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Overview of the Status of Small-scale Projects Financed by the CMS Trust Fund

1. The attachment to this paper have been prepared to inform the Scientific Council about progress made with respect to small-scale projects funded by the Convention Trust Fund. Part I presents, in tabular form, the status of projects currently ongoing, or which were in progress at the time of the 6th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Cape Town, November 1999). The table provides *inter alia* a description of the expected outputs, the use that was made of them, and the status of each project with regard to completion of the *substantive* outputs. Part II lists new projects that are already at an advanced stage of elaboration, and which are expected to start in 2002. Part III lists projects that have been approved in principle by ScC10 or previous meetings of the Council, that could not materialize in 2001-2002 and whose feasibility in 2003 needs to be confirmed.

2. The Conference of the Parties at its Sixth Meeting (COP6, Cape Town, 1999) decided to withdraw \$400,000 from the CMS Trust Fund for project implementation in the 2001-2002 biennium and, subject to availability of funds, a second tranche of \$300,000. COP6 instructed that the total amount of \$700,000 to be made available from the Trust Fund shall be allocated for project activities falling into three categories: (1) the CMS Information Management Plan; (2) practical conservation measures; and (3) implementation measures (including an evaluation of CMS implementation, and preparation of review reports on selected Appendix I species). The total amount of 700,000 USD had been allocated by decision of the 23rd Meeting of the CMS Standing Committee (Bonn, December 2001).

3. The tenth meeting of the CMS Scientific Council approved in principle a certain number of project concepts or proposals (see report of the 10th Meeting of the CMS Scientific Council, Annex 5, document CMS/ScC11/Inf.1). Eight projects has since been started, and are currently being implemented. For seven other projects, listed in Part II of the attached table, a full project proposal has been developed, and the obligation of funds and the actual start of the project is expected before the end of 2002.

The table below summarize the allocation of funds for the two categories of projects above mentioned by COP6 for project implementation.

	Amount (USD)
1/ Funds already committed for project activities started in 2001-2002 *	324,795
2/ Funds allocated to projects expected to start by the end of 2002	206,500
TOTAL 1 + 2	531,295
3/ Total amount allocated by COP6 for projects in 2001-2002	700,000
BALANCE (3 - (1 + 2))	168,705

* including allocations for the implementation of the CMS Information Management Plan and preparation of Review Reports

It is proposed that the balance indicated in the table above be reserved for the implementation in 2003 of the already identified projects that could not materialize in 2001-2002 (see Part III of the attached table). It is noteworthy that the cumulative budget estimated by the council for the projects listed in Part III amounts to 168,476 USD, therefore very close to the funds not yet allocated. This on the condition that full project proposals be developed and the relative funds be obligated before the end of the current budgetary exercise. It is also proposed that funds that would risk to remain non-obligated could be used for the funding of newly identified projects that would be already in the conditions to be implemented.