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**RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

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Summary:

The present document describes the state of resources mobilized, as at December 2019, since the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12, Manila 2017).

These resources (both financial and in-kind) have contributed to the implementation of the Programme of Work 2018-2020 (UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.19).

The document also indicates efforts being made to continue raise support for the implementation of the Convention and funding needs for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14.

This revised version provides an update of the generous funding that the Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) has provided on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to the operation of the CMS Office – Abu Dhabi and coordination of the Dugong and Raptors MOUs.

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

### Background

1. The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12, Manila, 2017), adopted a Budget and a Programme of Work (POW) for 2018-2020 through [Resolution 12.2 Financial and Administrative Matters](#). The triennial budget provides for staff, operational costs and meetings of governing bodies while the POW covers programmatic activities, which rely entirely on voluntary funding. The POW details a list of activities to be carried out by the Secretariat including the development of core products, e.g. the analysis of national reports, and the coordination of a number of its daughter agreements, which have neither a core budget nor dedicated staff. The Secretariat undertook to raise considerable resources, which contributed to the implementation of the POW, although in part. This document should therefore be read in conjunction with UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.19 *Implementation of the POW 2018-2020*.
2. The recent UN global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, released earlier this year by IPBES, concluded that without increased action, over 1 million species, including migratory animals, could face extinction in our lifetimes. This dire situation is also the result of the continuing lack of adequate resources to implement conservation measures effectively. The assessment calls for stepping up actions to address threats to migratory species and biodiversity more broadly. COP13 will be an important opportunity to advance collective efforts to meet this challenge also by providing adequate resources as part of the Budget for 2021-2023 and to contribute to the Programme of Work for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14, which are contained in document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.14.2.

### Resource mobilized since COP12

3. The POW 2018-2020 was sent to all CMS Parties in December 2017 through [Notification 2017/022](#) and again in March 2019 through [Notification 2019/003](#) together with a call for voluntary contributions. These general appeals were coupled with tailored requests to individual Parties. The Secretariat received resources in 2018 and 2019 which enabled the implementation of a number of priority actions although many activities were left unfunded. Further details are provided in document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.19 *Implementation of the POW 2018-2020*. The following paragraphs provide an overview of the financial and in-kind contributions obtained since COP12 as well as their sources.

### **Funds received**

4. The total of voluntary contributions received or pledged in 2018 and 2019 to implement the Convention and some of its instruments amounts to almost €4.9 million (including 13 per cent UN Environment's Programme Support Cost (PSC)). More than half of these resources is allocated to activities whose implementation will continue in 2020 or beyond.
5. These resources were provided by the Governments of Australia, Finland, Germany, India, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland and the European Commission. Further details are provided in document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.19 *Implementation of the POW 2018-2020*.

6. A significant portion (€2.7 million) of these resources is provided by the EU-funded project *Cross-Regional Wildlife Conservation in Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean*. The project implements the 11<sup>th</sup> EDF Regional Indicative Programme and aligns to both the relevant regional policies and the EU's "Larger than Elephants Approach to Wildlife Conservation in Africa" and the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking. In partnership with the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* (CITES) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), CMS is the lead implementing agency, responsible for the establishment of Transfrontier Conservation Areas in the regions.
7. Another portion (€ 294,805) of the total was obtained as part of the BirdLife project "*Alcyon Programme: Minimising bycatch of seabirds and sea turtles in West African industrial fisheries*". As one of the implementing partners, CMS will mainly contribute to promoting legislative frameworks, tools and best practices in countries of the region.
8. The contributions also include the provision of a Junior Programme Officer (JPO) generously offered by the Government of Germany to assist with the implementation of CMS in Africa focusing on the conservation of carnivores, wild ass and gorillas as well as of bird species, especially landbirds for two years from January 2020.
9. In late 2019 CMS and Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) celebrated the tenth anniversary of their partnership establishing CMS Office – Abu Dhabi and the hosting of the CMS Dugong and Raptors MOUs in the United Arab Emirates. By the end of December 2019 EAD had invested US\$ 13.8 million for the period 2009-2019 towards the operation of the Office which coordinates the two MOUs and also represents CMS in the West Asian region. This very generous grant was provided by EAD on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates. It enabled the Office to leverage a further US\$ 35 million in cash and in-kind contributions over the same ten-year period. Since inception the Office has been hosted by EAD at its headquarters. In 2019, EAD secured and fit-out new premises which the Office is expected to occupy in 2020. By the end of 2019, CMS and EAD had also agreed in principle to extend the partnership at least until the end of 2023. In 2019, a further €20,000 was provided by the Government of Switzerland as a voluntary contribution towards activities of the Raptors MOU. In addition, the Dugong Secretariat received a large-scale grant of €4.78 million from the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Government in support of 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 Dugongs and Green Turtles in five countries (Malaysia, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu).
10. In addition to the total amount indicated above, further resources were raised by the MOUs for Sharks and Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA). The contributions obtained in 2018-2019 in support of the Sharks MOU budget and its POW amount to US\$783,403 and those received by the IOSEA MOU amount to US\$343,289.

