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(as at 24 June 2014)

(Prepared by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat)

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Tuesday 1 July 2014

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/ Expected Outcomes
0800-0900	Registration		
0900-1030	Plenary session		
	1. Opening of the Meeting The Chair will open the Meeting followed by a welcoming address by the Executive Secretary.		
	2. Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule The meeting will be invited to review the provisional and annotated agendas (incl. schedule) and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. Scientific Councillors and observers will be invited to add additional topics, if any, to be discussed at the meeting.	ScC18/Doc.2.1 S2C18/Doc.2.2	Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Meeting Schedule, or any revised version of them, as agreed by the meeting.
	3. Strategic Plan 3.1 <u>Strategic Plan for MS 2015-2023</u> The Chair of the Strategic Plan Working Group (SPWG) or the Secretariat will introduce the document. Comments already received from ScC members before the meeting will have been compiled. The meeting will have the opportunity to provide additional comments on the draft, particularly on aspects of the underpinning science.	ScC18/Doc.3.1 ScC18/Doc.3.1/Add	Comments provided by the Council will be considered in the preparation of the final draft of the Strategic Plan to be submitted to COP11.

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	<p>3.2 <u>Strategic Plan Indicators</u></p> <p>The consultant who drafted the document will introduce it. Comments already received from ScC members before the meeting will have been compiled. The meeting will have the opportunity to provide additional comments on the draft. The possibility of having some discussion within the taxonomic working groups will be evaluated.</p>	<p>ScC18/Inf.3.2 ScC18/Inf.3.2/Add</p>	<p>Input from the Scientific Council is sought to verify the appropriateness of the indicators proposed, in terms of their feasibility and their suitability for underpinning the goals and targets in the Strategic Plan, as well as their consistency/compatibility with existing indicator processes.</p>
1030-1100	Coffee/ Tea break		
1100-1230	Plenary session		
	<p>4.3 <u>Global Gap Analysis</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will present document ScC18/Doc.4.3. The meeting will be invited to take note of progress and advice on the possible further development of this activity, including through the possible establishment of a working group to provide input and guidance.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.4.3</p>	<p>Advice on the type of input that could be provided by the Scientific Council to the further development of the analysis, and the feasibility of a continuation of the activity in the absence of financial resources to support it. Decision on the establishment of a steering group.</p>
	<p>5.1 <u>Central Asian Mammal Initiative</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will present the documents related to this agenda item, including a progress report on the implementation of the Concerted and Cooperative Action, the concept of the <i>Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI)</i>, a draft Resolution, an Assessment of gaps and needs in migratory mammals conservation in Central Asia, elements of a draft Programme of Work for the Conservation of Large Mammal Migrations in Central Asia, and a draft International Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Argali. The meeting will be invited to take note of progress and make general comments, as appropriate. A more detailed discussion, notably a review of the draft Resolution and the draft Argali Action Plan, is expected to take place within the meeting of the taxonomic working group for terrestrial mammals.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.5.1 ScC18/Doc.5.1.1 ScC18/Inf.5.1.1 ScC18/Doc.5.1.3</p>	<p>Endorsement of draft resolution and draft Argali Action Plan for transmission to COP11.</p>

