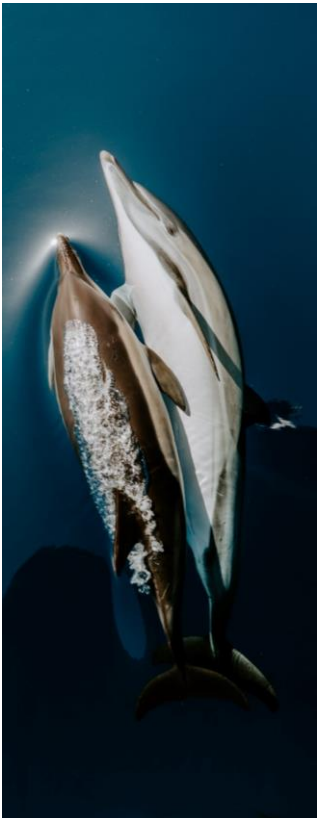




*Implementation of the
Programme of Work
(2020-2023) – item 15*

52nd CMS Standing
Committee Meeting

21-29 September 2021, Virtual Meeting



Key facts

- The POW 2020-2023 has proven to be an important tool guiding the work of the Secretariat and its fundraising efforts.
- It is very ambitious and so far the Secretariat has secured only a portion of the total budget required for the intersessional (excluding staff costs and other costs covered by the budget).
- Doc.15 provides a detailed account of the status of implementation of the POW since COP13;
- The document consists of two sections:
 - narrative report on the status of implementation, including the challenges the Secretariat has been facing and planned steps to carry out each activity;
 - tabular form which provides a brief overview through a traffic-light rating system with an indication of the funding raised and donors;
- The following slides will focus only on a few examples of the achievements and progress made so far;



Scientific Advisory Services Highlights

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- **Atlas on Animal Migration**

- Progress in the development of an Eurasian African Bird Migration Atlas
- Progress in other modules

- **Conservation Status of Migratory Species**

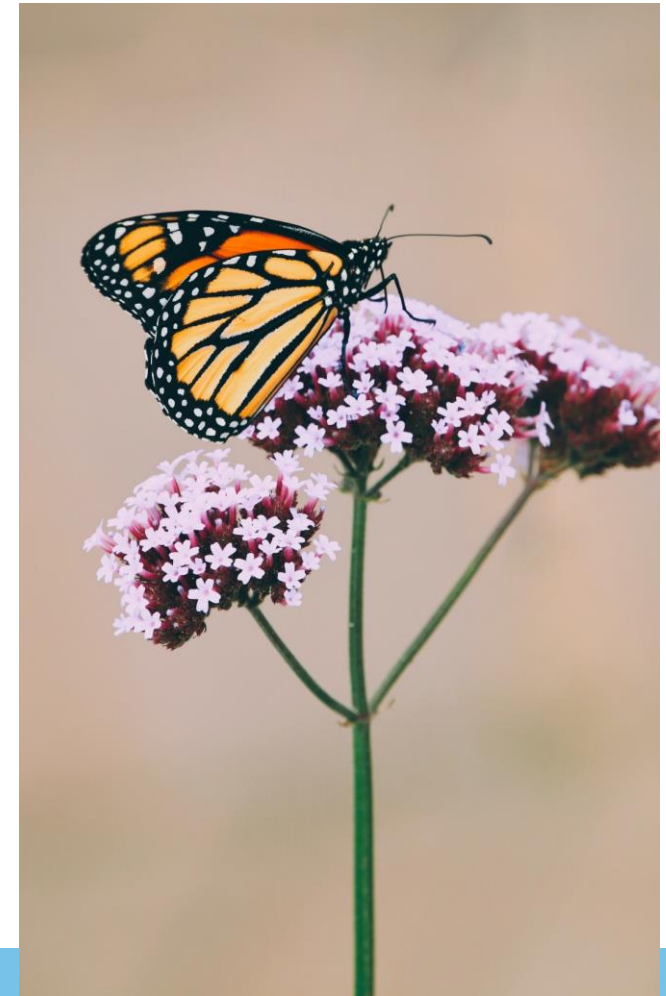
- Progress in the development of a report on the conservation status of migratory species, including the initiation of an in-depth review of the conservation status of individual CMS-listed species, and an assessment of the impact of direct use on species listed on App. I

- **Wildlife Diseases and Migratory Species**

- Reactivation of existing mechanisms of CMS to Address Wildlife Disease
- review of available scientific knowledge of the links between animal migration and disease infection dynamics
- Input to relevant processes and initiatives

- **Light Pollution**

- Review of impact of light pollution on migratory taxa
- Development of new guidelines





Aquatic Species

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Aquatic Species Highlights

Conserving Species:

- **Action Plans** being developed for Angelshark, Guitarfish (Rhino Rays), European Eels and Atlantic Humpback Dolphin;
- **MOUs:**
 - **IOSEA Marine Turtles** - 20th anniversary celebration, events in 20 countries;
 - **Dugongs** - Seagrass Ecosystem Project (IKI) underway + launch of the Dugong & Seagrass Hub;
 - **Pacific Islands Cetaceans** - MOS₄ expressed concern about deep sea mining.

