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<b>Wednesday 16 Nov.</b>			
<b>All Day</b>	<b>Delegates arrive in Bergen</b>	See fact sheet for arrival details	
<b>Thursday 17 Nov.</b>			
<b>0830-0930</b>	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>0930-1230</b>	<b>Plenary session</b>		
	<b>1. Opening Remarks</b>		<p>Mr. John Mshelbwala, Chairman of the Scientific Council, will open the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, CMS Executive Secretary, will welcome the participants and make introductory remarks.</p> <p>A representative of the host country will deliver an opening statement.</p> <p>The Hotel Manager will give a briefing on security.</p>
	<b>2. Adoption of the Agenda</b>		<p>The meeting will be invited to review the provisional and annotated agendas (incl. schedule) and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Scientific Councillors and observers will be invited to add additional topics, if any, to be discussed at the meeting.</p>
	<b>3. Report on 2009-2011 Intersessional Activities</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.8	<p>The Chairman will introduce its report on intersessional activities of the Scientific Council.</p>

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			<b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note of the report and to provide comments, if any.
	<b>4. Information on the Intersessional Process regarding the Future Shape of CMS</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.20 See also UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.14.10 for full report with Annexes	The Chairman of the Future Shape Working Group, Mr. Olivier Biber, will be invited to report orally on the activities undertaken by the Working Group and the options that are being presented to COP. <b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note of the report and to provide comments, if any.
	<b>5. Extension to 2014 of the Strategic Plan of the Convention 2006-2011</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.21 UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.22 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.5/Rev.1	The Secretariat will introduce the proposal for extension of the current Strategic Plan 2006-2011 until 2014 and propose the process to elaborate a new Strategic Plan 2015-2021 for consideration by COP. <b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note of the documents and to provide advice on the possible involvement of the Scientific Council and the activities to be undertaken intersessionally during the triennium 2012-2014.
	<b>6. The Potential contribution of the Scientific Council to the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.47 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.8	The Vice Chairman of the Scientific Council, Mr. Colin Galbraith, will report orally about the outcome of the first session of the IPBES Plenary (Nairobi 3-7 October 2011) and the Secretariat will introduce Resolution 10.8 <b>Expected outcome:</b> The meeting to take note of the report of the Vice Chairman, to provide advice on the potential role of the Scientific Council in IPBES and to endorse Resolution 10.8
	<b>9. Modus operandi in cases of emergency for CMS species</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.38 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.2	The Secretariat will introduce the proposed <i>modus operandi</i> and Resolution 10.2 following discussions at ScC16. <b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note of the documents and to provide comments, if any, and to endorse Resolution 10.2.
	<b>10. Critical sites and ecological networks for migratory species</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.39/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.3/Rev.1	The Secretariat will introduce the conference document and Resolution 10.3/Rev.1 building up on discussions from ScC16 <b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note of the documents and to provide comments, if any, and to endorse Resolution 10.3/Rev.1.

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	<b>14. Impacts on marine debris on migratory species</b>	UNEP/CMS/Res.10.4 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.21	The Scientific Councillor from Australia will be invited to introduce Resolution 10.4 following discussions at ScC16. <b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to provide comments, if any, and to endorse Resolution 10.4.
	<b>15.1 Report on the Small Grants Programme and 15.2 Revised Guidelines for the Small Grants Programme (SGP)</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.43 UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Doc.10	The Secretariat will introduce the report on the implementation of the SGP since the 16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council (June 2010) and will thereafter introduce the revised guidelines for the operation of the SGP. <b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to provide comments on the report, to provide advice on the future of the SGP and to endorse the revised guidelines.
<b>1230-1430</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		
<b>1430-1800</b>	<b>Working groups</b>	Provisional agendas for each working group will be provided at the meeting	The working groups on birds, aquatic mammals, terrestrial mammals, fish and marine turtles will meet simultaneously
<b>BIRDS WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<b>8. Review and Guidelines on mitigating the conflict between migratory birds and electricity power grids</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.29/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.30 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.11 UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.38	The AEW and CMS Secretariats will briefly introduce the problem of bird collision and electrocution and the project Consultant will present the outcome of the review and the draft guidelines. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Take note of the review and provide comments on the draft guidelines and Resolution 10.11, if any, and to recommend their submission to COP. Collation of advice on future work of the Scientific Council in relation to mitigation of bird mortality due to collision and electrocution.
	<b>11. Global bird flyways</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.23 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.10 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.4 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.4.1a	The Chairman of the Flyways Working Group, Mr. Taej Mundkur will summarize the activities and outputs of the working group since COP9 and will introduce Resolution 10.10. The Vice Chair of the Scientific Council, Mr. Colin Galbraith, will introduce review No 3 on policy options for flyways.