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	<p>6.1 <u>Concerted and Cooperative Actions</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce document ScC18/Doc.6.1, including a draft Resolution. The consultant who drafted the report included in document ScC18/Doc.6.1.1 will present it. The meeting will be invited to take note of progress made in the implementation of recommendations of Resolution 10.23, to review the draft report included in document ScC18/Doc.6.1.1 and provide comments and guidance towards its further development and finalization, with a view to its submission to COP11 for consideration. The meeting will also be invited to review the draft resolution on Concerted and Cooperative Actions and provide guidance to the Secretariat on the implementation of those recommendations included in Annex 3 to Resolution 10.23, not yet or only partly implemented.</p> <p>Other actions under this agenda item are expected to be fulfilled within the meetings of the taxonomic working groups.</p>	ScC18/Doc.6.1 ScC18/Doc.6.1.1	<p>Guidance to the Secretariat and the consultant towards the further development and finalization of the report included in document ScC18/Doc.6.1.1, and on the implementation of those recommendations included in Annex 3 to Resolution 10.23, not yet or only partly implemented.</p> <p>Draft resolution (including input from taxonomic working groups) endorsed for submission to COP11.</p>
1230-1500	Lunch		
1500-1630	Plenary session		
1500-1630	<p>7.1 <u>Criteria for the listing of species on Appendices I and II</u></p> <p>Mr. Barry Baker, COP-appointed Councillor for By-catch, will present document ScC18/Doc.7.1. The meeting will be invited to review the paper and provide comments and guidance towards its further development and finalization, with a view to its submission to COP11 for consideration.</p>	ScC18/Doc.7.1	Guidance towards the further development and finalization of the paper included in document ScC18/Doc.7.1.
	<p>8. Conservation status of species included in CMS Appendices</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item. The meeting will be invited to consider steps towards the development of a periodic report to COP on the conservation status of species included in CMS Appendices.</p>		Agreement on steps towards the development of a periodic report to COP on the conservation status of species included in CMS Appendices.

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	<p>9.1 <u>Taxonomy and Nomenclature of bird species</u></p> <p>The Secretariat and Mr. Leon Bennun, COP-appointed Councillor for birds, will introduce the documents related to this agenda item. The meeting will be invited to provide possible general comments. A detailed discussion on the item, and notably on the options considered in document ScC18/Doc.9.1.1 for a standard nomenclatural reference for birds (other than albatrosses and petrels) listed on the CMS Appendices, is expected to take place within the meeting of the taxonomic working group for birds.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc. 9.1 ScC18/Doc.9.1.1</p>	<p>Advice on the options considered in document ScC18/Doc.9.1.1 for a standard nomenclatural reference for birds (other than albatrosses and petrels) listed on the CMS Appendices, and endorsement where appropriate of the draft resolution for transmission to COP11.</p>
16.30-17.00	Coffee/ Tea break		
1700-1830	Plenary session		
	<p>10.3 <u>Ecological Networks</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will report on progress in the implementation of Resolution 10.3, and introduce a draft Resolution on advancing ecological networks to address the needs of migratory species. The meeting will be invited to take note of progress.</p> <p>The consultant who drafted the report included in document ScC18/Doc.10.3.1 will present it. The Meeting will be invited to consider the draft strategic review, and provide guidance towards its further development and finalization as appropriate.</p> <p>The representative of the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI) will present the preliminary results of a review of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) and marine migratory species. The meeting will be invited to note the preliminary results of the review and provide methodological and other guidance, as appropriate, in relation to advancing the study.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.3/Rev.1 ScC18/Inf.10.3.1 ScC18/Inf.10.3.3 ScC18/Inf.10.3.4 ScC18/Doc.10.3.1 ScC18/Inf.10.3.2</p>	<p>Guidance towards the further development and finalization as appropriate of the draft strategic review. Advice as appropriate towards advancing the review of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) and marine migratory species. Endorsement of draft resolution for its transmission to COP11.</p>

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	<p>10.4 <u>Marine Debris</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will present the main recommendations of three reviews on marine debris, and a draft resolution on management of marine debris.</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the draft resolution and endorse it for submission by the Scientific Council to COP11; and • Take note of the key findings of the reviews and decide whether to submit them to COP11. 	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.4 ScC18/Inf.10.4.1 ScC18/Inf.10.4.2 ScC18/Inf.10.4.3</p>	<p>Draft resolution reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.</p> <p>Decision on the submission of reviews to COP11.</p>
	<p>10.5 <u>Guidance on development of national guidelines for boat-based wildlife watching</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item. The meeting will be invited to provide possible general comments on the draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism. A more detailed review of the draft Resolution is expected to take place within the meetings of the taxonomic working groups for aquatic mammals, birds, fish and turtles.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.5</p>	<p>Endorsement of draft resolution for submission to COP11.</p>
	<p>10.11 <u>Invasive Alien Species and Migratory Species</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce this agenda item, including a review of the impact of invasive alien species on species under CMS and a draft resolution on further CMS activities related to invasive alien species. The meeting will be invited to: endorse the review report for submission to COP11; review the draft resolution and endorse it for submission to COP11; consider the option of establishing an intersessional working group on IAS under the Scientific Council.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.11 ScC18/Doc.10.11.1 ScC18/Inf.10.11.1</p>	<p>Review report and draft resolution endorsed for submission to COP11. Decision on the possible establishment of an intersessional working group on IAS made.</p>

