



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CMS Standing Committee

Bonn, 13-14 December 2001

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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA (as at 12.12.01)

#### Documents

#### 1. Opening remarks

The meeting will be opened at 09:30 on 13 December 2001 by the Chair of the CMS Standing Committee. A representative of the Depositary and the CMS Executive Secretary will make some introductory remarks.

#### 2. Adoption of the agenda, work schedule and rules of procedure

The Committee is invited to consider the provisional agenda and schedule, and make any proposals for amendment, prior to their adoption.

*Expected outcome:* Agreement on the agenda and schedule for the meeting, including indication of any agenda items for which closed sessions (i.e. CMS Parties only) would be required.

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CMS/StC 23/Doc. 3 Rev. 1  
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#### 3. Secretariat report on inter-sessional activities

The Committee is invited to consider CMS Bulletin 14, circulated before the meeting, which summarizes activities undertaken through the end of September 2001. The Secretariat will report orally on any further activities and progress achieved since the last meeting, and will elaborate on specific items upon request.

*Expected outcome:* Participants are well informed of recent developments, and have an opportunity to solicit additional information pertinent to their regions.

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#### 4. Reports from Committee members, working groups, Agreement secretariats, UNEP/UNON and observers

Committee members, working group chairs, Agreement secretariats and observers will be invited to report on their on-going activities and identified responsibilities relevant to implementation of CMS, such as contacts with non-Parties to encourage CMS membership, implementation of regional initiatives and joint activities, future plans etc. **Committee members are requested to submit their brief reports to the Secretariat by e-mail no later than 30 November.** The Performance Working Group and Agreement Working Group will be invited to introduce briefly their activities, but the substantive discussion will take place under Agenda item 7. Further details of reports anticipated under this item, as well as the order of reporting, will be provided at the meeting.

*Expected outcome:* Participants are kept abreast of the latest regional developments, prospects for recruitment of new Parties, as well as future planned activities.

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Addendum: Report from Uruguay

CMS/StC 23/Doc. 17  
CMS/StC 23/Doc. 18

Reports from:  
ACCOBAMS, AEWA  
ASCOBANS, Eurobats

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## 5. Institutional matters

- 5.1 **CMS Headquarters Agreement and Legal personality of the Secretariat** CMS/StC 23/Doc. 6  
The Depositary and UNEP will be invited to report on the status of negotiations regarding the CMS Headquarters Agreement (HQA), as well as issues concerning the Secretariat's legal personality.
- 5.2 **Administrative issues** no document  
The Secretariat will report orally, *inter alia*, on the expansion of the Agreements Unit, recruitment of staff, etc. CMS/StC 23/Inf.12 (JPOs)
- 5.3 **Collaboration with other organizations** CMS/StC 23/Doc.7 + Annexes  
The Secretariat will report on measures taken to develop and implement memoranda of cooperation and joint work programmes with selected intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including: CBD, Ramsar, CITES, IWC, Wetlands International, BirdLife International. Input from members and observers will be invited. CMS/StC 23/Inf.11
- 5.4 **Potential CMS inputs to Rio +10** CMS/StC 23/Doc. 8  
The Committee will be invited to exchange views on how CMS might contribute to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, 2-11 September 2002. Background information on the Summit will be provided.
- 5.5 **Any other institutional matters** CMS/StC 23/Inf.12 (Governance)  
Matters not covered under the previous items may be raised here.

### Expected outcomes:

- 5.1 The Committee may wish to consider whether any intervention on its part could help to expedite the conclusion of the long-standing HQA negotiation process.
- 5.2 The Committee is fully briefed on all important administrative issues
- 5.3 Endorsement by the Committee of the actions undertaken to date, and guidance on further initiatives with counterpart organizations
- 5.4 Agreement on the extent of CMS involvement and proposed inputs to Rio+10

## 6. Review of current status of contributions to the CMS Trust Fund, CMS budget and resources

The Secretariat will report on the status of the CMS Trust Fund, paid and unpaid contribution pledges, as well as income and expenditure for 2001, and will seek the Committee's endorsement of an extraordinary expenditure in 2002 as well as the list of Parties eligible for CMS support in relation to travel etc. CMS/StC 23/Doc. 9 + Annexes