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		UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.4.1b UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.4.2a UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.4.2b UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.4.3a UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.4.3b	<b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note of the different documents and provide advice on the policy options for flyways and the future activities of the Working Group during the next triennium. Also, provide comments on Resolution 10.10, if any, and recommend its submission to COP.
	<b>11.1 Conservation of long distance migratory landbirds</b>	UNEP/CMS/Res.10.27 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.3 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.18	<p>The Scientific Councillor from Ghana, Mr. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah will be invited to introduce Resolution 10.27 on Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to provide advice on the development of an Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region, including its geographic and taxonomic scope, and to review and submit Resolution 10.27 to COP.</p>
	<b>11.2 Minimizing the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds</b>	UNEP/CMS/Res.10.26	<p>The Scientific Councillor from Switzerland, Mr. Olivier Biber, will be invited to introduce Resolution 10.26 on Minimizing the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Provide advice on the identification of those species included in the CMS annexes which are most affected by poisoning and recommend the submission of Resolution 10.26 to COP.</p>
	<b>11.3 Draft Action Plan for the Sociable Lapwing</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17Doc.14	<p>The AEW Secretariat will introduce this document.</p> <p><b>Expected Outcome:</b> The Council to discuss and endorse the Action Plan.</p>
	<b>17.3.3 Implementation of Resolution 9.9 on Migratory Marine Species/Conservation status of Arctic marine species</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.17	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document on the current and predicted conservation status of Arctic marine species, which includes several species of birds.</p> <p><b>Expected Outcome:</b> Decide how the working group will progress work on Arctic marine species.</p>
	<b>17.3.5 Implementation of Resolution 9.20 on the Saker falcon (<i>Falco cherrug</i>)</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.4 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.5	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the documents and the relevant Scientific Councillors and observers will be invited to present their views.</p>

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		UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.6	<b>Expected Outcome:</b> The Council to take note of progress with the implementation of Res.9.20 and to consider this information when reviewing the proposal to list the Saker Falcon under App. I (see next agenda item).
	<b>18. Proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15 UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15/Annex/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15/Addendum UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.4 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.5 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.6	<p>The Secretariat will make a general introduction to the bird proposals which have been submitted. Thereafter the relevant Scientific Councillors will be invited to introduce each of the proposals accordingly:</p> <p>The Scientific Councillor of the EU, Mr. Pierre Devillers, will be invited to introduce the draft proposals for listing the Saker falcon (Proposal I/1rev) and the Red-footed falcon (Proposal I/2).</p> <p>The Scientific Councillor of the Philippines, Mr. Carlo Custodio, will be invited to introduce the proposal for the Far eastern Curlew (Proposal I/3).</p> <p>The Chair of the birds working group, Mr. John O’Sullivan, will introduce the proposal for the Bristle-thighed Curlew (Proposal I/4) on behalf of the Scientific Councillor of the Cook Islands.</p> <p>The Scientific Councillor of Bolivia, Mr. Omar Rocha, will be invited to introduce the proposal for the Bobolink (Proposal II/2).</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to review the proposals and to consider recommending their submission to COP.</p>
	<b>19.3 Taxonomy and nomenclature of birds</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.32 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.13 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.8	<p>The Appointed Councillor for birds, Mr. John O’Sullivan, will present the conclusions of the ad hoc working group on taxonomy and nomenclature of birds established at the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council. The Secretariat will introduce the relevant documents and will explain the work that has been done since COP9.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Agree on a standard taxonomic reference for birds and recommend the submission of Resolution 10.13 to COP.</p>