#### **Indirect financial contributions and in-kind contributions**

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

### *Activities and services*

12. 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 Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) offered interpretation services for the following meetings, which took place in Bonn:
  - Third and Forth Meetings of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council, on 29 May- 2 June 2018 and 12-15 November 2019;
  - 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Standing Committee, 23-24 October 2018 and 19 November 2019;
  - Regional preparatory Meetings for COP13, 20-22 November 2019.To mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention, BMU hosted a reception in Berlin at the invitation of the Minister, Ms Schulze, which was attended by diplomatic representatives from dozens of countries as well as another celebration in the margins of the Standing Committee meeting in 2019. Another anniversary reception was held on 19 June and hosted by the City of Bonn in its Old Town Hall.
13. BMU sponsored a workshop in support of the Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI) at the International Academy for Nature Conservation (BfN INA) on the Isle of Vilm, Germany on 16 – 19 April 2018 with the aim of reviewing the implementation of the initiative and setting the priorities until 2020. A Joint CMS-CITES Technical Workshop under the Memorandum of Understanding on the Saiga Antelope was hosted in the same venue on 1-4 April 2019.
14. The Ministry for Environment and Tourism of Mongolia generously hosted the Second Range State Meeting of the CMS Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI) on 25-28 September 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, as part of the Mongolian Wildlife Week. The meeting was jointly organized with the BfN INA as well as the Michael Succow Foundation with funding from BMU.
15. The Fourth Meeting of Signatories of the Middle-European Great Bustard MOU was convened on 12-15 March 2018 in cooperation with and with the support of the German Government and the Federal State of Brandenburg. The Society for the Protection of Great Bustard e.V. (Förderverein Großtrappenschutz) also contributed to the organization of the meeting with both financial and in-kind support.
16. The Appennino Tosco-Emiliano National Park fully funded and organized in cooperation with CMS and Fondazione Monteparma, the Workshop on the Conservation Implications of Animal Culture and Social Complexity, which took place on 12-14 April 2018 in Parma, Italy.
17. The Second and Third Range State Workshops on the European Eel, which were held in Malmo, Sweden on 15-16 May 2018 and 25-26 June 2019, was co-sponsored by the Sargasso Sea Commission and the CMS Secretariat, through funding provided by Monaco.
18. The Second Meeting of the Signatories to the MOU on the Conservation of Southern South American Migratory Grassland Birds and their Habitats and the First Meeting of the Americas Flyways Task Force took place back-to-back in Florianopolis on 24-27 July 2018 at the generous invitation of the Government of Brazil. Manomet Bird Observatory contributed financially to the organization of the meeting.