### Expected outcome:

Committee to take note of the Secretariat report and, if so agreed, endorse the expenditure proposal and eligibility list; members to undertake to examine and attempt to resolve issues regarding payment of any outstanding contributions of their Governments. CMS/StC 23/Inf. 9  
CMS/StC 23/Inf.12

## 7. Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2000-2005

The Secretariat will present an update on the progress made towards implementation of the Strategic Plan 2000-2005, incorporating new elements proposed by the Standing Committee at its 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and the Scientific Council at its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting (Edinburgh, May 2001). Reports of the Performance Working Group and Agreements Working Group will be taken up here. The discussion is expected to cover, as well, new initiatives for Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, and project activities, as necessary. CMS/StC 23/Doc. 17  
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Expected outcome: Consensus of the Committee on the proposed actions aimed at ensuring that implementation of the Strategic Plan 2000-2005 remains on track.

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CMS/StC 23/Inf. 11  
CMS/StC 23/Inf. 12

## 8. Implementation of the Information Management Plan

The Secretariat will report on the results and recommendations arising from a project to synthesize all national reports submitted by CMS Parties since 1988; a proposal for a new reporting format will be introduced. The Committee will be invited to review and comment on a project proposal through which additional elements of the Information Management Plan agreed by COP6 will be implemented.

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+ Annexes 1+ 2

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(Harmonization)

*Expected outcome:* Committee to note and, as appropriate, endorse the recommendations of the synthesis study; and to consider the adoption on a trial basis of the new format for reports to be submitted to COP7. Endorsement of the proposal for further implementation of the Information Management Plan in 2002.

## 9. Arrangements for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP7) and 2nd session of the AEWA Meeting of the Parties (Bonn, September 2002)

### 9.1 Host Government Agreement (HGA) and organizational arrangements

The Host Government will be invited to make a presentation of the logistical arrangements completed thus far, complemented as necessary by information from the Secretariat. If the negotiations of the HGA have advanced sufficiently by the time of the Standing Committee meeting, it is hoped that the agreement will be available for signature on that occasion.

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### 9.2 Budget proposal for the 2003-2005 triennium

The Secretariat will present, for review and comment by the Committee, a first draft of a budget proposal for the forthcoming triennium, based on its best estimate of requirements to fulfil the COP's agreed programme of work.

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+ Annexes

### 9.3 Potential new CMS Appendix listings

Committee members are encouraged to circulate in advance of the meeting (for information purposes only) any proposals for species meriting listing in the CMS Appendices, or to indicate their Government's intention to submit proposals before the April 2002 deadline. (The Committee is not expected to review any of the proposals in detail.)

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### 9.4 Potential resolutions/recommendations

Committee members are invited to table draft proposals of resolutions or recommendations for eventual consideration by COP7 and/or to identify thematic areas which would benefit from COP decisions – in particular, taking into account the Strategic Plan and progress made towards its implementation. The Secretariat will present an outline of possible needs.

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### *Expected outcomes:*

- 9.1 Awareness of the state of arrangements for COP7, with opportunity for Committee members/observers to comment and propose additional activities
- 9.2 Committee to endorse in principle the general contents of the draft budget, and to agree on a way forward for soliciting support and presenting it to the COP
- 9.3 Committee to note proposals submitted or under preparation, with a view to encouraging regional consultations and, where appropriate, encouraging submission of additional proposals.
- 9.4 Resolutions/recommendations tabled for consideration and further development; elaboration of list of additional issues potentially requiring COP7 decisions.

**10. Report of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council and matters of the Scientific Council relating to the work of the Standing Committee**

The Chairman of the Scientific Council, Dr. Colin Galbraith will summarize the results of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council and will highlight those issues of direct relevance to the Standing Committee, including those requiring decision by the Committee, including the appointment of a Scientific Councillor for Asiatic fauna.

*Expected outcome:* Committee to note the report and decide on any matters arising therefrom which require its intervention.

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+ Annexes

**11. Date and venue of the next meeting of the Standing Committee**

The proposed date of, and arrangements for, the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee which shall take place immediately prior to COP7, will be confirmed.

*Expected outcome:* Agreement on the date of the next Standing Committee meeting.

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**12. Any other business**

Committee members are invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.