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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

*(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)
(As at July 2016)*

Summary

The present report provides an overview of the resources mobilized, as at July 2016, since December 2015.

These resources (both financial and in-kind) contribute to the implementation of the CMS Secretariat Programme of Work for the Triennium 2015 – 2017 (Resolution 11.1).

Further details are included in Document 16.

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Introduction

1. As a regular practice and following the provisions of [Resolution 11.1 on Financial and Administrative matters](#), the Secretariat compiled a portfolio of initiatives planned to be carried out in 2016 for which financial resources were needed. These are some of the activities outlined in the [Programme of Work 2015-2017](#) ranked as high priorities and selected in consideration of the capacity and workload of the Secretariat.

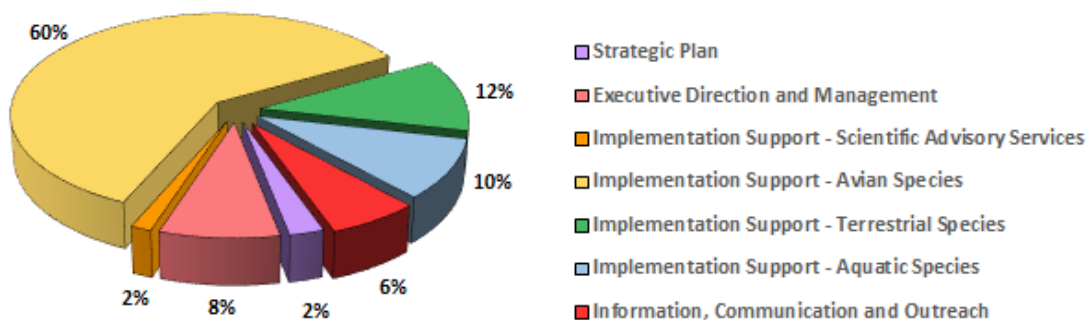
2. The list was sent to all CMS Parties in February 2016. This general appeal was coupled with tailored pleas to individual Parties. The Secretariat has undertaken to mobilize considerable resources that have already enabled a number of priority actions to be implemented and is grateful for the support received, especially given the current economic circumstances.

3. The following paragraphs provide an overview of the financial and in-kind contributions received since December 2015 as well as their sources.

Funds received

4. The total of monetary voluntary contributions received amounts to approximately **€625,000** (13 per cent UNEP-PSC to be deducted). These resources were provided by the Governments of Australia, Germany (BMUB)¹, Monaco, the Netherlands and Switzerland. It has to be highlighted that a number of the contributions received last year were to cover activities to be implemented during the course of the triennium 2015-2017.

5. Funds obtained are grouped by the areas identified in the Programme of Work:



The contributions towards the conservation of “Avian Species” include the provision of a Junior Programme Officer (JPO) generously offered by the Government of Germany to assist with the numerous tasks of the Unit including to further the work on preventing bird poisoning. Further details on the activities supported with these resources are described in UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.16 Implementation of the Programme of Work 2015-2017.

6. This amount however does not include the significant pledge for 2016-2019 of approximately US\$ 8.1 million from the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) in September 2015 towards the operation of CMS Office – Abu Dhabi which coordinates the Raptors and Dugongs MOUs. This very

¹ BMUB: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.

generous grant provided by EAD is on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates. EAD also accommodates the Office at its headquarters providing world class office space and other practical support. The resources raised by these two instruments and the “assessed voluntary” contributions towards the implementation of the Sharks and IOSEA MOUs are excluded too. The contributions obtained in 2016 in support of the Sharks MOU budget and its Programme of Work amount to €485,000 and those received by the IOSEA MOU amount to US\$194,437.

Indirect financial contributions and in-kind contributions

7. Further contributions were provided either in the form of indirect financial support, which was not channelled through the Secretariat but did directly feed into activities, or of in-kind support through provision of personnel or services.

8. The Government of Germany² sponsored a workshop which is planned for 22-26 August on the Isle of Vilm, Germany with the aim to stimulate the implementation of the CAMI Programme of Work (CAMI POW) by identifying urgent action needs among the 64 measures, currently listed as high priority.

9. The First Meeting of Signatories of the High Andean Flamingos MOU took place in Peru in April 2016. The meeting was largely funded by TAIEF (Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Facility). TAIEF is an EU platform that supports the organization of workshops and seminars, and in particular the participation of EU experts.

10. Birdlife International is generously providing the coordination of the CMS African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan.

11. Thanks to the initiative of the Chair of the CMS Scientific Council, the Po Delta Interregional Park pledged €25,000 for the organization of a second workshop bringing together experts to discuss and advance the issue of migratory species connectivity.

