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### RESOURCE MOBILIZATION UPDATE AND WAY FORWARD

*(As at August 2015)*

#### Summary

The present report provides an overview of the resources mobilized, as at August 2015, since the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (Quito, Ecuador 2014).

These resources (both financial and in-kind) contribute to the implementation of the CMS Secretariat Programme of Work for the Triennium 2015 – 2017 ([Resolution 11.1](#)).

Further details are included in Document 10.3.

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*(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)*

### UPDATE

#### Introduction

1. As a regular practice and following the provisions of [Resolution 11.1 on Financial and Administrative matters](#), the Secretariat compiled a portfolio of initiatives planned to be carried out in 2015 for which financial resources were needed. These are some of the activities outlined in the [Programme of Work 2015-2017](#) ranked as high priorities and selected in consideration of the capacity and workload of the Secretariat.

2. The list was sent to all CMS Parties in April 2015. This general appeal was coupled with tailored pleas to individual Parties. The Secretariat has undertaken to mobilize considerable resources that have already enabled a number of priority actions to be implemented and is grateful for the support received, especially given the current economic circumstances.

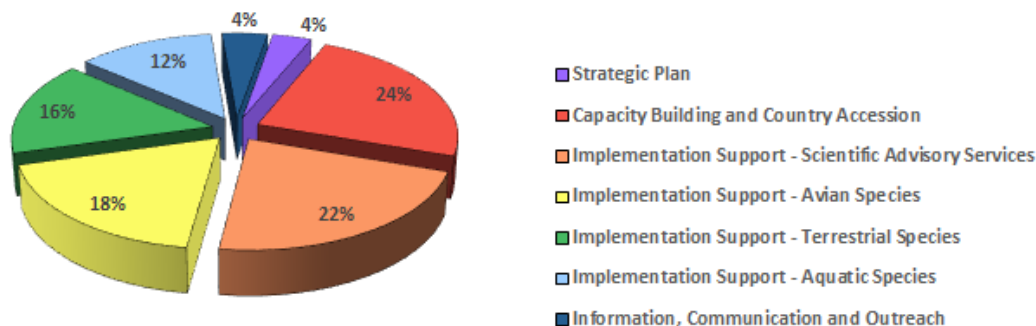
3. The following paragraphs provide an overview of the financial and in-kind contributions received since December 2014 as well as their sources.

#### Funds received

4. The total of monetary voluntary contributions received in 2015 amounts to approximately **€1,046,000<sup>1</sup>** (13 per cent UNEP-PSC to be deducted). These resources were provided by the Governments of Germany (BMUB)<sup>2</sup> and Monaco and Switzerland; the European Commission and UNEP ROE<sup>3</sup>. Most of these contributions cover activities to be implemented during the course of the triennium 2015-2017.

5. This amount however does not include the grant provided in 2015 by the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates towards the operation of the office coordinating the Raptors and Dugongs MOUs in Abu Dhabi and amounting to US\$1.3 million. The resources raised by these two instruments and the “assessed voluntary” contributions towards the implementation of the Sharks and IOSEA MOUs are excluded too.

6. Funds obtained are grouped by the areas identified in the Programme of Work:



<sup>1</sup> Only 30% of the P3 position provided by the German Government until 2017 to support CMS-CITES joint work is considered.

<sup>2</sup> BMUB: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP Regional Office for Europe.

### **Indirect financial contributions and in-kind contributions**

7. Further contributions were provided either in the form of indirect financial support, which was not channelled through the Secretariat but did directly feed into activities, or of in-kind support through provision of personnel or services.

8. The German Society for International Cooperation operating on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (GIZ) covered costs for publishing the Argali Sheep Action Plan and the Guidelines on Mitigating the Impact of Linear Infrastructure and Related Disturbance on Mammals in Central Asia. NABU, the BirdLife Partner in Germany, and the Frankfurt Zoological Society contributed to the organization of the Third Meeting of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of Saiga Antelope.

9. The Third Meeting of Signatories to the Aquatic Warblers MOU took place in Lithuania in May 2015 and was fully funded by the Baltic Environmental Forum through the LIFE Plus Project “Baltic Aquatic Warbler”.

10. Birdlife International is generously providing the coordination of the CMS African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan for two years.

11. Thanks to the initiative of the Chair of the CMS Scientific Council, the Po Delta Interregional Park pledged €25,000 for the organization of a workshop bringing together experts to discuss and advance the issue of migratory species connectivity.

12. The Bologna Operatic Choir generously offered a third benefit in support of the celebrations of World Migratory Bird Day campaign (May 2015). The proceeds (€2,210) of the event supported the implementation of a project on the conservation of the Siberian Crane.

13. Besides hosting the CMS Secretariat as well as other CMS Family Secretariats based in Bonn, and bearing all costs relating to the premises, the German Government has offered interpretation services for the present Standing Committee meeting. Thanks also go to the Governments of South Africa for hosting the Sub-regional Workshop on Preventing Poisoning of Migratory Birds back-to-back with the AEWA African Preparatory Meeting for the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties (Pre-MOP6) and the Government of Uzbekistan for hosting the Saiga Antelope MOU Meeting.

14. Through its internship programme, the Secretariat has enjoyed the valuable support of university graduates or students who have assisted CMS staff in their day-to-day work for an average period of three months without remuneration.

### **Support to conservation work**

15. Web articles and notifications about 2015 funding opportunities for conservation actions were produced, as appropriate, to encourage stakeholders to propose projects that contribute to the implementation of the Convention and its instruments. Several CMS partner proposals were supported by the Secretariat with letters of endorsement.

### **Current developments**

16. Following the provisions of Resolution 11.1, consultations with UNEP are currently being conducted to incorporate elements of the Convention’s programme of work into the

programme of work of UNEP and explore the opportunity to obtain financial support to specific CMS initiatives in this context.

17. Progress has been made towards engagement with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as requested by Resolution 11.10 and is reported in Document UNEP/CMS/StC44/18 *Synergies and Partnerships*.

18. Consultations are underway with the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi and the Abu Dhabi Executive Council on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to conclude a four-year extension (2016-2019) of the donor agreement towards the operation of the office in Abu Dhabi and amounting to US\$8.1 million.

## **WAY FORWARD**

19. The financial and in-kind support received, although significant, only contributes to a small percentage (ca. 10 per cent) of the implementation the triennial Programme of Work. The Secretariat therefore urges Parties and partners to consider any possibility of providing additional support in cash or in kind to further the implementation of the Convention.

### **Action requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- a) Take note of the document and to give comments and guidance, as necessary, to the Secretariat.