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INTERSESSIONAL WORK OF TAXONOMIC AND THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)

With a view to planning the triennial programmes the thematic and taxonomic Working Groups of the Scientific Council the Secretariat has prepared a list of activities derived from provisions made by COP9 Recommendations and Resolutions as well as by the Scientific Council at its 15th session (See report of the meeting including annexes).

The present list also makes suggestions on possible assignment of these activities to the relevant Working Groups. No indication about timing or priority is given.

Action requested:

Participants are invited to:

- a) Consider the list in Annex I as a basis for discussion on how to activate the Working Groups in relation to the implementation of these activities.

ANNEX I

Activities derived from COP9 Recommendations and Resolutions and from the report of 15th Meeting of the Scientific Council (including annexes)

No.	Action	Ref.	Assignment to
1	Prepare a list of Appendix II species for which agreements are not anticipated but which require attention nonetheless.	Res9.1: 2	All Taxonomic WGs
2	Establish this review process (see 1.1), ensuring that a regular update of status is provided by the relevant focal point Councillor	Res9.1: 3	All Taxonomic WGs
3	Assist the Secretariat in continuing concerted actions for Appendix I species as set out in Res.8.29 and in the preamble of Res.9.1 in 2009-2011.	Res9.1: 4	All Taxonomic WGs
4	Prioritise climate change adaptation concerning migratory species.	Res9.7: 9	WG on climate change
5	Provide guidance concerning the establishment of a new task force on Wildlife Disease with the FAO Animal Health and concerning the relationship between the existing Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds and the proposed new Task Force on Wildlife Disease.	Res9.8: 2	WG on Migratory Species as Vectors of Diseases
6	Become part of the broader focused Scientific Task Force on Wildlife Disease and to provide guidance related to past accomplishments and future needs	Res9.8: 3	WG on Migratory Species as Vectors of Diseases
7	Assist the Secretariat in identifying priority issues, species and habitats in the marine sphere.	Res9.9: 1	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish
8	Commence work towards the species priorities identified in Resolution 9.2.	Res9.9: 4	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish

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9	Seek avenues for research and dialogue on issues of common interest.	Res9.9: 4	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish
10	Review the latest available information on the current and predicted conservation status, in relation to the possible consequences of climate change, of all Arctic migratory marine species listed in the CMS appendices.	Res9.9: 4	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish
11	Consider whether additional Arctic migratory marine species might warrant listing on the CMS appendices.	Res9.9: 4	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish
12	Consider existing initiatives and research relating to ongoing conservation efforts for marine migratory species, such as the establishment of ecologically representative marine protected area networks and an integrated approach to coastal and marine management.	Res9.9: 4	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish
13	Facilitate the review of existing data on southern populations of shark species to assist Parties with listing proposals to be submitted to CMS COP10 and further COPs.	Res9.9: 4	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish
14	Assist the Secretariat and the Council in developing a programme of work to address human-induced impact on cetaceans.	Para 31, ScC15 report Annex V, Item 5.3e, para 1	WG on Marine Mammals
15	Assist the Secretariat and the Council in the development of voluntary guidelines on effective management of anthropogenic noise	Res9.19: 3	WGs on Marine Mammals and Fish

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16	Continue to identify emerging and best practice by-catch mitigation techniques.	Res9.17: 7	WG on by-catch
17	Consider any scientific and technical information submitted on by-catch.	Res9.17: 7	WG on by-catch
18	Assist the Secretariat and the Council in pursuing the Central Eurasian Aridland Concerted Action and associated Cooperative Action which include an Action Plan and status reports for all species concerned	Rec9.1: 1	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
19	Assist the Council in reviewing the conservation and management of tigers and other Asian big cat species and propose actions to COP10.	Rec9.3: 2	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
20	Assist the Secretariat and the Council in take all steps to improve conservation status of Asian big cats and raise awareness within the framework of the Central Eurasian Aridland Mammals Concerted Action.	Rec9.3: 3	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
21	Prepare a text on the possible usefulness of the Addis Ababa principles in the implementation of the CMS in the next few weeks in collaboration with the CMS officer for Agreements. Circulate to the members of the working group and to all Scientific Councillors.	Para 21 ScC15 report	WG on Sustainable use
22	Discuss the question of the harmonization of bird nomenclature between the Appendices of CMS and CITES.	Para 48 and 66, Annex IV, para 11 ScC15 report and Rec9.4: 3	WG on Birds
23	Consider adopting taxonomic list approved for inclusion on Annex I of ACAP as the Convention's standard nomenclatural reference for albatrosses and large petrels. Consider other relevant CMS Agreements in the process of harmonization of taxonomic and nomenclatural references.	Rec9.4: 4	WG on birds