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<b>AQUATIC MAMMALS WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<b>17.3.3. Implementation of Resolution 9.9 on Migratory Marine Species/Programme of Work for Cetaceans</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.35 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.15 UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.31 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.17	<p>The Appointed Councillor for aquatic mammals, Mr. Bill Perrin, will present the Programme of Work for Cetaceans contained in documents Conf.10.35, Resolution 10.15 and Inf.10.31.</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce document ScC17/Inf.17 on the current and predicted conservation status of Arctic marine species.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Discuss and agree on the Programme of Work for Cetaceans and recommend the submission of Resolution 10.15 to COP. Decide how the working group will progress work on Arctic marine species.</p>
	<b>17.3.4 Implementation of Resolution 9.19 on Adverse Anthropogenic Marine/Ocean Noise and new Resolution on Underwater Noise Pollution</b>	UNEP/CMS/Res.10.24	<p>The Secretariat will update the Council on progress with implementation of Res.9.19 and the Scientific Councillor from the EU will be invited to introduce Resolution 10.24 on Underwater Noise Pollution.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Provide comments on the resolution, if any, and recommend its submission to COP.</p>
	<b>18. Proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.5/Rev.1	<p>The Appointed Councillor for aquatic mammals will introduce the document on taxonomy of the Finless Porpoise.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Discuss the proposal and provide comments, and recommend whether an amendment to Appendix II should be introduced.</p>
<b>TERRESTRIAL MAMMALS WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<b>17.3.1 Review of Existing CMS Instruments and Projects on Terrestrial Mammals (including Bats)</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.44 UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.15 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.16 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.23 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.15	<p>The Secretariat will summarize the results of the Review on Terrestrial Mammals which was mandated by Res.9.2 and produced by the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC).</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Take note of the review and provide comments, if any, on Resolution 10.16.</p>



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	<b>17.3.6 Implementation of Recommendation 9.1 on Central Eurasian Aridland Mammals</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.12 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.13 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.16	<p>The Secretariat will summarize the main activities undertaken since COP9 and will introduce the draft Action Plan, which will undergo a full participatory review process after COP10. The Scientific Councillor from Mongolia will introduce the report on barriers to migration.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Provide comments on the draft Action Plan and advice on the possibility of organizing a Range States meeting during the triennium 2012-2014. Also provide comments on the report on barriers to migration in Mongolia and advise on the opportunity to set up a Task Force on Barriers to Migration in Central Asia.</p>
	<b>17.3.7 Implementation of Recommendation 9.2 on Sahelo Saharan Megafauna</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.12 UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.16	<p>The Chairperson of the Terrestrial Mammals Working Group, Ms. Roseline Beudels, will introduce the issue and summarize the activities undertaken since COP9 in the framework of this concerted action.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The Working Group to take note of progress in the implementation of the concerted action, review Resolution 10.16, as appropriate, and advise on possible options to organize the third meeting of Range States in the triennium 2012-2014.</p>
	<b>17.3.8 Implementation of Recommendation 9.3 on Tigers and other Asian Big Cats</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.12	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the issue and summarize the activities following on from Rec.9.3</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Take note of progress in the implementation of Rec.9.3 and advice on the role of CMS in international tiger conservation</p>
	<b>17.3.9 Implementation of Recommendation 9.5 on Cooperative action for the Elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) in Central Africa</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.46 UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.27 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.16	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the analysis on gaps and options for enhancing elephant conservation in Central Africa.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Take note of the gap analysis and provide comments and advice on how to proceed.</p>
	<b>18. Proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15 (specifically II/1) UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15/Annex/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15/Addendum	<p>The Scientific Councillor of Tajikistan, Mr. Nurali Saidov, will be invited to introduce the proposals for the Argali (App.II).</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Discuss the proposal and provide comments, and recommend the submission of the proposal to COP as may be amended by the Scientific Council.</p>