Addressing threats:

- **In-water interactions** with marine species: best practice guidelines under development;
- **Bycatch:** 'Minimizing Bycatch of Seabirds and Sea Turtles in West African Fisheries' project – preparing workshops in West Africa (incl. sharks) ;
- **Marine Noise:** Industry Advisory Group representing various sectors established under JNWG.





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Avian Species

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Avian Species Highlights

Conserving Species:

- **European Turtle Dove Action Plan:** EC hosted Workshops on Adaptive Harvest Management Mechanism. Until its adoption, a hunting moratorium is in place in France, Spain, Portugal and Israel.
- **African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds:** Coordination unit agreed through Swiss Ornithological Institute and ToR approved in June 2021 ;
- **Saker Falcon:** Progress in Adaptive Management Framework and power-line impacts.

Addressing threats:

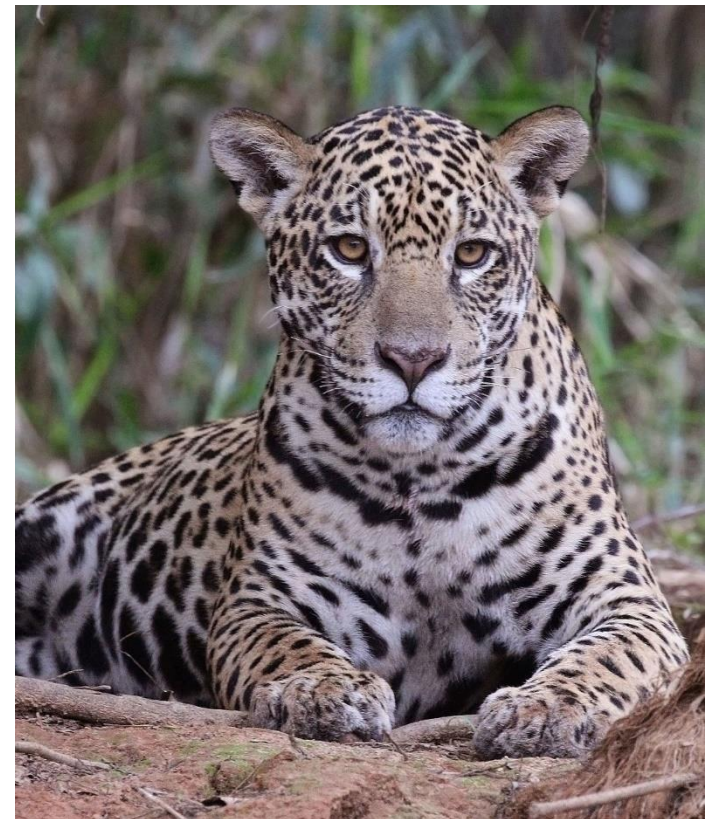
- **Intergovernmental Task Force on IKB in the Mediterranean (MIKT)**
 - New coordinator, Ms Foteini (Claire) Papazoglou
 - 22 CMS parties, 12 MEAs and 9 NGOs are observers
 - Rome Strategic Plan 2020-2030 approved and MIKT 2021-2025 workplan to be approved by end of 2021 by MIKT members
- **Energy Task Force (ETF)**
 - New Coordinator, Ms Rhiannon Niven
 - 15 CMS Parties, 6 MEAs & 15 NGOs are observers
 - Fundraising brochure & new Workplan, case studies and guidance
- **Preventing Bird Poisoning:** EU Ban on Lead ammunition on wetlands since Nov2021.





Terrestrial Species

Highlights



Terrestrial Species Highlights

Conserving Species:

- **Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative:** POW developed with the CITES Secretariat and IUCN. Upon approval by CITES and CMS, a sustainable funding mechanism to implement it will be established;
- **Concerted Action for Sahelo Saharan Megafauna:** multi-year project funded by Germany to support the rescue of the last wild addax and the development of a roadmap for conserving Sahelo Saharan Megafauna at the regional level;
- **Central Asian Mammal Initiative:**
 - **Transboundary Hotspots study** (to be published shortly) now covers the broader CAMI region and identifies transboundary conservation hotspots;
 - **Work Programme 2020-2023** with the BfN covering activities for Saiga Antelope, Persian Leopard, Asiatic Wild Ass, infrastructure development, transboundary conservation.

