

Agenda Item 8: Report of the Interim Secretariat



Please see:

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Background

- MOP2 in 2011
 - Resolution 2.2 Financial Matters: Approved budget included indicative activities
- The Interim Secretariat conducted activities based on the Agreement text, adopted Resolutions and the approved budget

Budget line	2012	2013	2014	Total	Source
1.0 Personnel					
1.1 Executive Secretary (D1, part-time 4%)	6,400	6,500	6,700	19,600	CMS core budget
1.2 Deputy Executive Secretary (P5, part-time 4%)	5,900	6,000	6,200	18,100	CMS core budget
1.3 Agreement Officer (P4, part-time 10%)	13,500	13,800	14,000	41,300	CMS core budget
1.4 Associate Programme Officer (P2, part-time 40%)	35,000	35,000	35,000	105,000	Pledge from Germany
1.5 Administrative Assistant (G5, part-time 10%)	6,100	6,200	6,300	18,600	CMS core budget
1.6 Consultants	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	Voluntary contributions
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2.0 Travel on official business					
2.1 Secretariat staff	3,000	6,000	6,000	15,000	CMS core budget
2.2 Experts on mission	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000	Voluntary contributions
Personnel subtotal	76,900	80,500	81,200	238,600	
3.0 2nd Meeting of the Technical Committee					
3.1 Delegate Travel	0	27,000	0	27,000	Voluntary contributions
3.2 Venue, logistics, translation, interpretation	0	15,000	0	15,000	Voluntary contributions
3.3 Staff travel	0	6,000	0	6,000	CMS core budget
4.0 3rd Meeting of the Parties					
4.1 Delegate Travel*	0	0	27,000	27,000	Voluntary contributions
3.2 Venue, logistics, translation, interpretation	0	0	15,000	15,000	Voluntary contributions
4.3 Staff travel	0	0	6,000	6,000	CMS core budget
Meetings subtotal	0	48,000	48,000	96,000	

Budget line	2012	2013	2014	Total	Source
5.0 Office costs					
5.1 Expendable office equipment	500	500	500	1,500	CMS core budget
5.2 Non-expendable office equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000	CMS core budget
5.3 Maintenance of office equipment	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000	CMS core budget
5.4 IT Service	3,500	3,600	3,700	10,800	CMS core budget
5.5 Communication	1,000	1,100	1,200	3,300	CMS core budget
Office costs subtotal	7,000	7,200	7,400	21,600	
6.0 Information Materials					
6.1 Flyers, Posters, Publications	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	Party contributions
6.2 Website maintenance and fees	300	300	300	900	Voluntary contributions
Information materials subtotal	5,300	5,300	5,300	15,900	
					Party contributions
7.0 Projects	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000	Voluntary contributions
Budget sub-total	139,200	191,000	191,900	522,100	
Programme Support Costs (13 %)	18,096	24,830	24,947	67,873	
Budget total	157,296	215,830	216,847	589,973	



Progress in the implementation of the Programme of Work (2012-2014)

- Second Meeting of the Technical Committee
 - <u>Did not take place</u>: lack of financial and human resources
- Third Meeting of the Parties
 - Postponed until 2019: lack of financial and human resources
 - November 2016: A plan to organize a back-to-back MOP with the Third GRASP Council in November 2016 was postponed (Notification 2015/30; Notification 2016/25)
- Information materials
 - No flyers, posters and publications were produced: lack of financial and human resources
 - Web-maintenance was provided by the CMS Secretariat: in-kind contribution was provided

Progress in the implementation of the Programme of Work (2012-2014)

