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Migratory Species of Wild Animals**
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FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE CMS SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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Agenda item	Documents	Notes
<p>1. Opening remarks Mr. Lahcen El Kabiri, Deputy Executive Secretary of CMS will make introductory remarks. Mr. John Mshelbwala, Chairman of the CMS Scientific Council, will open the meeting.</p>		
<p>2. Adoption of the agenda The meeting is invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC.15/Doc.1 UNEP/CMS/ScC.15/Doc.2.1</p>	
<p>3. Review of Strategy Implementation Plan for the Scientific Council 2006-2011 At its 13th meeting (Nairobi, November 2008), the Scientific Council adopted its Plan for Implementation of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011. The Secretariat will provide an overview of main progresses in the implementation of the Strategy Implementation Plan for the Scientific Council 2006-2011, focusing on development since the 14th meeting of the Council (Bonn, March 2007). The meeting will be invited to discuss priorities and targets for the further implementation of the plan, taking into account availability of resources. Where appropriate, this could be done within relevant Working Groups. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Meeting to take note of progress. Priorities and targets for further implementation identified.</p>		<p>The Plan is available as an annex to the report of ScC13</p>
<p>4. Small scale projects funded by CMS The Secretariat will summarize progress in the funding of projects recommended for support under the Small Grant Programme by the previous meetings of the Scientific Council. The meeting will be invited to discuss prospects for the continuation of the programme. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Scientific Council to take note of progress in the implementation of the Small Grant Programme. Possible recommendations to the COP concerning support to the Programme agreed.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Inf.9.20/Rev.1</p>	
<p>5. Scientific Council tasks arising <i>inter alia</i> from resolutions, recommendations and other decisions of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>5.1. Concerted actions for selected Appendix I species/groups (Res. 3.2, 4.2, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1 and 8.29 refer) It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item would be organized into taxonomic working groups. Focal Points for the species are expected to 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>)</p> <p>? <u>Aquatic Mammals</u> Monk seal (<i>Borja Heredia</i>), Franciscana dolphin, Southern marine otter, Southern river otter (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>)</p> <p>? <u>Birds</u> 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>)</p> <p>? <u>Reptiles</u> Marine turtles (<i>Colin Limpus</i>)</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.5 UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.6 UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.7 UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.10 UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.11 UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.12 UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.14/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.26/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.28 UNEP/CMS/Res. 9.1</p>	

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<p>Written reports received prior to the meeting will have been circulated. Action Plans for the White-winged Flufftail, Madagascar Pond Heron, Chinese Crested Tern, Black-faced Spoonbill and Spoon-billed Sandpiper will be presented for endorsement. Focal points for the Concerted Action species which do not have one should 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>Expected outcome: Council to note oral/written reports and endorse finalized Action Plans. Recommendations on further implementation of Concerted Actions. Possible identification of candidate Concerted Action species to be recommended to COP9.</p>		
<p>5.2 Co-operative actions for Appendix II species (Recommendations 5.2, 6.2 and 7.1 refer)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>? <u>Terrestrial Mammals</u>: African elephant (<i>Roseline Beudels</i>)</p> <p>? <u>Aquatic Mammals</u>: South America dolphins (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>)</p> <p>? <u>Birds</u>: Corncrake (<i>Colin Galbraith</i>), Quail (<i>Pierre Devillers</i>); Black-necked swan (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>)</p> <p>? <u>Fishes</u>: Whale shark (<i>Carlo Custodio</i>), Sturgeons and paddle fishes (?).</p> <p>An International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Lesser Flamingo will be presented for endorsement. Focal points for the Cooperative Action species which do not have one should be identified, and possible changes in Focal Points for the other Cooperative Action species will be considered. Possible proposals for new species to be recommended for Cooperative Actions will be examined.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Council to note oral/written reports and endorse finalized Action Plans. Recommendations on further implementation of Cooperative Actions. Possible identification of candidate Cooperative Action species to be recommended to COP9.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC.15/Doc.9 UNEP/CMS/Res. 9.1</p>	