Addressing threats:

- **Plastic pollution on freshwater and terrestrial species:** desk study on impacts of macro and micro plastic pollution on CMS-listed species, particularly in the Mekong and Ganges basins, with funding from Japan and in collaboration with the UNEP ROAP;
- **Taking of Animals for Domestic Wild Meat Consumption:** desk study on the impacts of wild meat taking on CMS-listed terrestrial species, funded by Germany and Norway.





Information, Communications and Outreach

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Information, Communications and Outreach Highlights

- **Information Management**

- **Upgrade of CMS & MOU websites** and the **Scientific Council workspace**, with the latest content management technology and a new template has started and currently ongoing

- **Communications**

- **Communication** efforts for CMS COP13 garnered international news coverage, providing global visibility to the conservation of migratory species and their habitats.
- **Media launch of conservation projects** such as GIUM and reports on the impacts of plastic pollution and wild meat on migratory species, as well as active engagements in international days of relevance are intended to raise the profile of the Convention globally.

- **Outreach**

- **World Migratory Bird Day**, the flagship joint campaign of CMS and AEWA is the ever-growing asset of the Convention to reach out to the general public, with supporting statement from the Secretary General and close to half a billion users reach on social media.





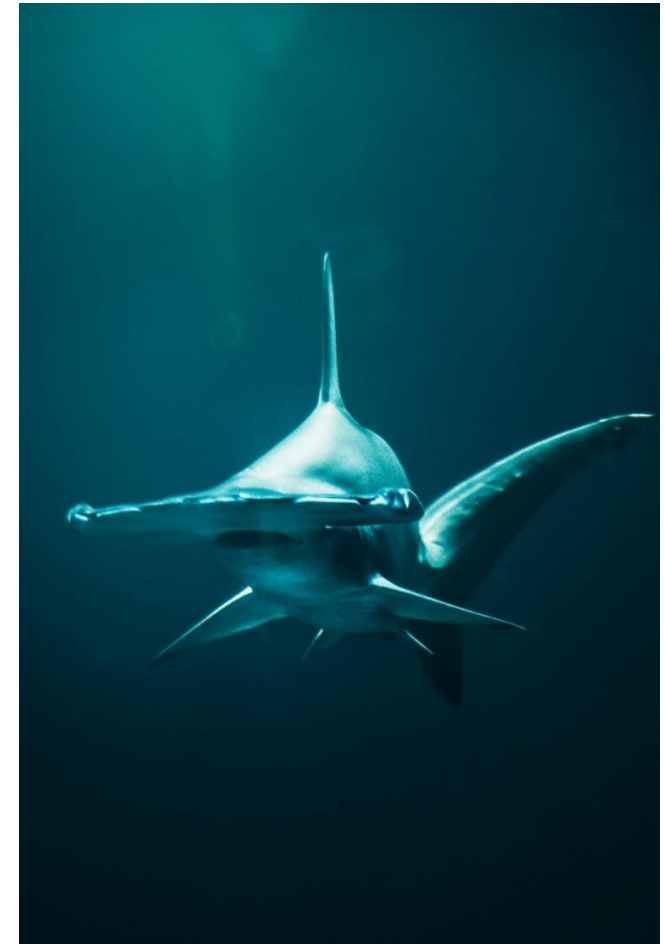
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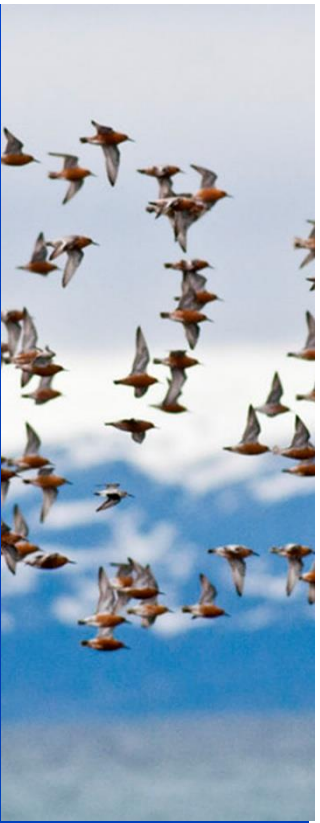
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Capacity Building Highlights

- **Review Mechanism**
 - One communication of a possible implementation matter received
- **National Legislation Programme**
 - Funding secured thanks to the EU
 - 50 CMS Parties participating
 - Significant progress in the implementation of Resolution 12.19 and associated decisions:
 - Preparation National Legislation Profiles on the implementation of Article III.5
 - Collection of legislation related to Article III, paragraphs 4 a) and b) and 5
 - Development of a legislation explorer and new website
 - Provision of technical assistance in drafting adequate national legislation
 - Preparation of guidance and training materials
- **Strengthening National Legal Frameworks and Capacity for the Conservation Migratory Sharks and Rays**
 - 10 Sharks MOU Signatories that are also CMS Parties
 - Compilation and analysis of national legislation implementing of Article III (5)
 - Preparation of guidance and training materials





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