

SECOND REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF SAHELO-SAHARAN ANTELOPES

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**In collaboration with the Department of Water, Forests and the
Combat against Desertification, of the Kingdom of Morocco**

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1st May

Arrival of Range State Delegates and other participants
Registration
Distribution of workshop documents
Informal gathering of participants

2^d May

- 09.30: - Official opening of the workshop by Mr Mohamed **ANECHOUM** Secrétaire Général du Département des Eaux et Forêts et de la Lutte contre la Désertification of the Kingdom of Morocco.
- Welcoming address by the Wali of the Souss-Massa-Drâa Region.
- 10.00: Intervention by Mr. Arnulf **MÜLLER-HELMBRECHT**, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species(CMS)
- 10.30: Official signature of the project convention between CMS/FFEM and the FFEM (Fonds Français pour l'environnement mondial), by Mr. Arnulf **MÜLLER-HELMBRECHT**, Executive Secretary of CMS and by Mr. Remy Gouin, representative of FFEM.
- 11.00 : *Coffee break*
- 11.30: Programme and objectives of the workshop.
The road from Djerba: progress and lacunes.
Roseline C. **Beudels-Jamar**, CMS Scientific Council, Focal Point Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes
- 12.00: The current situation of the Saharan and Sahel fauna and its natural habitats: state of the problems, and potential solutions.
John **Newby**, SSIG, CMS/FFEM Project Review Group
- 12.30 : *lunch break*

◆ **The situation in the different Range States**

14.00: Range State Reports on current status, distribution of Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes, with a focus on conservation measures taken in the last four years; evolution of the conservation status of the six species since Djerba (1998).

Representatives of the different Range States will present reports on the general situation of the Antelopes in their country, their habitats, the state of the protected areas concerned.

1. Algeria
2. Burkina-Faso
3. Ethiopia
4. Mali
5. Morocco
6. Mauritania
7. Niger
8. Senegal
9. Sudan
10. Chad
11. Tunisia

16.30 : *Coffee break*

17.00 : Continuation of national reports until 18.30 h.

20.00 : Official reception – Diner offered by the Departement des Eaux et Forets et de la Lutte contre la Desertification (DEFLCD)

3d May

09.00: Summary, on the basis of the national reports, of the progress achieved since the previous workshop; lessons to be drawn.

◆ **Report on international activities:**

09.30: International activities undertaken in the framework of the CMS Concerted Action “Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes”:
Presentation of the CMS/FFEM regional project, and other international activities.
Roseline C. Beudels-Jamar

Presentation of the new CMS/FFEM project co-ordinator, Mr. **ARNAUD GRETH**.

10.00: The SSIG or “Sahelo-Saharan Interest Group”,
Steve Monfort, President du groupe

10.30 : *Coffee break*

◆ **Revision of the CMS Action Plan for the conservation and restoration of Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes".**

11.00: Dispersal potential of Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes throughout their historical range.
Koen De Smet, CMS SSA Working Group; Director, Nature conservation administration of the Flamish Region, Belgium

11.30: Recent prospections and inventories: methodologies and results.
Tim Wacher, SSIG, London Zoological Society

12.00: Reintroduction programmes : the needs in terms of captive breeding.
Eduard William Houston, Saint Louis Zoo, USA.

13.00 : *lunch break*

15.00: **Working groups : revision of the Action Plan**

Revision of the CMS Action Plan adopted in Djerba in 1998: identification of priority actions to implement the action plan, including cross-border actions.

Group 1 : Burkina-faso, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Chad

Group 2 : Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia

Group 3 : Revision conservation status of Sahelo-Saharan antelopes and other flagship species
coordonneted by John Newby

16.30 : *Coffee break*

17.00 : Follow up of the work of the " Action Plan" working groups.

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09.00: Development of a CMS agreement : introduction of a discussions paper, stating the advantages and disadvantages of an agreement under the terms of the Convention, by Mr. Arnulf Muller Helmbrecht, CMS.

Constitution of a working group "development of an agreement".

09.30: Follow up of the work of the "Action Plan" and "Conservation statut" working groups, preceded by two relevant presentations :

- The needs in terms of technical capacity building.
François Lamarque
- Reinforcement of communication and information exchange, website and Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes database (Action Plan, objectif 3)
Marie-Odile Beudels, IRSNB.

10.30: *Coffee break*

11.00: Follow up of working groups meeting on " Revision of the Action Plan" and "Conservation status"

13.00: *Lunch break*

15.00: Follow up of working groups meeting on " Revision of the Action Plan" and "Conservation status"

16.30: *Coffee break*

17.00: Recommendations, general conclusions.

5th May

Visit organised by the Moroccan Authorities, Département des Eaux et Forêts et de la Lutte contre la Desertification (DEFLCD), at Souss-Massa National Park (rehabilitation and restoration site of aridland fauna).