Wednesday 2 July 2014

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0900-1000	Plenary session		
	7.2 <u>Proposals for amendment to CMS Appendices</u> The Secretariat will provide a general introduction to this item. Individual proposals for the amendment of CMS Appendices submitted to COP11 will be reviewed by the appropriate Taxonomic Working Group.	ScC18/Doc.7.2	Process of review of proposals for the amendment to CMS Appendices clarified.
	10.1 <u>Climate Change</u> The Secretariat and Prof. Colin Galbraith, COP-appointed Councillor for Climate Change, will report on progress in the development of a Programme of Work on Climate Change and Migratory Species. A draft resolution will also be introduced. The meeting will be invited to provide possible general comments on the draft resolution and Programme of Work. A more detailed review of the draft resolution and Programme of work is expected to take place within the meeting of the thematic working group on climate change.	ScC18/Doc.10.1 ScC18/Inf.10.1.1	Draft resolution and programme of work endorsed for submission to COP11.
	Organization of Working Groups The Secretariat will provide guidance on the agendas and logistics of the taxonomic and thematic working groups.	ScC18/Doc.2.2	
1000-1030	Coffee/ Tea break		
1030-1300	Taxonomic Working Groups		
	Working Group on Aquatic Mammals		
	3.2 <u>Strategic Plan Indicators</u> The Working Group will be requested to consider possible indicators related to aquatic mammals to be associated with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.	ScC18/Inf.3.2	Consideration of this item in plenary on the first day will determine whether this item will be considered also by Taxonomic working Groups.

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	<p>6.1 <u>Concerted and Cooperative Actions</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning aquatic mammals during the period 2012-2014, and produce syntheses for COP11 consideration; • Identify, for each species of aquatic mammal designated for concerted or cooperative actions, a member of the Council or a designated alternative expert to act as focal point for the species, to be responsible for providing a concise written report to each meeting of the Council on progress in the implementation of actions for the species or taxonomic group concerned; • Consider which species, among those designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the triennium 2012-2014 (annexes 1 and 2 to Resolution 10.23), should be retained on the lists for concerted and cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017, taking into account recommendations (i) and (ii) to the Scientific Council included in Annex 3 to Resolution 10.23; and • Consider whether recommending any new species for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017. 	<p>ScC18/Doc.6.1 ScC18/Inf.6.1.1 ScC18/Inf.6.1.2</p>	<p>Progress in the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning birds during the period 2012-2014 reviewed and synthesized, and focal point councillor or alternative expert identified for each species.</p> <p>Input provided concerning birds to the list of species to be designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017 (annexes 1 and 2 to draft resolution).</p>
	<p>7.2 <u>Proposals for amendment to CMS Appendices</u></p> <p>In relation to the proposals for amendment of CMS appendices concerning aquatic mammals, the Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices; • Formulate advice to COP11 as regards the approval or rejection of the proposals; and • Provide advice to the Parties on the scientific merit of proposals with a view to their consideration by COP11, as appropriate. 	<p>ScC18/Doc.7.2.1 ScC18/Doc.7.2.11</p>	<p>Recommendations to COP11 and Parties concerning the relevant proposals.</p>
	<p>10.5 <u>Guidance on development of national guidelines for boat-based wildlife watching</u></p> <p>The working Group is expected to review the draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism and suggest any revision as appropriate.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.5</p>	<p>Input to draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism, in particular as regards aquatic mammals.</p>

