

49th Meeting of the Standing Committee

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DECISIONS DIRECTED TO THE 49TH SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document provides a summary of the progress made in the implementation of Decisions directed to the 49th Session of the Standing Committee

Background

1. COP12 directed a number of Decisions to StC49 for its action, for example, calling on the Standing Committee to provide possible inputs to draft reports prior to their finalization for COP13. A number of these Decisions could not be brought for action by StC49 due to several factors. First, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be held eight to nine months earlier than when CMS COPs are normally held, thereby shortening the intersessional period for implementation of Decisions. In some cases, the Secretariat could not implement the requested actions due to insufficient financial resources.
2. For a number of other decisions, the compressed time period between the StC49 and COP13, with StC49 being held after the Secretariat's deadline for all COP13 documents with a scientific component, meant that such COP13 documents needed to be prepared in time for the 4th meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC4), taking place just before the StC49.
3. Therefore, in consultation with the Standing Committee chair, the Secretariat has prepared the table attached in Annex 1 to provide information to the Standing Committee on the status of these Decisions.

Action requested:

4. The Standing Committee is invited to:
 - a) note the status of the Decisions contained in the table in the Annex of this document.
 - b) provide guidance on the Decisions to the Secretariat as appropriate

ANNEX

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Decision	Text directed to StC49	Status
12.12 Review of Resolutions	<p>The Standing Committee shall review and consider the proposed amendments or new resolution of the Scientific Council referred to in Decision 12.11 (b) and submit any proposed amendments to the resolutions or a new resolution to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration and decision.</p> <p>This decision refers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i. Resolution 7.18 (Rev.COP12) on the Agreement for Dugong (<i>Dugong dugon</i>) Conservation, • ii. Resolution 8.16 (Rev.COP12) on Migratory Sharks, • iii. Resolution 6.3 (Rev.COP12) on Southern Hemisphere Albatross Conservation 	<p>The COP documents addressing these resolutions will be considered by ScC-SC4, (see CMS/ScC-SC4/Doc.10.2.7 and CMS/ScC-SC4/Doc.10.2.11).</p>
12.49 Live Capture of Cetaceans from the Wild for Commercial Purposes	<p>The Secretariat shall request Parties to submit information on the implementation of the Best Practice Guidelines relating to the Live Capture of Cetaceans from the Wild for Commercial Purposes;</p> <p>The Standing Committee shall consider at its 49th meeting the report submitted by the Secretariat and as appropriate recommend further actions to be taken.</p>	<p>Owing to lack of response in the short intersessional period, CMS/COP13/Doc.26.2.8, proposes an extension of this activity into the next intersessional period.</p>
12.58 Joint CMS-CITES African Carnivores Initiative	<p>The Standing Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and make any recommendations it considers appropriate to the Conference of Parties at its 13th meeting.</p>	<p>The 1st Range State meeting of the African Carnivores Initiative was held in November 2018. Thirty-one of a total of 47 Range States attended the meeting and recommended, amongst other things, that the Secretariats of CMS and CITES jointly develop a Programme of Work, submit resolutions to their COPs on the Initiative and develop further conservation measures for African Wild Dog, Cheetah, Leopard and Lion. Parties at CITES COP18 expressed strong support for the Initiative and adopted a series of decisions related to it. Document CMS/COP13/Doc.26.3.1 will be considered by the ScC-SC4.</p>

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<p>12.65 Conservation and Management of Cheetah (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>) and African Wild Dog (<i>Lycan pictus</i>)</p>	<p>a) Consider at its 48th and 49th meetings the reports submitted by the Secretariat, the Scientific Council and the Parties and as appropriate recommend further actions to be taken;</p> <p>b) Report to the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p>12.69 Conservation and Management of the African Lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>)</p>	<p>a) Consider at its 48th and 49th meetings the reports submitted by the Secretariat and the Parties, and as appropriate recommend further actions to be taken;</p> <p>b) Report to the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.</p>	<p>As above. Also, in support of the implementation of the decision, IUCN prepared Guidelines for the Conservation of Lions in Africa, which provide detailed guidance on subjects ranging from undertaking population assessments to mitigating human wildlife conflict and trophy hunting. They can be found on a joint CMS-CITES-IUCN website on Lion conservation hosted by CMS.</p>
<p>12.87 Addressing Unsustainable Use of Terrestrial and Avian Wild Meat of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</p>	<p>The Secretariat shall (<i>inter alia</i>) prepare an analysis on the direct and indirect impacts of wild meat taking, trade and consumption on terrestrial and avian species listed on CMS Appendices I and II;</p> <p>The Standing Committee shall consider, at its 48th and 49th meetings, the report submitted by the Secretariat and any recommendations from the Scientific Council and make appropriate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting.</p>	<p>Due to resource constraints, this analysis was not prepared. Instead, the Secretariat proposed that the Decision be updated, as set forth in document CMS/COP13/Doc.26.4.3. This document will be considered by ScC-SC4.</p>
<p>12.97 Transfrontier Conservation Areas for Migratory Species</p>	<p>The Standing Committee shall consider the report received from the Secretariat.</p>	<p>A consultant undertook a first screening of potential sites to be worked on under the EU funded project titled “Cross Regional Wildlife Conservation in Eastern, Southern and the Horn of Africa”. Discussions are ongoing with the Governments of Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe regarding the establishment of the so-called ZIM-OZA TFCA between Zimbabwe (Mana Pools), Zambia (Lower Zambezi) and Mozambique (Magoé). A project coordinator will enter on duty in December 2019, based in Nairobi to implement the project until 2022.</p>
<p>12.98 Community Participation and Livelihoods</p>	<p>The Secretariat shall “Report to the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings and the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision”.</p>	<p>Due to resource constraints, this analysis was not prepared. Instead, the Secretariat proposed an updated Decision, contained in document CMS/COP13/Doc.26.4.6. This document will be considered by ScC-SC4.</p>