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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING WORK PLAN FOR 2012-2014

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Introduction

1. CMS has a strong framework for sustainable capacity building based on the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building. With respect to the implementation of the Strategy, the Convention promotes a bottom-up approach in identifying specific objectives, strategies and activities that will be used to reflect the needs of countries and regions. This bottom-up approach not only considers the views and priorities expressed by governments, but also those of relevant organizations and stakeholders. The approach also takes into account the importance of national ownership of capacity building and technology support initiatives, while building on existing capacities.
2. UNEP/CMS Resolution 10.6 “2012-2014 Capacity Building Activities” requests the Secretariat to work with the Standing Committee, the Scientific Council and Secretariats of the CMS daughter Agreements and their scientific advisory bodies in developing tools that would strengthen the capacity of CMS Parties.
3. The Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS adopted the CMS Strategic Plan 2012-2014, which contains two main prescriptions: the establishment of CMS networks and national liaison systems or committees by the CMS focal points and Scientific Councillors in each country and the enhancement of regional capacity for participating in CMS implementation activities, particularly in those regions where CMS is underrepresented.
4. The Capacity Building Work Plan for the triennium 2012-2014 aims at identifying capacity building needs of Parties and further addressing them through various capacity building activities, encouraging exchange of resources, experience and information among all stakeholders and partners as well as guiding decision-makers to create and maintain successful conservation of migratory species at national and international level.
5. In order to address these capacity building needs of the National Focal Points and focal points for different instruments, comprehensive tools (a manual and an e-learning tool) as well as complementary workshops that combine training and skills development and communications will be designed.
6. These activities will be implemented through a participatory, bottom-up approach by giving targeted countries the opportunity to reflect the actual needs of the region during these activities and have ownership to the initiative. With respect to the technical capacity, the knowledge concentrated among the advisory bodies of CMS and its instruments will be utilized.

7. CMS together with AEWA received financial support to implement the joint capacity building activities for the next three years in line with the adopted CMS Capacity Building Work Plan for 2012-2014(UNEP/CMS Res.10.6). This contribution was made through the Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy (ENRTP) Strategic Cooperation Agreement (SCA) between the European Commission - Directorate General Environment and UNEP.

8. The joint activities are being implemented under the project *Effective Implementation of CMS, AEWA and Other CMS Family Instruments Through Capacity Building the Period 2012-2014*. The main objective of developing learning tools and delivering supplementary training is to strengthen the capacity of focal points for CMS Family instruments, which in turn should strengthen the national institutions responsible for managing the conservation of migratory species.

Implementation of the project

9. Steps have already been taken to develop the CMS Family Manual and an interactive e-learning platform. The CMS Family Manual will support the CMS Family focal points by advising how they could contribute more effectively to the implementation of the CMS Family instruments and facilitate interactions between the country they represent and the CMS instrument they are Party/Signatory to.

10. To address the priorities of the European Commission as donor, supplementary training workshops will be organized mainly for the African region during the next triennium, Considering the funds available, priority was given to Africa which is a major hub hot spot for migratory species but where the capacity to implement the instruments still remains low. Depending on the availability of additional funding, further training workshops will possibly be held in the other regions, such as Asia and Latin America.

11. By November 2012 the following project outputs had been delivered:

- a) Questionnaire for CMS Family Focal Points to identify their information needs.
- b) Working Group for Developing the CMS Family learning tools composed of CMS Family instruments' representatives and other experts to provide further support and advice.
- c) Selected in-depth interviews conducted on the information needs for CMS Family Learning Tools
- d) Working Group Workshop in Bonn, Germany to further refine the draft CMS Family learning tools, both the CMS Family Manual and the concept of the interactive e-learning platform.

Further information on the project

12. The project's approach is to identify capacity building needs and further addressing them through various capacity building activities, encouraging exchange of resources, experience and information among all stakeholders and partners as well as guiding decision-makers to create and maintain successful conservation of migratory species at national and international level.

13. These activities are implemented through a participatory, bottom-up approach by giving targeted countries the opportunity to reflect the actual needs of the region during these activities and have ownership to the initiative. With respect to the technical capacity, the knowledge concentrated

among the advisory bodies of CMS and its instruments is utilized. The progress of the project will be monitored and the carried out activities will be evaluated.

14. The project as a whole will be implemented in the Africa and Latin America¹ regions and has five major outputs:

Output	Completed by
1. Draft AEWA Plan of Action for Africa (to be presented to MOP5) finalized and enhanced participation of the African region in MOP5.	target date achieved
2. CMS Family learning tools designed (CMS Family Manual and the interactive e-learning platform)	Q1/2013
3. Selected CMS Family focal points trained in their roles and responsibilities with the support designed learning tools	Q2-Q3/2013
4. Improved knowledge on waterbird and wetland conservation and improved capacity for training at the national level by the trained personnel.	Q2-Q4/2013
5. Enhanced participation of National Focal Points of CMS and AEWA from the Africa in the COP 11/MOP6.	Q3/2014
6 Enhanced participation of National Focal Points of CMS from the Latin America region in the CoP11.	Q3 /2014

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- a. Note the progress made, as reported in this document;
- b. Provide any comments to guide the Secretariat further, in its implementation of Capacity Building in this inter-sessional period.

¹ Only the preparatory COP 11 workshop