Programme. The meeting is expected to produce a list of priority conservation and research projects for implementation in the triennium 2006-2008. Proposals for priority projects are</p>	<p>CMS/ScC.13/Doc.4 UNEP/CMS/Conf. 8.20 CMS/ScC.13/Inf.10</p>	

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<p>expected to be discussed within taxonomic working groups. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Scientific Council to take note of progress in the implementation of the Small Grant Programme. Recommendation of the Council concerning the continuation of the Small Grant Programme under different scenarios of the Convention's budget. Draft List of priority conservation and research projects for 2006-2008 agreed.</p>		
<p><b>5. Scientific Council tasks arising <i>inter alia</i> from resolutions, recommendations and other decisions of the Conference of the Parties</b></p> <p><b>5.1. Concerted actions for selected Appendix I species/groups (Res. 3.2, 4.2, 5.1, 6.1 and 7.1 refer)</b>  It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item would be organized into taxonomic working groups. Focal Points for the species will provide a short update on the situation of the species, in particular in relation to CMS activities.</p> <p>? <u>Terrestrial Mammals</u>  Sahelo-Saharan ungulates (<i>Roseline Beudels</i>), (COP6 Recommendation 6.3 refers), Mountain gorilla (<i>Roseline Beudels</i>), South Andean deer (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>), Snow leopard (<i>Secretariat</i>)</p> <p>? <u>Aquatic Mammals</u>  Monk seal (<i>Luis Mariano Gonzales</i>), Franciscana dolphin, Southern marine otter, Southern river otter (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>)</p> <p>? <u>Birds</u>  Siberian crane (<i>Secretariat</i>), Andean flamingos (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>), Ruddy-headed goose (<i>Daniel Blanco</i>), Houbara bustard (<i>Hany Tatwany</i>), Great bustard (<i>Attila Bankovics</i>), Slender-billed curlew, Lesser kestrel (<i>Pierre Devillers</i>), Aquatic warbler, White-headed duck, Lesser White-fronted goose (<i>John O'Sullivan</i>), Ferruginous duck (<i>Otars Opermanis</i>), Whitewinged flufftail, Blue swallow (?), Humboldt penguin (<i>Acer Villanes</i>)</p> <p>? <u>Reptiles</u>  Marine turtles (<i>Colin Limpus</i>)</p> <p>Written reports received prior to the meeting will have been circulated. Review reports compiled by WCMC at the request of the Secretariat will also be circulated. Action Plans for the Monk seal, White-headed duck and the Ferruginous duck produced within the implementation of the respective Concerted Action will be presented. The Council will also be requested to express its views on some specific actions contemplated in the International Single Species Action Plan for the Lesser White-fronted goose, currently being elaborated by BirdLife International. Recommendations for follow-up actions will be considered. Focal points for the species newly designated for Concerted Actions by COP7 (Res. 7.1) will be identified, and possible changes in Focal Points for the other "Concerted action" species will be considered. Possible proposals for new species to be recommended for Concerted Actions will be examined.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Council to note oral/written reports and finalized Action Plans. Recommendations on further implementation of Concerted Actions, notably on specific actions to be included in the draft under the Single Species Action Plan for the Lesser White-fronted goose. Possible identification of candidate Concerted Action species to be recommended to COP8.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC13/Doc.6  CMS/ScC13/Doc.7  CMS/ScC13/Doc.7.1  CMS/ScC13/Doc.9  CMS/ScC13/Doc.11  UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.9  UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.23  UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.24  CMS/ScC13/Inf.3  CMS/ScC13/Inf.4  CMS/ScC13/Inf.5  CMS/ScC13/Inf.7  CMS/ScC13/Inf.8  CMS/ScC13/Inf.9  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.27</p>	