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	<p>10.14 <u>Conservation implications of cetacean culture</u></p> <p>The Working Group will be presented with the outcomes of the Scientific Council workshop on the conservation implications of cetacean culture. The Working Group is expected to provide its advice to the Scientific Council as regards the endorsement of the workshop recommendations and whether, based on these recommendations, a draft resolution should be developed by the Scientific Council for submission to COP11.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.14 ScC18/Inf.10.14</p>	<p>Advice to the Scientific Council on the possible development of a draft resolution on the conservation implications of cetacean culture to be submitted to COP11.</p>
	<p>14. <u>Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Council for the period 2015-2017 and nominations for the Appointed Councillors for Aquatic Mammals and Birds</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to review candidatures received by Secretariat for the position of Conference-appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals, and formulate recommendations to be forwarded to COP11 in support of its decision on the appointment.</p>	<p>ScC18/Inf.14</p>	<p>Recommendations to COP11 on the candidatures received.</p>
	<p>16. <u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Any other matters of relevance to the Working Group not covered under other agenda items can be raised under this item.</p>		
Working Group on Birds			
	<p>3.2 <u>Strategic Plan Indicators</u></p> <p>The Working Group will be requested to consider possible indicators related to birds to be associated with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.</p>	<p>ScC18/Inf.3.2</p>	<p>Consideration of this item in plenary on the first day will determine whether this item will be considered also by Taxonomic working Groups.</p>
	<p>6.1 <u>Concerted and Cooperative Actions</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning birds during the period 2012-2014, and produce syntheses for COP11 consideration; 	<p>ScC18/Doc.6.1</p>	<p>Progress in the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning birds during the period 2012-2014 reviewed and</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, for each species of bird designated for concerted or cooperative actions, a member of the Council or a designated alternative expert to act as focal point for the species, to be responsible for providing a concise written report to each meeting of the Council on progress in the implementation of actions for the species or taxonomic group concerned; Consider which species of birds, among those designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the triennium 2012-2014 (annexes 1 and 2 to Resolution 10.23), should be retained on the lists for concerted and cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017, taking into account recommendations (i) and (ii) to the Scientific Council included in Annex 3 to Resolution 10.23; and Consider whether recommending any new species for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017. 		<p>synthesized, and focal point councillor or alternative expert identified for each species.</p> <p>Input provided concerning aquatic mammals to the list of species to be designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017 (annexes 1 and 2 to draft resolution).</p>
	<p><u>7.2 Proposals for amendment to CMS Appendices</u></p> <p>In relation to the proposals for amendment of CMS appendices concerning birds, the Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices; Formulate advice to COP11 as regards the approval or rejection of the proposals; and Provide advice to the Parties on the scientific merit of proposals with a view to their consideration by COP11, as appropriate. 	<p>ScC18/Doc.7.2.4 ScC18/Doc.7.2.5 ScC18/Doc.7.2.6 ScC18/Doc.7.2.7 ScC18/Doc.7.2.13</p>	<p>Recommendations to COP11 and Parties concerning the relevant proposals.</p>
	<p><u>9.1 Taxonomy and Nomenclature of bird species</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to review the documents associated to this item, and notably to consider the options contemplated in document ScC18/Doc.9.1.1 for a standard nomenclatural reference for birds (other than albatrosses and petrels) listed on the CMS Appendices.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc. 9.1 ScC18/Doc.9.1.1 ScC18/Inf.9.1</p>	<p>Recommendations to COP11 on a standard nomenclatural reference for birds (other than albatrosses and petrels).</p>
	<p><u>10.5 Guidance on development of national guidelines for boat-based wildlife watching</u></p> <p>The working Group is expected to review the draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism and suggest any revision as appropriate.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.5</p>	<p>Input to draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism, in particular as regards birds.</p>

