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Date/Time	Agenda items and Activities	Documents	Annotations
Friday 23 June			
All Day	Delegates arrive in Criewen	See fact sheet for arrival details	
Evening	Welcome reception hosted by Brandenburg State Office for Environment		Venue: Schloss Criewen Time: to be announced.
Saturday 24 June			
All Day	Scientific Symposium on the Aquatic Warbler	CMS/AW-1/Inf/8	See separate agenda and programme.
Evening	Welcome reception hosted by National Park Lower Oder Valley and AWCT film		Venue: National Park Office Time: 20.00
Sunday 25 June			
All Day	Excursion to National Park Lower Oder Valley and Polish and German Aquatic Warbler Sites		Departure time: 07.00 Further details to be announced.

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Monday 26 June	Day 1: First Meeting of the Signatory States to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Aquatic Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>)		
08.30	Press Conference		
08.30	Registration		Delegates are kindly requested to pick up their badges.
09.00	Heads of delegation meeting with the CMS Secretariat		This very brief 30-minute meeting will discuss <i>inter alia</i> chairmanship of the meeting, rules of procedure, meeting flow and other organisational matters. Time subject to change.
Morning 09.30-12.30¹	Agenda items 1.0 – 6.0		
	1.0 Welcoming remarks		A representative from the Brandenburg State Government will open the meeting. Mr. Lyle Glowka, CMS Agreements Officer, will make some introductory remarks.
	2.0 Signing ceremony		The MoU will be opened for signature to any authorised official representing their Ministry or another competent authority from an eligible Range State.
	3.0 Election of officers		The meeting will be invited to elect a chairman from among the representatives of the Signatories in attendance. It is proposed that all decisions at the meeting be taken by consensus. Expected outcome: Chairman elected and agreement on rules of procedure.
	4.0 Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule	CMS/AW-1/1/Rev.2 CMS/AW-1/2 CMS/AW-1/3	The meeting will be invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule, and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Expected outcome: Agreement on the agenda and schedule for the meeting.
	5.0 Opening statements		It is <u>not</u> envisaged to have presentations of national activities at this stage of the meeting, however delegates may wish to make brief

¹ **NB:** A coffee or other break is foreseen in all morning and afternoon sessions.

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			opening statements (no more than 2-3 minutes) to indicate any support or assistance (financial or in-kind) their country has provided or intends to provide towards the MoU's implementation. Signing organisations will also be invited to make short (2-3 minute) interventions. A representative from the preceding Aquatic Warbler Symposium will be invited to make a short summary of the Symposium's outcomes (no more than 5-10 minutes) most relevant to the MoU meeting.
	6.0 Report of the Secretariat		
	6.1 Status of signatures	CMS/AW-1/4 CMS/AW-1/Inf/1	The meeting will be invited to consider the Secretariat's brief report concerning the status of signatures and recruitment efforts. Representatives of non-Signatories eligible to sign the MoU will be invited to inform the meeting of their Government's intentions vis-à-vis signature of the MoU. The meeting may wish to consider ways and means to increase membership in the MoU. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat's report and the information provided by observers representing non-Signatories; guidance provided on how to increase MoU membership.
	6.2 List of designated national contact points	CMS/AW-1/4 CMS/AW-1/Inf/2 CMS/AW-1/Inf/2/Add.1	The meeting will be invited to consider a provisional list of officially designated national contact points. Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the provisional list of officially designated national contact points; updated information is provided; an appeal is made to Signatories that have not yet officially designated a national contact point to provide the information to the Secretariat as soon as possible.
	6.3 Any other matters		Any other additional matters relevant to the Secretariat's report will be presented to the meeting.
12.30-14.00	Lunch break		
Afternoon 14.00-17.30	Agenda items 7.0-8.0		
	7.0 Review of MoU and Action Plan implementation		