Projects

- In 2012, Norway supported a project in Nigeria and Cameroon
 - "Planning and community-based conservation for the Cross River Gorilla, Africa's most endangered ape"
 - Supported community participation in Cross River Gorilla conservation
- In 2012, Monaco supported a project in Gabon, Cameroon and Congo
 - "Wildlife Law Enforcement Projects in Central Africa".
 - Implementing the Gorilla Agreement and in conserving other CMS-listed species by enhancing wildlife law enforcement capacity
- In 2015 UNEP provided €15,000 as part of the Small Grants Programme
 - My Gorilla My Community radio drama programme
 - 26 episodes of my Gorilla my Community radio drama were produced for the conservation of Cross River Gorillas
- In 2017, Germany provided USD 176,000 to GRASP for "Establishment of a Transboundary Biosphere Reserve between Cameroon and Nigeria"
 - USD 5,000 for CMS for Analysis of implementation of CMS provisions through national legislation in Cameroon and Nigeria on hold
- Contribution from Monaco €15,000 for the conservation of gorillas (remains to be used)



• Resolution 2.1: Cooperation and Information Sharing for Improved Wildlife Law Enforcement

Operative Paragraph	Activity
1. Urges all Range States that are not yet Parties to the Agreement to accede in order to effectively carry out cooperative law enforcement measures for gorilla conservation;	The Interim Secretariat supported the accession to the Agreement by the Government of Uganda as detailed in document UNEP/GA/MOP3/Doc.9
 10. Instructs the Interim Secretariat to keep abreast of planned ICCWC activities and to ensure that Agreement Focal Points and Technical Committee Members are, where appropriate, involved; 11. Calls upon the Interim Secretariat to share relevant information to be incorporated into ICCWC work plans, as and when appropriate 	ICCWC informed the Interim Secretariat of their efforts to undertake activities against wildlife crime in general but advised that there was no possibility of addressing Gorilla poaching separately.
12. Further calls upon the Parties, other Range States and the Interim Secretariat to cooperate with law enforcement bodies and regional enforcement networks, such as the Lusaka Agreement on cooperative enforcement operations directed at illegal trade in wild fauna and flora and its operational arm, the Lusaka Agreement Task Force where appropriate;	Through its membership in the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management, the Interim Secretariat has worked with its partners on addressing wildmeat trade

Resolution 2.2: Financial Matters

Operative Paragraph	Activity
4. Requests Parties to take note of the status of Party contributions attached as Annex 3 and urges those countries with payment in arrears to pay their dues before the end of 2011;	The Interim Secretariat has encouraged the Parties to pay their annual contributions and has made efforts to collect arrears. Invoices were issued in 2014 and 2016.
6. Invites Parties, Non-Party Range States, donor governments, other organizations and the private sector to make voluntarily contributions to the Agreement, either financially or in-kind, towards activities to implement the Agreement.	AT CMS COP12, the Interim Secretariat invited Parties as well as other donors to contribute to the organization of MOP3 Government of Luxembourg generously funded MOP3

• Resolution 2.3: Institutional Arrangements for the Agreement

Operative Paragraph	Activity
1. Requests the CMS Secretariat to act as the Interim Secretariat for the next triennium;	The CMS Secretariat continued to serve as the Interim Secretariat
 Instructs the Interim Secretariat to investigate future options for the administrative arrangements for the Gorilla Agreement Secretariat [] Instructs the Interim Secretariat to prepare a formal proposal for consideration and possible adoption at MOP3. 	The Interim Secretariat analyzed future options for the administrative arrangements for the Agreement Secretariat as contained in document UNEP/GA/MOP3/Doc.17

• Resolution 2.4: Elements of Information Management for Gorilla Conservation

Operative Paragraph	Activity
1. Instructs the Interim Secretariat to monitor the revision process of the Action Plans for the four Sub-species and to circulate them to all Parties, other Range States and interested stakeholders;	The Interim Secretariat has monitored the revision of Action Plans. Notification 2014/23; Notification 2015/016
5. Instructs the Interim Secretariat to work closely with GRASP and IUCN to investigate a way to utilize this information in an efficient manner.	The Interim Secretariat worked closely with GRASP and prepared a proposal for cooperation. Notification 2015/30