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	<p>10.7 <u>Conservation of African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds</u></p> <p>The Working Group will consider progress in the development of an Action Plan for the conservation of African-Eurasian migratory landbirds and their habitats.</p> <p>The working Group is in particular expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the draft African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan, and make recommendations as regards its submission to COP11; • review the draft resolution on the Action Plan and make recommendations as regards its submission to COP11; and • provide advice on scientific and technical issues pertaining to the conservation of African Eurasian Migratory Land birds and recommend priority research to fill existing gaps. 	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.7 ScC18/Doc.10.7.1</p>	<p>Draft African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan and draft resolution reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.</p> <p>Advice and recommendation on scientific and technical issues and priority research.</p>
	<p>10.8 <u>Saker Falcon Global Action Plan (SakerGAP)</u></p> <p>The Working Group will consider progress in the implementation of Resolution 10.28 on the Saker Falcon <i>Falco cherrug</i>.</p> <p>It is expected in particular to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the draft resolution on the Saker Falcon global Action Plan; • consider recommending to COP11 that the Saker Falcon be retained within the CMS Concerted Action process to enable initial implementation of the 10-year SakerGAP to begin. 	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.8 ScC18/Inf.10.8</p>	<p>Draft resolution on the Saker Falcon global Action Plan reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.</p> <p>Recommendation as regards retaining the Saker Falcon within the CMS Concerted Action process.</p>
	<p>10.9 <u>Bird Poisoning</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to review documents prepared by the Scientific Council Working Group on Minimizing the Risk of Poisoning to Migratory Birds, including a draft resolution and guidelines, and make recommendations concerning their submission to COP11.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.9 ScC18/Doc.10.9.1 ScC18/Doc.10.9.2 ScC18/Inf.10.9.1 ScC18/Inf.10.9.2</p>	<p>Draft resolution and guidelines reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.</p>
	<p>10.10 <u>Flyways Programme of Work</u></p> <p>The chair of the Working Group on Flyways will report on the outcomes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 30 June 2014.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.10</p>	<p>Draft Resolution and Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways, and</p>

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	The Working Group is expected to review the draft Resolution and Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways, and the Flyways of the Americas Framework		Flyways of the Americas Framework reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.
	<p>10.12 <u>Illegal Trapping and Hunting of Migratory Birds</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the draft Resolution on the Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds and make recommendations as regards its submission to COP11; and Provide guidance on scientific and technical issues related to the illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds, and recommend priority research to address gaps in existing knowledge. 	ScC18/Doc.10.12 ScC18/Inf.10.12	<p>Draft resolution reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.</p> <p>Advice and recommendation on scientific and technical issues and priority research.</p>
	<p>14. <u>Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Council for the period 2015-2017 and nominations for the Appointed Councillors for Aquatic Mammals and Birds</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to review candidatures received by Secretariat for the position of Conference-appointed Councillor for Birds, and formulate recommendations to be forwarded to COP11 in support of its decision on the appointment.</p>	ScC18/Inf.14	Recommendations to COP11 on the candidatures received.
	<p>16. <u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Any other matters of relevance to the Working Group not covered under other agenda items can be raised under this item.</p>		
Working Group on Fish			
	<p>3.2 <u>Strategic Plan Indicators</u></p> <p>The Working Group will be requested to consider possible indicators related to fish to be associated with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.</p>	ScC18/Inf.3.2	Consideration of this item in plenary on the first day will determine whether this item will be considered also by Taxonomic working Groups.