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<b>FRESHWATER FISH WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<b>7. Review of the Conservation Status of Migratory Freshwater Fish</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.31 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.12	The Appointed Councillor for fish, Mr. Zeb Hogan, will introduce the Review on Freshwater Fish and draft Resolution 10.12. <b>Expected outcome:</b> Take note of the review and provide comments, and recommend the submission of Resolution 10.12 to COP.
	<b>17.3 .3 Resolution 9.9: Migratory Marine Species</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.17	The Secretariat will introduce the document on the current and predicted conservation status of Arctic marine species. <b>Expected Outcome:</b> Decide how the working group will progress work on Arctic marine species.
	<b>18. Proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15(specifically I/5 and II/3) UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15/Annex/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.15/Addendum	The Scientific Councillor from Ecuador, Ms. Ana Agreda, will be invited to introduce the proposal to list the Giant Manta Ray under App. I and II of the Convention. <b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to review the proposals and to consider recommending its submission to COP.
<b>MARINE TURTLES WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<b>17.3.1 Resolution 9.2 Review of CMS existing instruments and projects on marine turtles</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.45	The Secretariat will introduce the issue and summarize the results of the Review on Marine Turtles carried out by the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC). <b>Expected outcome:</b> Take note of the review and provide comments and advice on future work of the Convention in relation with marine turtles.
<b>Friday 17 Nov.</b>			
<b>0900-1000</b>	<b>Plenary session</b>		
	<b>16. Conservation status of Appendix I species</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.7	The Secretariat will summarize the work undertaken on status assessment since the 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific Council (Bonn, June 2010).

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			<p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The meeting to take note on progress, review the table included in UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.7 and reach a consensus decision on next steps to assess the conservation status of Appendix I in the short-term and Appendix II in the medium-term.</p>
	<p><b>17.1 and 17.2 Concerted and cooperative actions</b></p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.12  UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.36  UNEP/CMS/Res.10.23  UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.28  UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Doc.9</p>	<p>The Secretariat will summarize the status of concerted and cooperative actions for selected App. I and App. II species and will outline the rationale for Resolution 10.23.</p> <p>The Appointed Councillor for Aquatic mammals will introduce Doc.9 about species that may require attention from the Scientific Council.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The meeting to evaluate the work done with species selected for concerted/cooperative actions and on the basis of the proposals contained in the relevant documents to provide advice on future <i>modus operandi</i> in relation with this topic. In particular to discuss and adopt the recommendations included in document Conf.10.36 and to recommend the submission of Resolution 10.23 to COP.</p>
<p><b>1000-1230</b></p>	<p><b>Working groups</b></p>	<p>Provisional agendas for each working group will be provided at the meeting</p>	<p>The working groups on climate change, bycatch and wildlife disease will meet simultaneously. Meetings of the flyways working group and sustainable use working group will be convened on an ad hoc basis.</p>
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<p><b>12. Climate change impacts on migratory species and implications for adaptation</b></p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.40  UNEP/CMS/Res.10.19  UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Inf.9  UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Inf.12</p>	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the work on climate change undertaken intersessionally since COP9 and in particular the results of the ad hoc workshop organised in the Tour du Valat Research Station (France) in June 2011. The relevant documents and draft Resolution 10.19 will be presented.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note on progress since COP9, advise on the future work of CMS on climate change and review Resolution 10.19 for submission to COP.</p>