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	<p>7.1 Aquatic Warbler conservation status within the agreement area</p>	<p>CMS/AW-1/5 CMS/AW-1/5/Add.1 CMS/AW-1/Inf/3.x CMS/AW-1/Inf/4.x CMS/AW-1/Inf/5.x CMS/AW-1/Inf/9</p>	<p>The Secretariat will introduce that portion of the Overview Report addressing the Aquatic Warbler’s conservation status within the agreement area. An intervention on the relevant outcomes from the Scientific Symposium may be invited. After this comments from the individual Signatories and the signing organisations will be invited. Conclusions will be drawn. The meeting may then wish to briefly consider the conservation status of the Aquatic Warbler outside of the agreement area and invite interventions from observer non-Signatories and signing organisations. This information may be relevant to any preliminary discussions on expanding the geographical scope of the MoU under agenda item 8.4.</p> <p>Expected outcome: The meeting takes note of the Secretariat’s Overview Report and provides additional information as well as guidance on how it could be improved if necessary; information shared on the conservation status of the Aquatic Warbler within the agreement area; possible additional information shared on the Aquatic Warbler’s conservation status outside of the agreement area.</p>
	<p>7.2 Status of implementation</p>	<p>CMS/AW-1/5 CMS/AW-1/5/Add.1 CMS/AW-1/Inf/3.x CMS/AW-1/Inf/4.x CMS/AW-1/Inf/5.x</p>	<p>The Secretariat’s Overview Report summarizes the information received and available as of 31 May 2006 with regard to the status of the MoU and Action Plan’s implementation. It is proposed that the Secretariat provides a brief summary of its Overview Report drawing conclusions as necessary. Signatories will then <i>inter alia</i> be invited to share additional information on their implementation of the MoU and Action Plan and any problems/gaps in their implementation. Informal indications as to the need to amend Part II of the Action Plan will be invited. The meeting will be invited to consider how best to measure progress under the MoU and Action Plan, both in terms of national level actions and overall conservation and management outcomes for the Aquatic Warbler and whether the present Overview Report’s format is appropriate for supporting this. Signatories will provide guidance as to the need for additional tools to measure the MoU and Action Plan’s effectiveness in achieving desirable conservation and management outcomes for the Aquatic Warbler.</p>

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			<p>Expected outcome: Information shared on the status of MoU and Action Plan implementation within the agreement area and at national levels; confirmation that activities are underway nationally and implementation gaps identified by country and possible means to fill gaps identified; informal indications by Signatories provided as to the need to amend the country-specific actions in Part II of the Action Plan; suggestions provided on how best to measure progress under the MoU and Action Plan both in terms of national level actions and overall conservation and management outcomes for the Aquatic Warbler; the extent to which the present Overview Report's format is appropriate for measuring progress and outcomes. Guidance given as to the need for additional tools to measure the effectiveness of the MoU and Action Plan.</p>
Evening	Welcome reception hosted by the Brandenburg State Government		Venue: Schloss Criewen Time: 19.00
Tuesday 27 June	Day 2		
Morning 09.00-12.30	Agenda item 8.0		
	8.0 Future implementation and further development of the MoU and Action Plan		
	8.1 National reporting and information management	CMS/AW-1/6 + annex	<p>MoU Paragraph 6 refers to reporting. The Secretariat has developed for the consideration of the meeting a comprehensive draft national report format that could be used as the basis for future reporting on the MoU and Action Plan's implementation. The meeting will be invited to provide comments on the draft format as well as to consider generally the national reporting issue, consider the general issue of information management and, the ways and means to maintain the submission rate of national reports and, if needed, improve their quality.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Endorsement of the draft national report format; identification and consideration of other reporting issues, as</p>

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			well as general information management issues potentially relevant for the MoU and the ways and means to address them.
	8.2 MoU coordination	CMS/AW-1/7 CMS/AW-1/7/Add.1	<p>The CMS Secretariat acts as the secretariat to MoU developed under CMS auspices at no cost to the MoU signatories. The meeting will be invited to consider the general issue of MoU coordination and the particular issue of outsourcing some aspects of the MoU's coordination to a collaborating organisation to support a range of activities in line with CMS COP Resolution 8.5 and what options there may be to achieve this, including financial considerations. In particular, the Signatories will be invited to take note of the interim coordination services that have been provided by BirdLife International and determine whether the proposal for a BirdLife/CMS International Aquatic Warbler Conservation Officer is a desirable option that the Secretariat should pursue.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration of the MoU coordination issue; guidance provided and options identified on the particular issue of outsourcing MoU coordination activities, including financial considerations.</p>
	8.3 Develop a priority projects list	CMS/AW-1/8	<p>The Signatories will be invited to consider a priority projects list to support the MoU's implementation that could form the basis for an international fundraising initiative. An intervention on the relevant outcomes from the Scientific Symposium may be invited.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Priority projects list developed.</p>
12.30-13.30	Lunch break		
Afternoon	Agenda items 8.0 (continued)-11.0		
13.30-16.00			
	8.3 Develop a priority projects list (continued)		
	8.4 Preliminary discussions on expanding the geographical scope of the agreement area	CMS/AW-1/9	The meeting will be invited to have a preliminary discussion on the need for and desirability of expanding the MoU's geographical scope of application. An intervention on the relevant outcomes from

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			<p>the Scientific Symposium may be invited.</p> <p>Expected outcome: General consideration undertaken and guidance on options provided.</p>
	<p>9.0 Next meeting of the Signatories</p>	<p>CMS/AW-1/10</p>	<p>The meeting will be invited to consider when the next meeting of the Signatories should take place.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Tentative date set for the next meeting of the Signatories and any invitations to host the next meeting considered; the general periodicity of MoU meetings considered and initial conclusions reached; general financial considerations reviewed.</p>
	<p>10.0 Any other business</p>		<p>The meeting will be invited to raise and discuss other issues not covered under the former agenda items.</p>
	<p>11.0 Closure of the meeting</p>		