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	<p>6.1 <u>Concerted and Cooperative Actions</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning fish during the period 2012-2014, and produce syntheses for COP11 consideration; • Identify, for each species of fish designated for concerted or cooperative actions, a member of the Council or a designated alternative expert to act as focal point for the species, to be responsible for providing a concise written report to each meeting of the Council on progress in the implementation of actions for the species or taxonomic group concerned; • Consider which species of fish, among those designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the triennium 2012-2014 (annexes 1 and 2 to Resolution 10.23), should be retained on the lists for concerted and cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017, taking into account recommendations (i) and (ii) to the Scientific Council included in Annex 3 to Resolution 10.23; and • Consider whether recommending any new species for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017. 	ScC18/Doc.6.1	<p>Progress in the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning fish during the period 2012-2014 reviewed and synthesized, and focal point councillor or alternative expert identified for each species.</p> <p>Input provided concerning fish to the list of species to be designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017 (annexes 1 and 2 to draft resolution).</p>
	<p>7.2 <u>Proposals for amendment to CMS Appendices</u></p> <p>In relation to the proposals for amendment of CMS appendices concerning fish.</p> <p>The Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices; • Formulate advice to COP11 as regards the approval or rejection of the proposals; • Provide advice to the Parties on the scientific merit of proposals with a view to their consideration by COP11, as appropriate. 	<p>ScC18/Doc.7.2.8 ScC18/Doc.7.2.9 ScC18/Doc.7.2.10 ScC18/Doc.7.2.14 ScC18/Doc.7.2.15 ScC18/Doc.7.2.16 ScC18/Doc.7.2.17 ScC18/Doc.7.2.18</p>	<p>Recommendations to COP11 and Parties concerning the relevant proposals.</p>
	<p>10.5 <u>Guidance on development of national guidelines for boat-based wildlife watching</u></p> <p>The working Group is expected to review the draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism and suggest any revision as appropriate.</p>	ScC18/Doc.10.5	<p>Input to draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism, in particular as regards fish.</p>

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	<p>10.6 <u>Conservation of Migratory Sharks and Rays</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to review the draft Resolution on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks and make recommendations as regards its submission to COP11.</p> <p>The Working Group will also consider a report of the development of a rapid management-risk assessment method for fish species through its application to sharks, and make any comments as appropriate.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.6 ScC18/Inf.10.6.1</p>	<p>Draft resolution reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.</p> <p>Possible comments on rapid management-risk assessment method for fish species.</p>
	<p>16. <u>Any other business</u></p> <p>Any other matters of relevance to the Working Group not covered under other agenda items can be raised under this item.</p>		
Working Group on Marine Turtles			
	<p>3.2 <u>Strategic Plan Indicators</u></p> <p>The Working Group will be requested to consider possible indicators related to marine turtles to be associated with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.</p>	<p>ScC18/Inf.3.2</p>	<p>Consideration of this item in plenary on the first day will determine whether this item will be considered also by Taxonomic working Groups.</p>
	<p>6.1 <u>Concerted and Cooperative Actions</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning turtles during the period 2012-2014, and produce syntheses for COP11 consideration; • Identify, for each species of turtle designated for concerted or cooperative actions, a member of the Council or a designated alternative expert to act as focal point for the species, to be responsible for providing a concise written report to each meeting of the Council on progress in the implementation of actions for the species or taxonomic group concerned; • Consider which species of turtles, among those designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the triennium 2012-2014 (annexes 1 and 2 to Resolution 10.23), should be retained on the lists 	<p>ScC18/Doc.6.1</p>	<p>Progress in the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning turtles during the period 2012-2014 reviewed and synthesized, and focal point councillor or alternative expert identified for each species.</p> <p>Input provided concerning turtles to the list of species to be designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017 (annexes 1 and 2 to draft resolution).</p>

