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<p>4. Scientific Council tasks arising <i>inter alia</i> from resolutions, recommendations and other decisions of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>4.1. Concerted actions for selected Appendix I species/groups (Res. 3.2, 4.2, 5.1 and 6.1 refer) It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item be organized into taxonomic working groups. Focal Points for the species will provide a short update on the situation of the species, in particular in relation to CMS activities. Any relevant resolutions/recommendations will be considered for each species/group.</p> <p>! <u>Terrestrial Mammals</u> Sahelo-Saharan ungulates (<i>Roseline Beudels</i>), (COP6 Recommendation 6.3 refers), Mountain gorilla (<i>Roseline Beudels</i>), South Andean deer (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>),</p> <p>! <u>Aquatic Mammals</u> Monk seal (<i>Luis Mariano Gonzales</i>), Franciscana dolphin, Southern marine otter, Southern river otter (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>)</p> <p>! <u>Birds</u> Siberian crane (<i>Secretariat</i>), Andean flamingos (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>), Ruddy-headed goose (<i>Daniel Blanco</i>), Lesser white-fronted goose (?), Houbara bustard (<i>Hany Tatwany</i>), Great bustard (<i>Attila Bankovics</i>), Slender-billed curlew, Lesser kestrel (<i>Pierre Devillers</i>), Aquatic warbler, Ferruginous duck, White-headed duck (<i>Mike Moser</i>), Whitewinged flufftail, Blue swallow (<i>Pieter Botha</i>), Humboldt penguin (<i>Acero Villanes</i>)</p> <p>! <u>Reptiles</u> Marine turtles (<i>Colin Limpus</i>)</p> <p>Councillors are invited to submit their reports in writing in advance to the Secretariat. Indicatively, reports should be not more than two pages long and should focus on (i) Current status of the species and trends, (ii) existing threats, and their possible recent variations, (iii) Progress in conservation-related initiatives undertaken since the last report (including changes in legal protection status), and (iv) possible urgent action needed. Written reports received prior to the meeting will have been circulated. A limited number of reports compiled by the WCMC at the request of the Secretariat will also be circulated. Recommendations for follow-up actions will be considered, as well as possible changes in Focal Points for "Concerted action" species. Focal Points for the Lesser white-fronted goose and the Aquatic warbler will have to be identified.</p> <p>With reference to the relevant recommendation of ScC10 (ScC10 report, page 10), the format of a rolling paper aimed at updating the Parties on the Conservation Status of Appendix I species will be discussed. A draft format will be proposed by the Secretariat as a working basis for the meeting.</p> <p>Criteria for the (future) identification of species to be proposed to COP for Concerted Actions will be discussed and agreed upon, on the basis of which possible new species to be indicated to COP7 for concerted actions will be identified. Expected outcome: Council to note oral/written reports. Recommendations on further implementation of Concerted Actions. Format of rolling paper agreed. Criteria for identification of "Concerted Action" species and possible proposals of new species for consideration by COP7.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC11/Doc.3 CMS/ScC11/Doc.14 CMS/ScC11/Doc.15</p>	

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<p>4.2 Co-operative actions for Appendix II species (Recommendations 5.2 and 6.2 refer) It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item be organized into taxonomic working groups. Focal Points for the species will provide a short update on the situation of the species in particular in relation to CMS activities. Any relevant resolutions/recommendations will be considered for each species/group.</p> <p>! <u>Terrestrial Mammals</u> : African elephant (<i>Pierre Pfeffer and Roseline Beudels</i>) ! <u>Aquatic Mammals</u> : South America dolphins (Roberto Schlatter) ! <u>Birds</u> : Corncrake (<i>Colin Galbraith</i>), Quail (<i>Pierre Devillers</i>); Black-necked swan (<i>Roberto Schlatter</i>); Albatrosses and Petrels (<i>Barry Baker</i>); African penguin (Pieter Botha) ! <u>Fishes</u> : Whale shark (<i>Carlo Custodio</i>), Sturgeons and paddle fishes (<i>Rainer Blanke</i>).</p> <p>Councillors are invited to submit their reports in writing in advance to the Secretariat. Indicatively, reports should be not more than two pages long and should focus on (i) Current Status of the species and trends, (ii) existing threats, and their possible recent variations, (iii) Progress in conservation-related initiatives undertaken since the last report (including changes in legal protection status), and (iv) possible urgent action needed. Written reports received prior to the meeting will have been circulated. Recommendations for follow-up actions will be considered, as well as possible changes in Focal Points for "Co-operative action" species. General debate is expected on the application of the tool so far, proposals on how to improve its effectiveness and ensure follow-up actions. Criteria for the (future) identification of species to be proposed to COP for Co-operative Actions will be discussed and agreed upon, on the basis of which possible new species to be indicated to COP7 for Co-operative Actions will be identified. Expected outcome: Council to note oral/written reports. General guidance and specific recommendations on further implementation of Co-operative Actions. Criteria for identification of Co-operative Actions species and possible proposals of new species for consideration by COP7.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC11/Doc.4</p>	
<p>4.3 Other resolutions and recommendations (not already covered under previous agenda items)</p> <p>(a) Resolution 6.2: By-catch The meeting will examine progress made under this item since the 10th meeting, and consider possible recommendations to COP in this respect. Relevant documents received prior to the meeting will have been circulated. Expected outcome: Possible input to a COP recommendation on the implementation of Res. 6.2.</p>		
<p>(b) Resolution 6.4: Strategic Plan for 2000-2005 The Scientific Council is given a role in the implementation of the objectives identified in the Strategic Plan and related activities, and its requested to report to COP7 on progress made. A review of implementation of the Strategic Plan prepared by the Secretariat will be before the meeting. Expected outcome: Recommendations to COP on further implementation of the Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.10</p>	