19. The CMS Secretariat and the European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE) jointly convened a workshop for Government Prosecutors on the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds (IKB) in the Mediterranean region on 9-11 May 2018 in Valsaín, Segovia, Spain. The workshop was hosted by the ENPE Life Project "Wildlife Crime" Working Group with support of the European Commission at the National Centre for Environmental Education (CENEAM). The Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) took place from 8 to 10 May 2019 at the Castel Porziano Presidential Reserve in Rome, thanks to the generous offer from the Italian Government.
20. The 8<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Signatories (MOS8) and of the Advisory Committee to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU) from 16 to 25 October 2019, were generously hosted by the Department of Fisheries (D-Fish), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) of the Government of Viet Nam.
21. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Signatories (MOS3) to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks (Sharks MOU) was held from 10 to 14 December 2018 in Monaco, at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco.
22. The Fourth Meeting of the Energy Task Force was hosted by the French Government and the association ORÉE on 19-20 September 2019 at the Natural History Museum in Paris.
23. A Giraffe Experts Meeting was generously hosted by the Government of Namibia, in Windhoek, from 9 to 11 July 2019 and developed a concerted action on the species, which has been submitted to COP13.
24. Partnerships with the NGO sector have also been critical in providing additional resources for CMS as well as in supporting common conservation objectives. Among these, BirdLife International generously supported the coordination of the CMS African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan.
25. Two benefit concerts given by the Bologna Opera Choir were organized as part of the celebrations of World Migratory Bird Day (13 October 2018 in Bologna and 13 May 2019 in Rome) and in support of efforts of the campaign to raise awareness on migratory bird species.
26. Within the CMS Family's co-located (Bonn) Secretariats, synergies and mutual support have been enhanced. For instance, a number of CMS staff members were deployed to the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to AEWA to assist the AEWA Secretariat in taking care of logistical aspects of the meeting.

#### *Personnel*

27. Through its internship programme, the Secretariat has benefitted from 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. During 2018 and 2019, numerous interns from various countries have assisted the Secretariat in the accomplishment of tasks or projects in the scientific/technical, administrative and information fields.

28. The Secretariat also benefitted from the expertise of Dr. Stephan Garnett, COP-appointed Councillor for Birds, who moved to Bonn as a visiting fellow for the period April-December 2018.

### **Support to conservation work on the ground**

29. The Secretariat supported several proposals by issuing letters of endorsement when CMS partners applied for funding opportunities where projects contributed to the implementation of the Convention and its instruments.

### Grant applications under consideration

30. In 2016, the CMS Secretariat contributed to a grant application submitted by the UN Environment Vienna Office to the IKI to enhance the adaptive capacity of Central Asian migratory flagship species (e.g. Argali Sheep, Snow Leopard, Saiga Antelope and Goitered Gazelle) and associated ecosystems to climate change. Final confirmation of the acceptance of the project is yet to be received. The budget allocated for CMS activities under the project amounts to €950,000.

### Funding needs

31. The Secretariat developed a Programme of Work for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14 (see document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.14.2/Annex 6) for the consideration of COP13, which reflects the gaps in implementation of the current POW. The POW includes estimates of the resources, human and financial, needed to implement activities for the period 2020-2023, and takes account of the allocations proposed in the three scenarios for the budget for 2021-2023, indicating the level of additional resources needed by the Secretariat to fully implement its future mandate. This document will provide the basis for resource mobilization efforts for the next four-year period.

### **Migratory Species Champion Programme**

32. The *Migratory Species Champion Programme*, which was launched at COP11 in 2014, is a strategic approach to address the loss of migratory species by generating sustainable support for the work of the Convention and its agreements. Since the launch of the programme, 12 *Champions* have been recognized by CMS for their generous support and commitment towards various initiatives. New *Champions* will be recognized at the *Champion Night*, which will take place in the evening of 16 February 2020 at COP13. There are a wide-range of issues to which new *Champions* could contribute. These include support for: the work of the CMS Energy Task Force, implementing concerted actions for the survival of African carnivores, furthering the conservation of African-Eurasian migratory landbirds and addressing the unsustainable harvest of species as aquatic wild meat.

33. In line with Notification 2019/024 *Champion Night of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species*, Parties and stakeholders were invited to consider making a pledge to support the implementation of the Convention, and to become a Champion. Such a pledge under the programme would receive recognition at the *Champion Night* in India. Further information on the *Champion Programme* can be found on the dedicated website at: [www.migratoryspecies.org/en/champion](http://www.migratoryspecies.org/en/champion).

#### Recommended Actions

34. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to take note of the document and make any comments, as appropriate.