<p>5.2 <b>Co-operative actions for Appendix II species (Recommendations 5.2, 6.2 and 7.1 refer)</b>  General debate is expected on the purpose and the application of the tool so far. Criteria for the identification of species to be proposed to COP for Co-operative Actions will be discussed. A reconsideration of the Cooperative Action List will be undertaken on the basis of the outcomes of the general discussion.  Work of the Council on individual Cooperative Action species will be undertaken within the taxonomic working groups. Focal Points for the species will provide a short update on the situation of the species in particular in relation to CMS activities.  ? <u>Terrestrial Mammals</u>: African elephant (<i>Roseline Beudels</i>)  ? <u>Aquatic Mammals</u>: South America dolphins (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>)  ? <u>Birds</u>: Corncrake (<i>Colin Galbraith</i>), Quail (<i>Pierre Devillers</i>); Black-necked swan (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>); Albatrosses and Petrels (<i>Barry Baker</i>); African penguin (?)  ? <u>Fishes</u>: Whale shark (<i>Carlo Custodio</i>), Sturgeons and paddle fishes (<i>Rainer Blanke</i>).  <b>Expected outcome</b>: General guidance and specific recommendations on further implementation of Co-operative Actions. Criteria for identification of Co-operative Actions species.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC.13/Doc.6  UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.9  CMS/ScC13/Inf.6  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.25</p>	
<p>5.3 <b>Other resolutions and recommendations (not already covered under previous agenda items)</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Resolution 7.2: Impact Assessment</b>  The Secretariat will report on progresses in dealing with Environmental Impact Assessment within the Convention. The meeting will be invited to provide guidance concerning the further consideration of the issue.  <b>Expected outcome</b>: Recommendations from the Council.</p>		
<p>(b) <b>Resolution 7.4 Electrocutation and Migratory Birds</b>  The Secretariat will report on an initiative developed with NABU (BirdLife partner in Germany) to disseminate Res. 7.4 and the guidelines on safe power lines in different languages to stakeholders worldwide. The Working Group on threats will report on any progress in connection with its intersessional work.  <b>Expected outcome</b>: Council to note progress.</p>		
<p>(c) <b>Wind turbines and Migratory species</b>  The Working Group on threats will report on any progress in connection with its intersessional work.  <b>Expected outcome</b>: Council to note progress.</p>		
<p>(d) <b>Resolution 6.2 and Recommendation 7.2: By-catch</b>  The Working Group on by-catch will report on any progress in connection with its intersessional work. The meeting will consider a draft resolution on by-catch submitted to COP8 for consideration.  <b>Expected outcome</b>: Recommendation from the Council to COP8 concerning the further elaboration of the draft resolution on by-catch</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.8.14</p>	

<p>(e) <b>Other Resolutions and Recommendations under development</b>  Under this agenda item the meeting will consider a draft Resolutions submitted to COP8 for consideration concerning sustainable use of biodiversity  <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation from the Council to COP8 concerning the further elaboration of the draft Resolution on sustainable use of biodiversity.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.8  UNEP/CMS/Res.8.1  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.25</p>	
<p>6. <b>Review of proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Discussion and evaluation of proposals</b>  It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item would be organized into taxonomic working groups. Proposals submitted by 14 CMS Parties concerning the listing of a total of 25 species in Appendices I and/or II to the Convention will be before the meeting. Scientific Councillors are invited to provide advice on the merits of the proposals.</p> <p>(b) <b>Conclusions and recommendations to the Conference of the Parties</b>  The meeting is expected to issue recommendations to the COP on the possible inclusion of the proposed species in the CMS Appendices. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation to COP on acceptance or rejection of listing proposals.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.16</p>	
<p>7. <b>Progress on other matters requiring Scientific Council advice</b></p> <p>7.1 <b>Potential new Agreements (including Memoranda of Understanding and Action Plans)</b>  A study on the merits of a possible new Agreement on the conservation of raptors in the African-Eurasian Region, prepared by the Government of the United Kingdom (DEFRA), will be before the meeting for consideration. A presentation of the study will be given by a representative of DEFRA. Other taxa/areas for which the meeting is expected to examine the opportuneness and feasibility of developing CMS agreements include, (without necessarily being limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bats in sub-Saharan Africa;</li> <li>- Gorilla;</li> <li>- Marine Turtles in the Pacific Ocean;</li> <li>- Grassland birds in South America.</li> <li>- Migratory sharks</li> </ul> <p>Under this agenda item the meeting is expected to consider draft recommendations submitted for the consideration of COP8 concerning regional cooperation for dugong conservation, migratory sharks, marine turtles.  <i>Expected outcome:</i> Advice of the Council on the possible further development of the above-mentioned Agreements, and possibly further others. Recommendation from the Council to COP8 concerning the further elaboration of the draft Recommendations mentioned above.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.10  UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.21  UNEP/CMS/Rec.8.12/Rev.1  UNEP/CMS/Rec.8.15  UNEP/CMS/Rec.8.16  UNEP/CMS/Rec.8.17  UNEP/CMS/Rec.8.19  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.18  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.20  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.23  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.29</p>	
<p>7.2 <b>2010 Global Biodiversity Target</b>  The Secretariat will provide an update of the activities undertaken since ScC12 on the subject. A paper and a draft resolution prepared by secretariat for the consideration of ScC13 and COP8 will be before the meeting.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.6  UNEP/CMS/Res.8.7</p>	