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<p>(c) Performance indicators (in relation to Resolution 6.4) It is proposed that the Indicators Working Group under the Scientific Council established during ScC10 continues its work during the meeting, with a view to further elaborate the document which had been drafted by the group during ScC10 (ScC10 report, para 96-103 and Annex 4). Expected outcome: Further elaborated set of indicators.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC11/Inf.1</p>	
<p>(d) Resolution 6.5: Information Management Plan and National Reporting The Secretariat will report on developments in the definition of a revised reporting format for national reports, and a synthesis of national reports from previous COPs. The meeting will be invited to examine the revised reporting format, and make suggestion for its further refinement. Expected outcome: Council recommendation to COP for the further elaboration and finalization of the reporting format.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.6 UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.6.2</p>	
<p>5. Review of the <i>modus operandi</i> of the CMS Scientific Council The meeting is expected to discuss the possible revision of its <i>modus operandi</i>. A discussion paper drafted by the Chairman will be before the meeting. The establishment of an <i>ad hoc</i> Working Group on the subject, or the consideration of the subject by the already existing Working Group on performance indicators will be considered. Expected outcome: Depending on the progress in the consideration of this item, agreed revised mechanisms for the functioning of the Council, agreed Terms of Reference for Scientific Councillors in different capacities, revised rules of procedure of the Council.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC11/Doc.5 ScC.11/Inf. 3</p>	
<p>6. Review of proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</p> <p>(a) Implications for CMS of the new IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria In advance of considering the proposals for amendment to the Appendices, the meeting will be invited to consider developments regarding the IUCN Red List as they relate to CMS Resolution 5.3. A note prepared by the Chairman in collaboration with other councillors will be before the meeting. Expected outcome: Clarification of relationship between IUCN Red Listing and CMS Appendix Listing and prioritization of Species for Action within the Convention.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC11/Doc.6 CMS/ScC11/Inf.4</p>	
<p>(b) Discussion and evaluation of proposals It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item be organized into taxonomic working groups. Proposals submitted by nine CMS Parties concerning the listing of a total of 36 species in Appendices I and/or II to the Convention will be before the meeting. Scientific Councillors are invited to provide advice on the merits of the proposals.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.12 UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.12 Annex</p>	

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<p>(c) Conclusions and recommendations to the Conference of the Parties The meeting is expected to issue recommendations to the COP on the possible inclusion of the proposed species in the CMS Appendices. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation to COP on acceptance or rejection of listing proposals.</p>		
<p>7. Review and endorsement of the Range State List for species listed on the CMS Appendices A draft list of Range States of migratory species included in the CMS Appendices had been transmitted to all Councillors in June/July 2002. A new version of the list, revised on the basis of the comments received from the Councillors and of the information provided by the Parties through their national reports will be before the meeting. The Council is expected to further refine where appropriate and finalize the list. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Endorsement of the list by the Council.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/Inf.7.2</p>	
<p>8. Progress on other matters requiring Scientific Council advice</p> <p>8.1 Potential new Agreements A feasibility study on the development of new regional Agreements for Bats will be before the meeting. A presentation of the study is expected to be given by the author, Mr. Tony Hudson. Other taxa/areas for which the meeting is expected to examine the opportuneness and feasibility of developing CMS agreements include, (without necessarily being limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small Cetaceans and Manatees in Tropical West Africa; - Small Cetaceans in South and South-East Asia; - Marine Turtles in the Pacific Ocean; - Migratory Waterbirds of the Central Asian Indian Flyway (CAIF); - Africa-Eurasian Raptors <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Advice of the Council on the possible further development of the above-mentioned Agreements, and possibly further others.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC.11/Doc.7 CMS/ScC.11/Doc.16 CMS/ScC.11/Doc.17 UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.9.2</p>	
<p>8.2 Small-scale projects funded by CMS</p> <p>(a) Progress report by the Secretariat on completed and ongoing projects The Secretariat and, where appropriate, individual Councillors will provide an overview of the status of projects currently underway or recently completed.</p>	<p>CMS/ScC.11/Doc.8</p>	

