

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL FOR 2018-2020

Thematic Work Area: **Terrestrial species conservation issues (Working Group 4)**

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Mandate		Activity	Expected Output	Timeframe	Lead / Contributors	Priority	Funding	Report to
<i>Resolution / Decision number</i>	<i>Text of Resolution / Decision</i> (The Scientific Council shall/should)	<i>Further short description of activity (if necessary)</i>	<i>List of outputs</i>	<i>Timeframe (year and/or meeting) (as per Res / Dec, if provided)</i>	<i>Names of people involved</i>	<i>Core, High, Medium, Low</i>	<i>Amounts already raised & required</i> €	<i>ScC, StC, COP (including session number)</i>
Joint CMS-CITES African Carnivores Initiative								
Dec. 12.59	Consider the report of the Secretariat and determine at the meetings of its 3rd and 4th Sessional Committee whether further specific actions are required in relation to the conservation of the African Lion (<i>Panthera leo</i>), the Cheetah (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>), the Leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) and the African Wild Dog (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) through the African Carnivores Initiative and make recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 48 th and 49 th meetings, if appropriate.	Determine whether further actions are required in relation to the conservation of the 4 species under the ACI	Recommendations to StC48 and StC49 on further specific actions needed, if required Scientific council requests the Secretariat to solicit IUCN Cat Specialist Group for compilation of the implementation of regional conservation strategies of target species, and for associated recommendations, in advance of the Range State Meeting.	After the Range State meeting of the African Carnivore Initiative	Urs and Christine Breitenmoser, Chairs of IUCN Cat Specialist Group Sarah Durant, ZSL	High	No funding needed	StC48 and StC49, if appropriate

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Conservation and Management of Cheetah and African Wild Dog								
Dec. 12.64	Make recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 48 th or 49 th meetings based on the reports submitted in accordance with Decision 12.62 and 12.63, including recommendations concerning possible amendments to the list of cheetah populations presently excluded from CMS Appendix 1 to reflect current conservation status and inform a Decision by the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Report submitted by Burkina Faso Consider adequacy of cheetah populations being excluded from Ap. I 	<p>Recommendations to StC48 and StC49 Decision for COP13</p> <p>Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe are to be contacted by the Secretariat. Invited to submit their reports pursuant to 12.62 and 12.63.</p> <p>The scientific council establishes the intersessional working group electronically. IUCN Cat SG to be invited to give input.</p>	By StC48 and StC49	Secretariat, Sarah Durant, ZSL	High	No funding needed	StC48 StC49 COP13
Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna								
Res. 9.21 (Rev. COP12), Para. 4.	<i>Encourages</i> the Scientific Council and the Secretariat to envisage, in consultation with the Range States concerned, an extension of the action area to the deserts of the Horn of Africa and associated biomes	Consider the extension of the Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Action Plan to the Horn of Africa	<p>Recommendation to COP13 The Scientific council recommends a Range State meeting, with clarification of the list of species falling under the Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna as one possible output.</p> <p>Scientific Council recommends that the topic of an extension of the action area to the deserts of the Horn of Africa be addressed at the Range State meeting, should it eventually be convened.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, discussions should be initiated with the Horn of Africa Range States concerning this topic.</p>	By StC48	Roseline Beudels-Jamar, Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Species Focal Point	Medium	No funding needed	COP13

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Tigers and Other Asian Big Cats								
Res. 9.22 (Rev. COP12), Para. 2.	<i>Requests</i> the Scientific Council and the Secretariat to ensure that all means that can effectively contribute to an improvement of the conservation status of Asian big cats and to awareness raising on the threats that they face are taken within the framework of Resolution 11.24, <i>The Central Asian Mammals Initiative</i> ;	Consider adequacy of CAMI POW implementation and prioritization in relation to Asian big cats	Recommendation to COP13 The Scientific Council recommends submitting the Persian leopard for inclusion in the CAMI program (only the range within CAMI) to COP13	By COP13	Secretariat, Parties, and Individual Scientific Councillors	High	No funding needed	COP13
			Scientific council recommends that conservation activities for Asian big cats be considered under the CAMI only when they take place in CAMI Range States.	Ongoing		High		
			Scientific Council requests the Secretariat to explore, in collaboration with the Secretariat of CITES, the idea of an Asian Big Cat initiative, taking note of CITES Resolution 12.5 rev COP17	By COP13		High		
African Elephant Action Plan								
Res. 12.19, Para. 2.d)	At the request of the African Elephant Fund Steering Committee, invite the Scientific Council (subject to its terms of reference) to provide advice on specific activities relating to the African Elephant Action Plan.	Ghana- Elephant Culture: Melding Science and Traditional Knowledge about Elephant Culture and Social Complexity to Increase Positive Conservation Outcomes for Elephants in West Africa- \$99,989 The Steering Committee agreed that CMS input is needed for the project.	Advice on project proposal The Terrestrial Working Group is in agreement that this topic is to be considered under the Animal Culture issue during discussion of cross-cutting issues by the Plenary of the Sessional Committee. Should any councilors have comments on the project, they will forward it to the Secretariat.	Following ScC SC3	AEF Secretariat AEF Steering Committee Chair Secretariat	Medium	No funding needed	Report to AEF Steering Committee following ScC SC3

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Concerted Actions (Carried over from document 4.1)								
Res. 11.13, para. 5	Scientific Council to identify candidate species for designation for Concerted or Cooperative Action, and action to take in response to Concerted or Cooperative Action listing, taking fully into account the recommendations summarized in Annex 3 to Res. 11.13. (Res. 11.13, para. 5)	ScC members to promote, and assist with the development of proposals for Concerted Actions following the guidance provided in Annex 3 to Res. 11.13, for species already designated or for candidate species for designation	The Terrestrial Working Group recommends this item for consideration during the cross-cutting section of the Work Program	Ongoing, synchronized with the COP cycle	Individual Scientific Councillors	High	tbd	COP
CAMI Initiative								
Res. 11.24 para. 7 (Carried over from document 4.1)	Scientific Council and the Secretariat to continue and strengthen efforts to collaborate with other relevant international fora with a view to strengthening synergies and implementation of CMS and the CAMI in these fora. (Res. 11.24 para. 7)	Promote conservation issues under CAMI, CMS, while attending relevant fora. Scientific Council recommends that similar efforts are undertaken for Sahelo-Saharan megafauna and bats. Scientific council recognizes that additional funding needs to be identified to sponsor travel to selected international fora	Reports at next meeting on progress made and on promotion of CAMI in international fora Scientific Council to make recommendations for implementing the AP in the future	Continuous	Individual Scientific Councillors	High	Yes	Sessional committee

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	Recommending species for inclusion under CAMI	Discussion of which species are app	<p>The Scientific Council recommends submitting the Gobi bear for inclusion in the CAMI program to COP13</p> <p>The Scientific Council recommends submitting the Persian leopard for inclusion in the CAMI program (only the range within CAMI) to COP13</p> <p>The Scientific Council notes the potential need to increase the budget and fundraising for CAMI in order to address the conservation of the additional species accordingly</p>	In accordance with COP13 deadlines	Secretariat and Parties	High	None	COP13
Dry land fencing problems (Carried over from document 4.1)								
12.7 para. 31	Ecological Networks	Include the issue of dryland fencing in Africa and Central Asia under the topic of Ecological networks	The Terrestrial Working Group recommends this item for consideration during the cross-cutting section of the Work Program		Scientific Councillors	High	tbd	