



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RESOLUTION 7.12*

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Seventh Meeting (Bonn, 18-24 September 2002)

Recalling Resolution 6.7 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting (Cape Town, 1999), concerning institutional arrangements for the Scientific Council;

Aware that the Scientific Council, as a consequence of the ever-growing number of Parties to CMS, has seen a corresponding growth in its membership, and that a review of its working practice is desirable to optimise its productivity and capability to deal with the scientific and technical aspects of numerous issues relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species;

Noting that the Scientific Council, at its 11th meeting held in Bonn from 14-17 September 2002, recommended the development of a strategy to guide the work of the Council, and has already commenced reflection on its working practices; and

Noting further the recommendation of the 11th meeting of the Scientific Council concerning the appointment of a new expert councillor for birds, as a consequence of the retirement from the Council of Dr. Michael Moser;

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Confirms* the continued application of all of the arrangements defined by Resolution 6.7, unless otherwise stipulated by this resolution;
2. *Decides* to formalise the involvement of the advisory bodies to CMS Agreements in the deliberations of the Scientific Council, by inviting them to participate as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Council;
3. *Instructs* the Scientific Council to produce a strategy on its scientific and conservation work, taking account of the ecology of species listed in the CMS Appendices as well as the factors which may threaten or endanger migratory species, leading to clear priorities for action and including appropriate consideration of monitoring the implementation of such a strategy;
4. *Further instructs* the Scientific Council to develop and provide, through the Secretariat, an information pack for Parties providing clear guidance on the *modus operandi* of the Scientific Council;
5. *Strongly encourages* Parties that have not already done so to duly nominate, in accordance with Article VIII of the Convention, a representative to serve on the Scientific Council and to provide

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all necessary contact details to the Secretariat, and to avail themselves of the possibility to appoint an alternate Councillor to attend Council meetings in the absence of the primary Councillor and/or to bring additional national expertise to the Council's deliberations;

6. *Notes* that Article VIII of the Convention provides also for the appointment by the Conference of the Parties of suitably qualified experts;

7. *Decides* to appoint for the 2003-2005 triennium the following six experts, with a view to providing expertise in specific areas:

- Dr. Colin Limpus (Australia) - marine turtles;
- Mr. John O'Sullivan (United Kingdom) - birds;
- Dr. William Perrin (United States) - marine mammals and large fishes;
- Dr. Pierre Pfeffer (France) - large terrestrial mammals;
- Dr. Roberto Schlatter (Chile) - Neotropical fauna; and
- Mr. Noritaka Ichida (Japan) - Asiatic fauna; and

8. *Determines* that expenses for the development of a scientific strategy be covered from the core budget or from voluntary contributions specifically granted to develop the strategy.

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