12. The Bologna Operatic Choir generously offered a fourth benefit concert in support of the celebrations of World Migratory Bird Day campaign (May 2016). The proceeds (€1,850) of the event support the efforts of the CMS Family against the illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds.

13. Besides hosting the CMS Secretariat as well as other CMS Family Secretariats based in Bonn, and bearing all costs relating to the premises, the German Government has offered interpretation services for the present Standing Committee meeting as well as for the First Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council which took place on 18-21 April 2016. Thanks also go to the Government of Costa Rica for hosting the second Meeting of Signatories to the Sharks MOU from 15 to 19 February; the Government of Peru of hosting the Meeting of Signatories of the High Andean Flamingos MOU and the Government of Egypt for hosting the First Meeting of the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) which was held from 12 to 15 July 2016 in Cairo. The Joint CMS-CITES African Lion Range State Meeting took place in Entebbe, Uganda, on 30-31 May 2016 at the kind invitation of the Government of Uganda. The latter was possible also thanks to the joint fundraising efforts of the CITES and CMS Secretariats. While the generous contributions from the Governments of Germany and the Netherlands were received by the CMS Secretariat, the Government of the United Kingdom provided resources to the CITES Secretariat.

² The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

14. In 2016 regular maintenance of the CMS Family website benefited from support provided in the context of the MEA Information and Knowledge Management Initiative promoted by UNEP/DELDC.

15. Through its internship programme, the Secretariat has enjoyed the valuable support of university graduates or students who have assisted CMS staff in their day-to-day work for an average period of three months without remuneration.

Support to conservation work

16. Web articles and notifications about 2016 funding opportunities for conservation actions were produced, as appropriate, to encourage stakeholders to propose projects that contribute to the implementation of the Convention and its instruments. Several CMS partner proposals were supported by the Secretariat with letters of endorsement.

Current developments

17. Following the provisions of Resolution 11.1, consultations with UNEP are currently being conducted to incorporate elements of the Convention's programme of work into the programme of work of UNEP and explore the opportunity to obtain financial support to specific CMS initiatives in this context.

18. Progress has been made towards engagement with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as requested by Resolution 11.10 and is reported in Document UNEP/CMS/StC44/18 *Synergies and Partnerships*.

19. In the context of the existing CMS multi-year project³ sponsored by the European Commission (EC) in 2015 through the Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC) Programme Cooperation Agreements with UNEP, additional funding (€30,000) were generously provided to assist the AEWA Secretariat in the development of the Strategic Plan 2019-2027 and related Plan of Action for Africa. Further consultations are ongoing with the EC with a view to obtain resources under the GPGC programme in support of other areas of work of the Convention.

20. Furthermore, final confirmation is expected on the participation of CMS in a EU wildlife conservation programme for the Regional Economic Communities of Eastern Africa (EAC), Southern Africa (SADC) and the Horn of Africa (IGAD (2014-2020)). The project implements the 11th EDF Regional Indicative Programme and aligns to both the regional relevant policies and the EU "*Larger than Elephants Approach to wildlife conservation in Africa*" and the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking. In partnership with CITES, UNODC, CMS will be the lead implementing partner, responsible for the establishment of Transfrontier Conservation Areas in the regions.

21. Two large project proposals supporting CMS species conservation were submitted to the International Climate Initiative of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety. In June 2016, the Dugong MoU Secretariat (CMS Office – Abu Dhabi) presented a EUR 4.8 million proposal focusing on promoting the sustainability, productivity and resilience of seagrass ecosystems, including in the context of climate change, that are critical to populations of threatened marine species such as dugong and green turtle in five countries (Malaysia, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu). The CMS Secretariat also contributed to a grant application submitted by the Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention to enhance the adaptive capacity of Central Asian migratory flagship species (e.g. Argali Sheep, Snow

³ The project supports both capacity building efforts and work of the Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)

Leopard, Saiga Antelope, Goitered Gazelle) and associated ecosystems to climate change. Confirmation of the acceptance of both projects is yet to be received.

WAY FORWARD

22. The financial and in-kind support received in 2016, although significant, only contributes to a small percentage (ca. 10 per cent) of the implementation of the triennial Programme of Work. Furthermore, as stated in Notification 2016/014, it has been estimated that resources needed for the organization of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12), specifically for the participation of delegates of eligible countries, amount to 1 million USD. The Secretariat therefore urges Parties and partners to consider any possibility of providing resources within the 2016 and/or 2017 budget(s), in support of COP 12 as well as priority actions of the Programme of Work.

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to:

i. Take note of the document and to give comments and guidance, as necessary, to the Secretariat.