<p>5.3 Other resolutions and recommendations (not already covered under previous agenda items)</p> <p>(a) Resolution 8.1: Sustainable Use</p> <p>The 14th meeting of the Council created a Working Group on Sustainable Use of Migratory Species. The group is expected to meet during the meeting, with a view to assessing progress since ScC14, agree possible recommendations to COP9 and discuss and agree on its further work on this issue.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Recommendations to COP9 on Sustainable Use. Workplan of the WG for the triennium.</p>		
<p>(b) Resolution 8.7: Assessing the contribution of CMS in achieving the 2010 Biodiversity target</p> <p>Reports on the applicability in the CMS context of the Red List Index (RLI) and the Living Planet Index (LPI) will be presented. The meeting is expected to discuss the findings of the reports and transmit its recommendations to COP9 as regards.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Recommendations on the suitability of the proposed Migratory Species Indices to the CMS context transmitted to the COP.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC.15/Doc.14</p>	

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<p>(c) Resolution 8.13: Climate change and Migratory Species The 14th meeting of the Council created a Working Group on Sustainable Use of Migratory Species. The group is expected to meet during the meeting, with a view to assessing progress since ScC14, agree possible recommendations to COP9 notably in relation to draft Resolution 9.7 on climate change impacts on migratory species, and discuss and agree on its further work on this issue. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendations to COP9 on climate change, including input to draft Res. 9.7. Workplan of the WG for the triennium.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res. 9.7 UNEP/CMS/Inf.9.22</p>	
<p>(d) Resolution 8.14: By-catch The Working Group on by-catch is expected to meet during the meeting, with a view to assessing progress since ScC14, agree possible recommendations to COP9 notably in relation to draft Resolution 9.18 on by-catch, and discuss and agree on its further work on this issue. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendations to COP9 on climate change, including input to draft Res. 9.7. Workplan of the WG for the triennium.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.18/Rev.1</p>	
<p>(e) Resolution 8.22: Adverse human induced impact on cetaceans The Secretariat will report on progress on the implementation of provisions of Res.8.22 of direct relevance to the Scientific Council, in particular the preparation of a CMS Programme of Work to address human induced impacts on cetaceans. A workplan towards the finalization of the work programme will be submitted for consideration (Annex B to document UNEP/CMS/Conf.26). This item is expected to be discussed principally within the taxonomic working group on aquatic mammals. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to take note of progress in the implementation of Res. 8.22. Revised workplan to implement Res. 8.22 endorsed.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.26</p>	
<p>(f) Other Resolutions and Recommendations under development Under this agenda item the meeting will consider draft Resolution submitted to COP8 for consideration concerning Adverse Anthropogenic Marine/Ocean Noise Impacts on cetaceans and other biota (draft Res.9.19), expected to be considered mainly within the taxonomic working group on aquatic mammals. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation from the Council to COP9 concerning the further elaboration of the draft Resolutions on Capacity Building and Impact of Anthropogenic Ocean Noise.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.19</p>	
<p>6. Review of proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</p> <p>(a) Discussion and evaluation of proposals It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item would be organized into taxonomic working groups. Proposals submitted by 13 CMS Parties concerning the listing of a total of 24 species in Appendices I or II of the Convention will be before the meeting. Scientific Councillors are invited to provide advice on the merits of the proposals .</p> <p>(b) Conclusions and recommendations to the Conference of the Parties The meeting is expected to issue recommendations to the COP on the possible inclusion of the proposed species in the CMS Appendices.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.29</p>	

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<p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation to COP on acceptance or rejection of listing proposals.</p>		