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	for concerted and cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017, taking into account recommendations (i) and (ii) to the Scientific Council included in Annex 3 to Resolution 10.23; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider whether recommending any new species for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017. 		
	10.5 <u>Guidance on development of national guidelines for boat-based wildlife watching</u> The Working Group is expected to review the draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism and suggest any revision as appropriate.	ScC18/Doc.10.5	Input to draft resolution on sustainable boat-based wildlife watching tourism, in particular as regards turtles.
	10.13 <u>Single Species Action Plan for the Pacific Loggerhead Turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>)</u> The Working Group is expected to review the draft Single Species Action Plan for the Conservation of the Loggerhead Turtle in the South Pacific Ocean, and make recommendations as regards its submission to COP11.	ScC18/Doc.10.13	Draft Action Plan reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.
	16. <u>Any other business</u> Any other matters of relevance to the Working Group not covered under other agenda items can be raised under this item.		
Working Group on Terrestrial Mammals			
	3.2 <u>Strategic Plan Indicators</u> The Working Group will be requested to consider possible indicators related to terrestrial mammals to be associated with the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species.	ScC18/Inf.3.2	Consideration of this item in plenary on the first day will determine whether this item will be considered also by Taxonomic working Groups.
	5.1 <u>Central Asian Mammal Initiative</u> The working Group is expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> review the draft Resolution on the Central Asian Mammal Initiative and the draft Argali Action Plan, and make recommendations as regards its submission to COP11; and 	ScC18/Doc.5.1 ScC18/Doc.5.1.1 ScC18/Inf.5.1.1 ScC18/Doc.5.1.3	Draft resolution and Action Plan reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide guidance on the concept of the Central Asian Mammals Initiative. 		
	<p>6.1 <u>Concerted and Cooperative Actions</u></p> <p>The Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning terrestrial mammals during the period 2012-2014, and produce syntheses for COP11 consideration; Identify, for each species of terrestrial mammals designated for concerted or cooperative actions, a member of the Council or a designated alternative expert to act as focal point for the species, to be responsible for providing a concise written report to each meeting of the Council on progress in the implementation of actions for the species or taxonomic group concerned; Consider which species of terrestrial mammals, among those designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the triennium 2012-2014 (annexes 1 and 2 to Resolution 10.23), should be retained on the lists for concerted and cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017, taking into account recommendations (i) and (ii) to the Scientific Council included in Annex 3 to Resolution 10.23; and Consider whether recommending any new species of terrestrial mammals for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017. 	ScC18/Doc.6.1	<p>Progress in the implementation of concerted and cooperative actions concerning terrestrial mammals during the period 2012-2014 reviewed and synthesized, and focal point councillor or alternative expert identified for each species.</p> <p>Input provided concerning terrestrial mammals to the list of species to be designated for concerted or cooperative actions for the period 2015-2017 (annexes 1 and 2 to draft resolution).</p>
	<p>7.2 <u>Proposals for amendment to CMS Appendices</u></p> <p>In relation to the proposals for amendment of CMS appendices concerning terrestrial mammals, the Working Group is expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the proposals for amendments to the Appendices; Formulate advice to COP11 as regards the approval or rejection of the proposals; and Provide advice to the Parties on the scientific merit of proposals with a view to their consideration by COP11, as appropriate. 	ScC18/Doc.7.2.2 ScC18/Doc.7.2.3 ScC18/Doc.7.2.12	Recommendations to COP11 and Parties concerning the relevant proposals.
	<p>13. <u>Progress on other matters requiring Scientific Council advice</u></p> <p>Any other matters of relevance to the Working Group not covered under other agenda items can be raised under this item.</p>		

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1300-1400	Lunch		
1400-1630	Taxonomic Working Groups (continued)		
1630-1700	Coffee/ Tea break		
1700-1830	Thematic Working Groups		
	Working Group on Climate Change		
	10.1 <u>Climate Change</u> The working Group is expected to review the draft resolution and Programme of Work on climate change, and make recommendations as regards their submission to COP11.	ScC18/Doc.10.1 ScC18/Inf.10.1.1	Draft resolution and Programme of Work reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.
	16. <u>Any other business</u> Any other matters of relevance to the Working Group not covered under agenda item 10.1 can be raised under this item.		
	Working Group on By-catch		
	10.15 <u>By-catch</u> The working Group is expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive the report of the Conference-appointed Councillor for By-Catch on his activities and comment as appropriate; • Review an assessment report of bycatch in gill net fisheries; • Consider the outcomes of a technical brainstorming workshop to identify new operational or technical measures for reducing the risk to seabirds from gill and trawl nets; and • Consider elements of the programme of work of the working Group for the period 2015-2017. 	ScC18/Inf.10.15.1 ScC18/Inf.10.15.2	Report on by-catch activities. Considerations on the implications of the assessment report and technical brainstorming workshop. Elements of the programme of work of the working Group for the period 2015-2017.
	16. <u>Any other business</u> Any other matters of relevance to the Working Group not covered under agenda item 10.15 can be raised under this item.		

