

Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)



**MIKT Meeting – Coordination meeting ahead of COP14 (Online)
21 March 2023**

WORKSHOP REPORT (Draft)



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1. Ivan Ramirez, Head of Avian Unit welcomed participants and chaired the meeting.
2. Under the first agenda point Claire Papazoglou, MIKT Coordinator, gave a presentation and updated participants on papers that have been endorsed since the last MIKT meeting in Valencia in June 2022. She explained that the following papers had been endorsed by MIKT members through consultation and after receiving comments the finals had been uploaded on the MIKT website:
 - [Guidance for Development and Implementation of National Action Plans Against the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Birds](#)
 - [Legislative Guidance Materials Relating to the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds \(Legislative Guidance\)](#)
 - [Model Law Provisions on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds](#)
3. She also explained that a document on *Suggested Methodology and Guidance for Conducting Socio-Economic Research into the Motivations behind Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Birds*, which was circulated for comments and endorsement in the summer 2022, and had received substantive and very constructive comments, would soon be finalised too.
4. Finally, she announced that the CMS Secretariat had created [a new section on the MIKT website](#) centered around the Rome Strategic Plan, its process oriented objective on National illegal killing, taking and trade (IKB) Action Plans and its five Result Oriented Objectives. The new website section was reachable through the main MIKT page and brought together all endorsed papers and guidance under the thematic objectives. It also included under those objectives, other interesting and relevant documents that were produced by other international Multilateral Environmental Agreements, the European Commission, or national governments and NGOs. She invited members and observers to share any relevant documents they might have for uploading on the new section of the website.
5. Under the second agenda item, Claire Papazoglou gave a presentation on the mandate of MIKT, as outlined in [Resolution 11.16 \(Rev. COP13\)](#) and in [Decisions 13.27-13.31](#). She also explained that in addition to Resolution 11.16 (Rev. COP13), there are also [Decisions 13.32-13.33](#). She explained briefly the Resolution and the Decisions mandate, and invited MIKT members and observers to consider if they wished to propose any amendments to the Resolution and/or Decisions. As a preliminary role on behalf of the Secretariat, she mentioned that no major changes were anticipated in Resolution 11.16 (Rev. COP13) and that a few obvious amendments of the Decisions would be needed.
6. Regarding the Decisions, she explained that reference to the Rome Strategic Plan would need to be added and that Decisions 13.27 and 13.31 which were about reporting would have to be adapted accordingly to reflect the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15.

Ivan Ramirez explained that Decision 13.30 on the origin of mistnets was considered very important during the meeting of the Asia-Pacific Illegal Take of Birds Task Force (ITTEA) which took place in March 2023 and similarly he explained that the Decision on Avian Meat (13.29) had been contracted to a consultant and the report would be available later in the year and that a draft would possibly be presented during COP14.

7. In closing that agenda item, Claire Papazoglou reminded members and observers the deadlines for preparation of the documents leading up to COP14, and asked for any comments or suggestions regarding the Resolution and the Decisions to be sent to the Secretariat by Tuesday, 4 April at the latest.

21 March 2023	CMS Secretariat to circulate formal call for written contributions after meeting
4 April 2023	CMS Secretariat to receive contributions from members/observers on Resolution and Decisions
28 April 2023	CMS Secretariat to provide final draft report to CMS Internal Revision Committee
18-21 July 2023	Sixth Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC6)
23-28 Oct 2023	COP 14

8. Claire Papazoglou also explained that as at all COPs, COP14 would also be an opportunity for side events, which would allow participants to delve into more detail into particular issues, or to highlight recent developments. She explained that while the number of side events in COP14 might be a limited, a side event on IKB was envisaged to highlight the work of the Illegal Taking Task Forces and any new initiatives on IKB.

9. Before the end of the meeting, Claire Papazoglou reminded MIKT members and observers that as previously announced, 2023 was a Scoreboard submission year. She explained that the CMS Secretariat and the Bern Convention Secretariat were planning to launch the Scoreboard in April 2023, and this would run until 30 June 2023. A few members asked questions about the timing of the Scoreboard which were answered.

The meeting ended earlier than planned, around 11.00 CET.

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MIKT Meeting

Tuesday, 21 March 2023, 09.30-12.30hrs (CET), online via ZOOM

Preliminary Agenda

09.30-09.45	Introduction	Dr Iván Ramírez, Head of Avian Unit
09.45-10.00	Information on Papers adopted since MIKT5 (June 2022), MIKT website and plan for Scoreboard 2023	Dr Claire Papazoglou, MIKT Coordinator Dr Nora Weyer, Associate Programme Officer of the Avian Unit
10.00-10.15	Brief summary of Processes related to the 6th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC6) and the Fourteenth Conference of the Parties to CMS (COP14)	Dr Iván Ramírez, Head of Avian Unit
10.15-10.45	CMS Resolution 11.16 and Decisions 13.27-13.31 Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) Introduction on potential amendments and elaboration of MIKT report for COP14	Dr Claire Papazoglou, MIKT Coordinator
10.45-11.00	Short break	
11.00-12.20	Discussion on amendments, possible Side Events and Agreement of next steps ahead of ScC-SC6 and COP14, and timeline	All
12.20-12.30	AOB	



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