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<p>(b) Procedures for project elaboration and submission Draft guidelines for the preparation and submission of project proposals will be before the meeting. The Council is expected to review and finalize the guidelines as appropriate. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agreed guidelines</p>	CMS/ScC.11/Doc.9	
<p>(c) New project proposals The meeting will consider proposals concerning conservation/research projects to be possibly funded by the CMS Trust Fund. Councillors are invited to send to the Secretariat well in advance of the meeting any written proposal that they might have received or drafted themselves. Written proposals received before the meeting will have been circulated. The meeting will be requested to review and prioritize the proposals. Where appropriate, <i>ad hoc</i> working groups will be established for this purpose. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendation by the Council on projects eligible for funding and their degree of priority.</p>	CMS/ScC.11/Doc.10	
<p>8.3 Global Register of Migratory Species (GROMS) The item will be introduced by the German councillor, followed, if requested, by a presentation of GROMS and its latest developments by the manager of the project, Dr. Klaus Riede. The meeting will be invited to review progress made towards development of GROMS and to express its views to COP concerning a proposal on the continuation of the initiative. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Advice of the Council to COP on the proposal for the continuation and further development of GROMS.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.7 UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.18	
<p>8.4 Artificial barriers to migration and other threats to migratory species and their habitats, with special attention to dams and offshore wind farms The meeting is expected to review possible progress in the consideration of these issues by councillors. In particular, a paper on the impact of off-shore wind farms and dams is expected to be submitted to the meeting by the councillors of Germany, Denmark and U.K. (ScC10 Report, para. 139). The meeting is also expected to review and give input as appropriate to expected draft COP' Resolutions on (1) Environmental Impact Assessment, (2) off-shore wind farms, and (3) prevention of electrocution of birds on electricity lines. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Input to draft COP resolutions.</p>		
<p>8.5 Guidelines for satellite telemetry of migratory birds A report on the subject had been prepared and tabled during ScC10 by the Scientific Council Satellite Tracking Working Group (ScC10 report, para. 157 and Annex 6). Progress in the consideration of this issue by the Working Group will be presented by the chair of the Group, Dr. Colin Limpus. The possible further development of the guidelines by the working group in the margins of the meeting will be considered. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Meeting to finalise the guidelines and endorse them, as appropriate.</p>	CMS/ScC11/Inf.1	

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<p>8.6 Impact of climate change on migratory species Action of the Scientific Council concerning this issue will be discussed, making reference to Recommendation 5.5.</p>		
<p>8.7 Updating of CMS Appendices as a consequence of changes in species taxonomy The meeting will be requested to clarify the issue of the contemporary listing on Appendix II of <i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i> and <i>Procellaria aequinoctialis conspicillata</i>. Expected outcome: Decision of the Council on the way of listing the two taxa on Appendix II.</p>	CMS/ScC11/Doc.11	
<p>8.8 Other Resolutions and Recommendations under development Possible Resolutions/Recommendations to be considered by COP7, which require Scientific Council advice and have not been examined under other Agenda items will be considered here. Expected outcome: Input to draft COP resolutions and recommendations.</p>		
<p>9. Collaboration with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations The Secretariat will report on progress in the implementation of Memoranda of Cooperation and Joint Work Programmes already in place with relevant IGOs and NGOs, and in the elaboration of new ones. The Council will be invited to discuss its possible contribution to the implementation of such programmes. In particular, implications for the Scientific Council of a Joint work Programme established between CMS and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will be highlighted. Expected outcome: Meeting to take note of the role of the Council in the implementation of the joint work programme with CBD, and possibly make suggestions on the implementation of relevant activities.</p>	UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.11 CMS/ScC11/Doc.12	
<p>10. Elections Election for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be held. In informal contacts with the Secretariat, the current chair has indicated he would be available to continuing his mandate for the next triennium, if so desired by the Council, and pending confirmation of a continued support by the U.K. Government. Other potential candidates are invited to express their interest to the Secretariat by the end of August.</p>		
<p>11. Date and venue of the 12th meeting of the Scientific Council Possible proposals/offers from Governments to host the 12th Meeting of the Scientific Council will be considered. A short paper on the technical, organizational and financial implications of hosting the meeting will be prepared by the Secretariat.</p>	CMS/ScC11/Doc.13	

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12. Any other business Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.		
13. Closure of the Meeting The meeting is expected to be closed on Tuesday, 17 September, no later than 1300.		