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CMS CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS 2020 AND BEYOND

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Summary:

The process for the preparation of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework presents the opportunity to bring migratory wildlife conservation at its forefront and elevate the profile of CMS.

The present document outlines key elements of this process under CMS and the next steps.

1. The process for the preparation of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework presents the opportunity to bring migratory wildlife conservation at its forefront and elevate the profile of CMS.
2. Being held in February 2020, the Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) to CMS is envisaged to be a stepping stone for the preparations of COP15 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in December 2020 and the Indian Government, which will host COP13, is eager to make it a major platform for building up the momentum and the political engagement on wildlife conservation towards CBD COP15.
3. During the Third Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC3 - 29 May - 1 June 2018), an informal Group comprising members of the Scientific Council, representatives of Parties and organizations met to brainstorm on possible CMS contributions towards the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.
4. During the discussion, there was a convergence of consensus on the importance of connectivity as a foundational principle in terms of ensuring intact and functioning ecosystems but also to encompass the human dimension through people networking, cooperation and participation.
5. ScC-SC3 agreed to include in its Programme of Work the establishment of an Intersessional Working Group comprising those present in the brainstorming meeting as well as any other interested members of the CMS Scientific Council and of the Standing Committee in order to promote the interface between science and policy. The Working Group is planned to meet on 25 October 2018 in Bonn, immediately after the 48th meeting of the CMS Standing Committee.
6. The ScC-SC3 also envisaged the development a scoping paper on the concrete inputs that the CMS community intends to put forward as a contribution to the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework and the messaging around them. The paper will be developed on the basis of the outcome of Working Group meeting.
7. Finally, the ScC-SC3 also requested the development of a timeline of key events, within the CMS Family processes and beyond, and other milestones from now until 2020 to build the momentum and the political engagement on migratory wildlife conservation towards CBD COP15. In preparing such timeline, similar documents such as the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Roadmap which was produced by the CBD Secretariat will be considered.

8. The Secretariat is planning to attend the Thirteenth meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) on 18 - 19 September 2018, which, among other items, will consider the process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In particular, members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions are invited to provide their views on the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by 15 December 2018, and to contribute to the process for its development between December 2018 and October 2020, including by: facilitating dialogues, providing attention to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in their own meetings of relevance, and contributing to / participating in the regional and global consultation workshops in 2019 and 2020.
9. In this regard, in its recommendation 2/9,12 the CBD Subsidiary Body on Implementation included a request to organize a workshop in early 2019 to facilitate discussions among Parties of the biodiversity-related conventions, with participation of members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, to explore ways in which the conventions can contribute to the elaboration of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to identify specific elements that could be included in the framework.
10. At the BLG meeting, members of the Liaison Group will be invited to give consideration and advice on the organization of the envisaged workshop and on the indicative [chronology of key activities](#), as submitted to the SBI. This will be updated for presentation to COP14.

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to:

Take note of the document and to give guidance, as necessary, to the Secretariat.