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WORKING GROUPS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

1. With a view to better coordinating and planning the triennial programmes of the Working Groups (WGs), the Secretariat has prepared a **list of activities** derived from provisions made by COP9 Recommendations and Resolutions as well as by the Scientific Council at its 15th session (Rome, 27-28 November 2008) and the activity planning meeting (Bonn, 13 June 2009). The present list also makes suggestions on possible assignment of these activities to the relevant WGs. No indication about timing or priority is given.
2. On the first page of the document there a **list of contacts of the working group coordinators**.
3. This exercise has the objective to activate the Working Groups and consolidate their membership.

Action requested:

All members of the Scientific Council are asked to inform the Secretariat about the Working Groups in which they were interested in participating.

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ACTIVITIES DERIVED FROM COP9 RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AND FROM THE REPORT OF 15TH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

No.	Action	Ref.	Assignment to
1	Prepare a list of Appendix II species for which agreements are not anticipated during the forthcoming triennium, but which nonetheless require attention within the reporting period.	Res.9.1: 2	All Taxonomic WGs
2	Establish this review process (see 1.1), ensuring that a regular update of status of these species, based on intense research rather than anecdotal observations, is provided by the relevant focal point Councillor.	Res.9.1: 3	All Taxonomic WGs
3	Assist the Secretariat in implementing concerted actions for species covered by Resolution 8.29 and for those species mentioned in the preamble.	Res.9.1: 4	All Taxonomic WGs
4	Prioritise climate change adaptation concerning migratory species.	Res.9.7: 9	WG on climate change
5	Provide guidance concerning the establishment of a new task force on Wildlife Disease with the FAO Animal Health Service and concerning the relationship with the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of Ramsar.	Res.9.8: 2	WG on Migratory Species as Vectors of Diseases
6	Become part of the broader focused Scientific Task Force on Wildlife Disease and provide guidance related to past accomplishments and future needs.	Res.9.8: 3	WG on Migratory Species as Vectors of Diseases
7	Assist the Secretariat in identifying priority issues, species and habitats in the marine sphere requiring intervention by CMS in the next decade.	Res.9.9: 1	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish
8	Commence work towards the species priorities identified in Resolution 9.2.	Res.9.9: 4	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish

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9	Seek avenues for research and dialogue on issues of common interest, such as climate change, fisheries and outreach strategies, with relevant organisations.	Res.9.9: 4	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish
10	Review the latest available information on the current and predicted conservation status, in relation to the possible consequences of climate change, of all Arctic migratory marine species listed in the CMS appendices.	Res.9.9: 4	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish
11	Consider whether additional Arctic migratory marine species might warrant listing on the CMS appendices.	Res.9.9: 4	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish
12	Consider existing initiatives and research relating to ongoing conservation efforts for marine migratory species, such as the establishment of ecologically representative marine protected area networks and an integrated approach to coastal and marine management.	Res.9.9: 4	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish
13	Facilitate the review of existing data on southern populations of shark species to assist Parties with listing proposals to be submitted to CMS COP10 and further COPs.	Res.9.9: 4	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish
14	Assist the Secretariat and the Council in developing a programme of work to address human-induced impact on cetaceans.	Para 31, ScC15 report Annex V, Item 5.3e, para 1	WG on Aquatic Mammals
15	Assist the Secretariat and the Council in the development of voluntary guidelines on effective management of anthropogenic noise	Res.9.19: 3	WGs on Aquatic Mammals and Fish
16	Continue to identify emerging and best practice by-catch mitigation techniques in coordination with relevant international competent bodies.	Res.9.18: 7	WG on by-catch

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17	Consider any scientific and technical information on by-catch submitted by Range States or other relevant bodies, relating to impacts on migratory species from by-catch, in particular CMS daughter agreements.	Res.9.18: 7	WG on by-catch
18	Support Range States to form working group for the preparation of an instrument on Subsaharan and African Bats in consultation with SC and EUROBATS and CMS Secretariat.	Res.9.2: 5(i)(iii)	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
19	Pursue the Central Eurasian Aridland Concerted Action and associated Cooperative Action, in cooperation with the Secretariat and the concerned Parties.	Rec.9.1: 1	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
20	Assist Range States and interested Parties to prepare, in cooperation with the Secretariat, the necessary proposals to include in Appendix I or Appendix II threatened species that would benefit from the Central Eurasian Aridland Concerted Action.	Rec.9.1: 2	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
21	Support the development of an instrument to complement the Central Eurasian Aridland Concerted Action	Rec.9.1:5	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
22	Assist the Secretariat, in consultation with the Parties concerned, to envisage an extension of the area of the Central Eurasian Aridland Concerted Action to the South-western Eurasian hot deserts and associated biomes.	Rec.9.1: 6	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
23	Pursue a Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Concerted Action, in cooperation with the Secretariat and concerned Parties.	Rec.9.2: 1	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
24	Assist Range States and interested Parties to prepare, in cooperation with the Secretariat, the necessary proposals to include in Appendix I or Appendix II threatened species that would benefit from the Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Concerted Action.	Rec.9.2: 2	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
25	Support the development of an instrument to complement the Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Concerted Action	Rec.9.2:5	WG on Terrestrial Mammals

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26	Assist the Secretariat, in consultation with the Parties concerned, to envisage an extension of the area of the Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Concerted Action to the deserts of the Horn of Africa and associated biomes.	Rec.9.2: 6	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
27	Assist the Council in reviewing the conservation and management of tigers and other Asian big cat species and propose actions to COP10.	Rec.9.3: 2	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
28	Assist the Secretariat and the Council in take all steps to improve conservation status of Asian big cats and raise awareness within the framework of the Central Eurasian Aridland Mammals Concerted Action.	Rec.9.3: 3	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
29	Take part in the working group on the conservation of elephants in Central Africa set up by the Secretariat.	Rec.9.5: 2	WG on Terrestrial Mammals
30	Prepare a text on the possible usefulness of the Addis Ababa principles in the implementation of the CMS. Circulate to the members of the working group and to all Scientific Councillors.	Para 21 ScC15 report	WG on Sustainable use
31	Take part in an open-ended working group on global bird flyways to review scientific and institutional issues for conservation of birds as the basis for future CMS policy on flyways.	Res.9.2: 5 and Res9.2: 5(a)(iv)(iv.ii)	WG on Birds
32	Discuss the question of the harmonization of bird nomenclature between the Appendices of CMS and CITES and specifically consider the implications of adopting CITES standard nomenclatural reference for birds (Dickinson, E.C. (ed.)(2003) in view of the 16th meeting and the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.	Para 48 and 66, Annex IV, para 11 ScC15 report and Rec.9.4: 3	WG on Birds
33	Consider implications of adopting taxonomic list approved for inclusion on Annex I of ACAP as the Convention's standard nomenclatural reference for albatrosses and large petrels. Consider other relevant CMS Agreements in the process of harmonization of taxonomic and nomenclatural references.	Rec.9.4: 4	WG on birds