<p>7. Progress on other matters requiring Scientific Council advice</p> <p>7.1 Potential new Agreements (including Memoranda of Understanding and Action Plans) Under this agenda item the meeting is expected to consider proposals concerning the development of new CMS Art. IV Agreements as contained in draft Res. 9.2, and provide advice to COP9 as appropriate for the further elaboration of the resolution. Proposals concerning the different taxonomic groups are expected to be considered within the relevant taxonomic working group. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation from the Council to COP9 concerning the further elaboration of the draft Resolution mentioned above.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Res.9.2</p>	
<p>7.2 Taxonomic issues</p> <p>7.2.1 Taxonomic reference for mammalian species The 14th meeting of the Council considered the proposal of adopting a new nomenclatural reference for mammals (document CMS/ScC14/Doc.3). The meeting is expected to further consider the proposal and submit its recommendations to COP9. Consideration of this item is expected to take place principally in the taxonomic working groups on terrestrial and aquatic mammals. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation by the Council to COP9 on the adoption of the proposed new nomenclatural reference for mammalian species.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Inf.1</p>	
<p>7.2.2 Taxonomy of <i>Orcaella</i> The meeting will consider a document on the taxonomy of the genus <i>Orcaella</i> submitted by the appointed councillor for aquatic mammals. Consideration of this item is expected to take place principally in the taxonomic working group on aquatic mammals. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation by the Council to COP9 on the adoption of the proposed nomenclature for <i>Orcaella</i>.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.4</p>	
<p>7.2.3 Harmonization of the taxonomy between CMS and CITES Appendices The meeting will consider a document jointly prepared by the CMS and CITES secretariats concerning the taxonomy and nomenclature of the fauna listed in the appendices of CMS and CITES. The meeting is expected to consider options towards an harmonization of the nomenclature adopted by the two conventions. Part of the discussion is expected to take place within the taxonomic working groups. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendations of the Council on options towards an harmonization of nomenclature between CMS and CITES.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.8</p>	
<p>7.3 Migratory Species and diseases An invited presentation on emerging and re-emerging diseases in migratory species will introduce this item. The Secretariat will present document UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.13, which includes proposals for the development of enhanced processes of international coordination, including the possible establishment of a Scientific Task Force on Emerging Diseases of Wildlife. The meeting is expected to consider and give advice on the proposals. The meeting is also expected to review and</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Doc.13 UNEP/CMS/Res..9.8</p>	

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<p>give input as appropriate to draft Resolution 9.8 on response to the challenge of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1. Consideration of this item is expected to partly take place within the Migratory species Disease Working Group. Expected outcome: Recommendations on, and possible endorsement of the above-mentioned proposals. Input to draft Res. 9.8.</p>		
<p>7.4 Range State List The meeting will be invited to provide possible comments on the latest version of the List of Range States of Migratory Species included in the CMS Appendices (document UNEP/CMS/Inf.9.5). Expected outcome: Possible suggestions for rectification of the Range State List.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Inf.9.5	
<p>7.5 Artificial barriers to migration and other threats to Migratory species and their habitats The Secretariat will report on progress in the commissioning of a review of obstacles to migration. The meeting will be invited to provide advice on next steps on this issue, including a possible revision of the Terms of Reference of the review. Expected outcome: Recommendation from the Council on next steps towards the preparation of a review report on obstacles to migration.</p>	UNEP/CMS/ScC15/Inf.1	
<p>8. Report to COP on ScC activities during 2006-2008</p> <p>The chair will present an outline of the oral report on the activity of the Council he will present at the 9th 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. Expected outcome: Report of the Chair to the Conference of the Parties finalized.</p>		
<p>9. Election of the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Scientific Council for the period 2009-2011</p> <p>Election for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be held. Potential candidates are invited to express their interest to the Secretariat before or during the meeting. Expected outcome: Chair and vice-chair for the triennium 2009-2011 elected.</p>		
<p>10. Date and venue of the 16th meeting of the Scientific Council</p> <p>The Secretariat will provide any possible available information relevant to date and venue of the 16th meeting of the Council.</p>		
<p>11. Any other business</p> <p>Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.</p>		
<p>12. Closure of the Meeting</p> <p>The meeting is expected to close on Friday, 28 November 2008, at 1800.</p>		