<p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Recommendation by the Council on how to proceed with the development of 2010 indicator(s) and possible other tools to assess the contribution of the convention in achieving the 2010 target and the Convention's own objectives.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.22</p>	
<p>7.3 <b>Global Register of Migratory Species (GROMS) and CMS Information Management Plan</b>  The results of an evaluation of the GROMS undertaken by the Secretariat through a consultancy will be presented by the Secretariat. The report of the consultant will be before the meeting. The Council is expected to consider the report, providing advice on the future of GROMS and possible revision of its <i>modus operandi</i>, its role in the CMS Information Management System (IMS), and the role of the Council itself in its maintenance and further development.  <b>Expected outcome:</b> Recommendations to the COP concerning the possible continuation of GROMS and, where appropriate, the revision of its <i>modus operandi</i>; agreement on the Council's role in GROMS maintenance and further development in case the continuation of GROMS were recommended.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.12  UNEP/CMS/Res.8.9/Rev.1  UNEP/CMS/Res.8.10/Rev.1</p>	
<p>7.4 <b>Assessments and reports of CMS interest (Millennium Assessment, GEO -4 report, Global Biodiversity Outlook)</b>  The Chair of the Scientific Council will give a presentation of the outcomes of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) of highest relevance to CMS. The Council will be invited to comment on the MA outcomes, and their implications for CMS. A representative of UNEP/DEWA will give a presentation of the process for the production of the GEO-4 report. The Council will be invited to express its views on the input it could provide in the further development of the report. A more detailed presentation of the GEO process and information tools is expected in a side event scheduled on the evening of 17 November.  <b>Expected outcome:</b> Council to take note of the outcomes of MA and progress in the production of GEO-4 report. Possible recommendations from the Council on the implications of the MA for CMS. Agreement on the Council's participation in the further elaboration of the GEO-4 report..</p>		
<p>7.5 <b>Impact of climate change on migratory species</b>  A study on the impact of climate change on migratory species, prepared by the Government of the United Kingdom (DEFRA), will be before the meeting for consideration. A presentation of the main findings of the report is expected to be given by a representative from DEFRA. The meeting will be invited to consider the issue, providing where appropriate additional information from geographic areas less covered by the report. A draft Resolution on climate change and migratory species submitted for consideration by COP8 by the United Kingdom will also be considered.  <b>Expected outcome:</b> Recommendations of the Council on the further consideration of the climate change issue within the Convention, and on the further elaboration of the draft Resolutions.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.22  UNEP/CMS/Res.8.13/Rev.1  UNEP/CMS/Inf.8.19</p>	
<p>7.6 <b>Migratory Species as vectors of diseases</b>  The Secretariat will provide a report on the main initiatives undertaken within the Convention in relation with the spread of Avian Influenza. The representative of the AEWA Secretariat will report on the consideration of the issue during the recent 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Parties to AEWA. The meeting will be invited to consider the specific issue of Avian Influenza and its relevance to migratory species, and more in general the issue of migratory species as vectors of diseases, and the possible implication for migratory species conservation. Input from the Council to the Conference of the Parties is expected to be mainly discussed within the Working Group on migratory species as vectors of diseases. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Council to take note of developments. Input to the meeting of the Conference of the Parties possibly in the form of a draft resolution.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC.13/Inf.11  CMS/ScC.13/Inf.12  CMS/ScC.13/Inf.13</p>	
<p>7.7 <b>Artificial barriers to migration and other threats to Migratory species and their habitats</b>  Under this agenda item the meeting will consider a draft Resolution submitted to COP8 for consideration concerning</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.8.22</p>	

<p>adverse human induced impacts on cetaceans. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Recommendation from the Council to COP8 concerning the further elaboration of the draft Resolution on adverse human impact on cetaceans.</p>		
<p><b>7.8 CMS Thesis Award</b>  The Secretariat will give a presentation of the initiative, supported by National Geographic Germany and Lufthansa. The Council will be invited to provide comments on the further development of this initiative, including the possible future involvement of the Council in the process of selection of candidates for the Award.  <b>Expected outcome:</b> Council to take note of the Secretariat's report. Advice from the Council on the further development of the initiative.</p>		
<p><b>8. Collaboration with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations</b>  Councillors in charge of following the work of other conventions will report on developments relevant to CMS, as follows: Dr. Perrin (IWC), Prof. Galbraith (CITES) and Mr. Baker (CCAMLR). The meeting will be invited to consider renewing the existing liaison tasks, or to identify replacements as necessary. The Secretariat will report on developments in collaboration with other institutional partners of relevance to the work of the Council. Observers from collaborating organizations will be invited to comment and make proposals for the further development of collaboration with the Council.  <b>Expected outcome:</b> Council to note the Councillors' report. Possible replacement/identification of new liaison Councillors.</p>		
<p><b>9. Report to COP on ScC activities during 2003-2005</b>  The chair will present an outline of the oral report on the activity of the Council he will present at the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Council will be invited to comment and provide suggestions for the refinement of the report, as appropriate. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Report of the Chair to the Conference of the Parties finalized.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.8.xx</p>	
<p><b>10. Election of the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Scientific Council for the period 2006-2008</b>  Election for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be held. Both the chair and the vice-chair have expressed their intention not to stand for a new mandate in their current position. Potential candidates are invited to express their interest to the Secretariat before the meeting. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Chair and vice-chair for the triennium 2006-2008 elected.</p>		
<p><b>11. Date and venue of the 14th meeting of the Scientific Council</b>  The Secretariat will provide any possible available information relevant to date and venue of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council.</p>		
<p><b>12. Any other business</b>  Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.</p>		
<p><b>13. Closure of the Meeting</b>  The meeting is expected to close on Friday, 18 November 2005, no later than 1800.</p>		