



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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STRATEGIC AND PLANNING MEETING
OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL
Formia (Italy), 9-11 October 2013

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

(as at 02 October 2013)

Wednesday, 9th October

9h - 13h Morning session

1. Opening remarks

The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Scientific Council, Dr Fernando Spina and the CMS Executive Secretary, Dr Bradnee Chambers.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The meeting will be requested to adopt the agenda and schedule, and to mention any other topics that should be included.

3. Planning, assessment and gap analysis of the Scientific Council (PAGA)

The CMS Executive Secretary will introduce this topic and will make a presentation on options for a new structure and modus operandi of the Scientific Council, followed by discussion. Elements contained in document No. 3 “A Natural Affiliation” will be considered during the discussion.

Reference Documents: UNEP/CMS/ScC/SPM/Doc.1/Rev.1

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14h - 18h Afternoon session

4. Presentation of reports from the Taxonomic and Thematic Working Groups

The Chairs of the Scientific Council Working Groups will be requested to present brief reports or power point presentations on the activities undertaken since the last meeting of the Scientific Council in November 2010. Each presentation will be followed by discussion.

5. Gaps in threats and challenges to migratory species: emerging issues

The Secretariat will introduce document No. 2 “Draft Global Gap Analysis of the Convention on Migratory Species”. The meeting will be requested to provide comments and make suggestions on new and emerging issues that need the attention of the Scientific Council.

Reference Documents: UNEP/CMS/ScC/SPM/Doc.2

Thursday, 10th October

9h - 13h Morning session

6. Gap analysis of the species listed in the Appendices

The Secretariat will introduce the part of document No. 2 that deals with gaps in the Appendices. The meeting will be requested to provide comments and to suggest species that should be proposed for listing or uplisting as a matter of priority.

Reference Document: UNEP/CMS/ScC/SPM/Doc.2

7. Criteria for listing species under the Appendices

Barry Baker, as representative of the ad hoc Working Group established under the Scientific Council to elaborate criteria for listing, will provide an update on progress with the Working Group. The meeting will be requested to advise and provide guidance on the listing criteria.

14h - 18h Afternoon session

8. Cooperation between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and CMS: the role of the Scientific Council

The Secretariat will introduce document No. 4 on IPBES. Alfred Oteng Yeboah as Vice-Chair of the IPBES Bureau will give an update on the latest developments under IPBES, including the process of scoping a fast-track assessment on migratory species. This will be followed by a broader discussion on strategies and approaches for cooperation between IPBES and CMS, in particular the Scientific Council.

Reference Document: UNEP/CMS/ScC/SPM/Doc.4

Friday, 11th October

9h - 13h Morning session

9. Scientific Council Work Programme 2013-2014. Assignment of tasks and activities

Document No. 5 on the Scientific Council Work Programme 2013-2014 will be introduced by the Secretariat, followed by a discussion on how to make progress with the Work Programme and the role that appointed councillors and chairs of the Scientific Council Working Groups will play in preparing for the next full meeting of the Council and COP to be held in 2014.

Reference Document: UNEP/CMS/ScC/SPM/Doc.5

14h - 18h Afternoon session

Continuation of item 9.

10. Practical demonstration and training on the use of the Scientific Council online workspace.

Laura Aguado will lead a practical training session on the use of the online workspace to be followed by questions and problems encountered when using the workspace.

11. Any other business

The meeting is expected to close at 18h.