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CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SECOND WORK PROGRAMME OF IPBES

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Summary:

Since the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) in 2012, CMS has been actively participating in its meetings and relevant processes with a view to promote the implementation of the Convention science-policy interface at all levels.

This document summarizes progress to date on the cooperation with IPBES and includes a link to the draft elements of a second work programme of IPBES for the period 2020–2030 for the Sessional Committee's consideration.

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Background

1. Since its establishment in 2012, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) has recognized the important role that migratory species play in the planet's biodiversity, ecosystems and people's wellbeing. The CMS Secretariat has been accredited as a permanent observer to the Plenary and the Chair of the CMS Scientific Council as an observer to the meetings of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP).
2. Following the mandate received by the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (COP10, 20-25 November 2011, Norway) through Resolution 10.8, CMS has been maintaining cooperative working relationships with IPBES and participating in its meetings and relevant processes with a view to promoting the implementation of the Convention science-policy interface at all levels.
3. In addition to providing comments on the draft IPBES work programme 2014-2018, the CMS Secretariat and the Scientific Council drafted six requests for scientific assessments in close consultation with the ASCOBANS, AEWA and EUROBATS Secretariats and submitted them to IPBES on 5 May 2013.
4. All requests were considered at subsequent meetings of the MEP and IPBES Plenary (IPBES-2) but unfortunately none was selected. A more detailed account of the past CMS contributions to IPBES can be found in the report presented to the 18th Meeting of the CMS Scientific Council in 2014 (UNEP/CMS/ScC18/Doc.4.1 "Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)" cms.int/sites/default/files/document/Doc_04_1_IPBES_E.pdf)
5. CMS COP12 (23-28 October 2017, the Philippines) reaffirmed the importance of strengthening the cooperation between IPBES and CMS and passed a related Resolution and Decisions.
6. Decision 12.13 specifically requests the Scientific Council to "*undertake a review of needs and opportunities for improving the interface between science and policy in relation to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species. This should include the use of scientific assessments, and consider the potential role of migratory species as indicators of wider ecological change and the results should be communicated to IPBES.*"

Possible input to the second work programme of IPBES

7. In parallel with identifying resources for such assessment, and following Resolution 10.8 (Rev.COP12), CMS and its Scientific Council presently have the opportunity to contribute to shape future IPBES priorities and ensure that the needs for research and policy guidance related to migratory species are being adequately addressed.
8. IPBES-6 (18-24 March 2018, Colombia) considered initial draft elements of a framework for a second work programme 2020-2030 and of the process for its development. At the time the present document is being produced, the relevant IPBES-6 outcome document is not available. The related pre-session draft can be found here: www.ipbes.net/system/tdf/ipbes-6-2-en.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=16542.

9. The second work programme of IPBES would be expected to continue to implement the four functions of IPBES being: Assessing Knowledge; Supporting Policy Formulation and Implementation; Catalysing Efforts to Generate New Knowledge; and Building Capacity, which are guided by the operating principles set out in the resolution establishing the Platform.
10. In accordance with Decision 12.14, inputs that the Sessional Committee will provide to the IPBES second work programme will be reported to the Standing Committee at its 49th meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting.

Possible further action

11. Resolution 10.8 (Rev.COP12) operative paragraph 1 also urges CMS Focal Points and Scientific Councillors *“to communicate and liaise regularly with the national representatives in the IPBES to ensure that the needs for research and policy guidance related to migratory species, especially those listed under CMS, are being adequately addressed by IPBES.”*

Recommended Actions

12. The Sessional Committee is recommended to:
 - a) Consider the outcome of IPBES-6 on the elements of its second work programme 2020-2030 and provide inputs and comments as appropriate;
 - b) Consider practical ways to follow up the COP mandate included in Resolution 10.8 (Rev.COP12) operative paragraph 1 (see paragraph 11 above).