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### POTENTIAL NEW APPENDIX LISTINGS

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1. The present document summarizes information on actual or potential proposals for amendments to the CMS Appendices to be considered by the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. Since COP6, suggestions for proposals for inclusion of new species in the CMS Appendices have been put forward in different fora. These proposals are, at the time of writing, in different stages of development. Annex 1 to this note lists all of the proposed species, by taxonomic group and in alphabetical order.
3. Two draft proposals (*Platanista gangetica gangetica*, App. I; *Trichechus senegalensis*, App. II) prepared and submitted by the COP-appointed Councillor for cetaceans and fishes have been examined and endorsed by the Tenth Meeting of the CMS Scientific Council (ScC10, Edinburgh, May 2001). The proposal for *T. senegalensis* was subsequently transmitted to the Secretariat by Ghana (however the proposal will need to be resubmitted for procedural reasons).
4. A concept proposal (*Streptopelia turtur turtur*, App. II) presented by the Scientific Councillor for Senegal but not discussed at ScC10 has subsequently been developed and formally transmitted to the Secretariat by Senegal.
5. Several neotropical species have been suggested for potential CMS listing by the COP-appointed Councillor for neotropical fauna at ScC10 (*Pelecanoides garnotii*, App. I; *Arctocephalus australis*, *Otaria flavescens*, *Physeter macrocephalus*, *Pteronura brasiliensis*, *Brotogeris pyrrhopterus*, *Doridicus gigas*, App. II). For all these species except *P. macrocephalus*, full proposals have been developed by Peru and were presented and discussed at the Peruvian National Workshop on Migratory Species (Lima, Peru, 26 October 2001) and at the CMS Regional Workshop for Latin America (Lima, 29-31 October). Peru also announced the intention to develop a formal proposal for two additional species (*Lama guanicoe cacsilensis* and *Trichechus inunguis*) as a follow up of proposals of the National Workshop.
6. A proposal for the upgrading of the African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*, West African population), currently listed in Appendix II, to Appendix I was suggested by the COP-appointed Councillor for large mammals at ScC10. The Councillor was invited to identify a Party prepared to develop and submit the formal proposal.
7. The possibility of listing the Amsterdam Albatross (*Diomedea amsterdamensis*), currently listed in Appendix I, also in Appendix II was discussed at ScC10 at the initiative of the Secretariat. The species is covered by the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatross and Petrels, and its inclusion in Appendix I would allow to meet the conditions for the Agreement to qualify as an Article IV, para. 3 Agreement under the Convention.

8. Full proposals for the inclusion of 10 seabird species breeding in southern Africa (*Larus cirrocephalus poiocephalus*, *Larus hartlaubii*, *Larus [dominicanus] vetula*, *Morus capensis*, *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*, *Pelecanus onocrotalus*, *Phalacrocorax capensis*, *Phalacrocorax carbo lucidus*, *Phalacrocorax coronatus*, *Phalacrocorax neglectus*) into Appendix II are expected to be developed by the southern Africa Breeding Seabird Conservation Workshop (Cape Town, Feb. 2002), and to be formally submitted by South Africa.

9. Ten mammal and three fish species from Central Asia have been suggested for potential listing by the Scientific Councillor for Mongolia (*Alces alces pfizenmayeri*, *Camelus bactrianus ferus*, *Cuon alpinus*, *Eptesicus gobiensis*, *Rangifer tarandus*, *Ursus arctos gobiensis*, *Vespertilio superans*, *Acipenser baerii baicalensis*, *Acipenser schrenckii*, App. I; *Equus hemionus hemionus*, *Gazella subgutturosa*, *Procapra gutturosa*, *Hucho taimen*, App. II) by mean of a written note to the Secretariat. Full proposals have yet to be developed.

10. A few other species have been indicated for potential CMS Appendix listing in other fora, notably the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Large Herbivore Initiative Coordination Group (Antalya, Turkey, Oct. 2001) and the draft review report on small cetacean migration commissioned by the Secretariat in 2000.

11. The information mentioned above is summarized in the following table:

| PROPOSAL  | No of Species |
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| Proposals endorsed by ScC10   | 2             |
| Other proposals discussed at ScC10                                      | 3             |
| Neotropical species (submission expected by Peru)                       | 8 (9)         |
| Southern Africa Breeding Seabirds (submission expected by South Africa) | 10            |
| Central Asian mammal and fish species (submission expected by Mongolia) | 13            |
| Other potential proposals   | 4             |
| Proposals formally submitted by CMS Parties, at the time of writing     | 2             |

12. The document at Annex 2 summarizes additional information on species identified by WCMC as meeting criteria for inclusion in Appendix I in the 'Review of Appendix I listing' presented to the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council.

13. Referring to provisions of Article XI of the Convention, proposals for the amendment of the Appendices need to be communicated to the Secretariat at least 150 days before the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. This sets the deadline for reception by the Secretariat of proposals to COP7 at mid-April 2002. While numerous proposals are currently in the pipeline, only two have been formally submitted at the time of writing. The Standing Committee may wish to consider inviting Parties to speed up the process of elaboration and submission of the proposals, and give guidance to the Secretariat on the way to support ongoing initiatives.