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	<b>17.3 .3 Resolution 9.9: Migratory Marine Species</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.17	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document on the current and predicted conservation status of Arctic marine species.</p> <p><b>Expected Outcome:</b> Decide how the working group will progress work on Arctic marine species.</p>
<b>BYCATCH WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<b>13. Impacts of bycatch on migratory species and best practice mitigation measures</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.33 UNEP/CMS/Res.10.14 UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.30	<p>The Appointed Councillor for bycatch, Mr Barry Baker, will summarize the intersessional work on bycatch and will introduce the Review undertaken to assess bycatch in gillnet fisheries and the draft Resolution 10.14.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Take note of the review and advice on future work of the Convention in relation to bycatch. Also provide comments on the resolution and recommend its submission to COP.</p>
<b>WILDLIFE DISEASE WORKING GROUP</b>			
	<b>17.3.2 Res.9.8: Responding to the Challenges of Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases in Migratory Species, Including Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 (paragraph 2: Scientific Task Force on Wildlife Diseases)</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.42a UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.42b UNEP/CMS/Res.10.22 UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Inf.13a UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Inf.13b UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Inf.13c	<p>The Secretariat and the representative of FAO will introduce the topic and will summarize the intersessional activities since COP9. Particular reference will be made to the Task Force on Avian Influenza and the Task Force on Wildlife Disease and how the two Task Forces will relate to each other during the next triennium. The organization of the Task Force on Wildlife Disease will be explained in more detail and draft Resolution 10.22 will be presented. Scientific Councillors will be invited to join the Task Force on Wildlife Disease as national associates.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Provide advice on the option to merge the Task Force on Avian Influenza and the Task Force on Wildlife Disease and indicate priorities for future work of the Convention on wildlife disease. Also provide comments on the resolution and recommend its submission to COP.</p>

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1430-1800	Plenary session		
	<b>19.1 Sustainable use</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Doc.12	<p>The Appointed Councillor from the EU, Mr. Pierre Devillers, will introduce the document.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The meeting to take note of the document and to provide advice on future work of the Convention on sustainable use of CMS species.</p>
	<b>19.2 Criteria for listing Appendix II species</b>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.37	<p>The Appointed Councillor for bycatch, Mr. Barry Baker, will summarize the work of the ad hoc working group established during the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council and will introduce the document prepared.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The meeting to provide comments and endorse the document.</p>
	<b>19.4 Survey of expertise of Scientific Council members</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Doc.6	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the survey and summarize the main results. Scientific Councillors which have not yet filled the questionnaire will be urged to do so.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The Council to take note of the survey and to make recommendations for follow-up action, as appropriate.</p>
	<b>19.5 Invasive alien species</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC.17/Doc.11	<p>The Secretariat will introduce this topic and will present the document prepared.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> The meeting to advise on future work of the Convention on invasive alien species and in particular about the opportunity to undertake a review on the impact of invasive alien species on CMS species.</p>
	<b>20. Presentation of the reports of the taxonomic and thematic working groups</b>		<p>The Chairpersons of the taxonomic and thematic working groups will introduce the reports and main outcomes of their respective meetings, and in particular they will highlight the results on the discussion on the relevant resolutions and whether these can be submitted to COP.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> Recommendation to adopt resolutions, revised where necessary, forwarded to COP.</p>

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	<b>21. Elections of the chair and vice-chair of the Scientific Council for the period 2012-2014 and nominations for the Appointed Councillor of Birds and the Appointed Councillor for Neotropical Fauna</b>	UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.2 (Rules of Procedure)	<p>According to the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council, the members of the Council shall elect from among the Party-appointed councillors a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. To that effect the current Chairman of the Scientific Council will invite scientific councillors to nominate candidates for Chair and Vice Chair. The Council will also be asked to nominate candidates for Appointed Councillors of Birds and Neotropical Fauna.</p> <p><b>Expected outcome:</b> New Chair and Vice Chair elected and new proposals for Appointed Councillors for Birds and Neotropical Fauna submitted to COP.</p>
	<b>22. Adoption of the report and action points</b>		The report of the 17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council will be presented including clear action points that the Council will be asked to endorse for submission to COP.
	<b>23. Date and venue of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council</b>		The Secretariat will invite offers to host the 18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council.
	<b>24. Any other business</b>		Scientific councillors and observers will be invited to introduce any other issue not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
	<b>25. Closure of the Meeting</b>		The Executive Secretary will make closing remarks and the Chairman will officially close the Meeting not later than 1800 hrs. on Friday 18 November 2011.