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0900-1030	Plenary session		
	<p>4.4 <u>Restructuring of the Scientific Council and revision of its modus operandi</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce the document ScC18/Doc.4.4. The Scientific Council will be invited to provide comment as appropriate.</p> <p>The chair of the Scientific Council will introduce document ScC18/Doc.4.4.1. The ScC will be invited to provide comment as appropriate.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.4.4</p> <p>ScC18/Doc.4.4.1</p>	<p>Comments on the document on options for a new structure of the Scientific Council.</p> <p>Comments towards the establishment of subject-based Working Groups, confirmation of subjects for which working groups should be established, identification of their membership and development of Terms of Reference.</p>
1030-1100	Coffee/ Tea break		
1100-1230	Plenary session		
	<p>10.2 <u>Renewable Energy Technologies Deployment and Migratory Species</u></p> <p>The Secretariat will report on progress on a joint initiative between the Secretariats of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), on behalf of the entire CMS Family; the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and Birdlife International on renewable energy technology deployment and migratory species, and a draft resolution on the subject.</p> <p>The consultant in charge with the study will present the main outcomes of a review report of interactions between renewable energy technology deployments and migratory species, and a draft report on guidelines to minimize negative interactions.</p> <p>The meeting will be invited to take note of progress in the implementation of the initiative; consider the draft guidelines document and provide guidance towards its further development and finalization; and review the draft resolution.</p>	<p>ScC18/Doc.10.2</p> <p>ScC18/Doc.10.2.2</p> <p>ScC18/Inf.10.2.1</p>	<p>Draft resolution reviewed and recommended for submission to COP11.</p> <p>Guidance towards the further development and finalization of the guidelines document.</p>

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	<p>4.1 <u>Synergies with IPBES</u></p> <p>The Secretariat and the Chair of the ScC will report on developments concerning the participation of CMS, and the ScC in particular, in the IPBES process. The ScC will have the possibility to comment on the report.</p>	ScC18/Doc.4.1	The ScC is expected to take note of the report, and comment as appropriate.
	<p>11. Synergies and Partnerships</p> <p>Under this item reports and perspectives concerning synergies and partnerships of relevance to the Scientific Council can be expressed.</p>		
	<p>12. Online Information tools</p> <p>The Secretariat will provide an introduction to some online CMS information tools, with focus on those elements of greater relevance to the work of the Scientific Council. The meeting will be invited to take note and provide comments as appropriate.</p>		Participants informed on information tools.
1230-1500	Lunch		
1500-1630	Plenary session		
	<p><u>Reports from Working groups</u></p> <p>The Chairpersons of the taxonomic and thematic working groups, as well as of any possible ad-hoc working group established during the meeting, will introduce the reports and main outcomes of their respective meetings, and in particular will highlight the results on the discussion on the relevant resolutions and whether these can be submitted to COP. The meeting will discuss and endorse the recommendations of the working groups, as appropriate.</p>		Reports of Working Groups, as agreed by the meeting, will be annexed to the report of the meeting.
1630-1700	Coffee/ Tea break		

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1700-1830	Plenary session		
	Reports from Working groups (continued)		
	<p>14. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Council for the period 2015-2017 and nominations for the Appointed Councillors for Aquatic Mammals and Birds</p> <p>According to the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council, the members of the Council shall elect from among the Party-appointed councillors a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>The Meeting will decide on the transmission to COP11 of the recommendations from the taxonomic working groups on aquatic mammals and birds concerning candidates for the positions of Conference appointed councillors.</p>	ScC18/Inf.14.1	<p>Chair and Vice-chair elected.</p> <p>Recommendations to COP11 on the candidatures received.</p>
	<p>15. Time and venue of the 19th Meeting of the Scientific Council (ScC19)</p> <p>Options for the convening of the 19th Meeting of the Scientific Council will be discussed.</p>		Options discussed
	<p>16. Any other business</p> <p>Scientific councillors and observers will have the possibility to introduce any other issue not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.</p>		
	<p>17. Closure of the Meeting</p> <p>The Executive Secretary and the Chairman will make closing remarks. The Chairman will officially close the Meeting not later than 1830 hrs. on Thursday 3 July 2014.</p>		