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**Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the UN-Environment/CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean**

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**PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:  
OUTCOMES OF THE JOINT MEETING IN THE CMS AND BERN CONVENTION PROCESSES**

*(Prepared by the CMS and Bern Convention Secretariats)*

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## Introduction

1. The Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds (SFPs) and the UN-Environment/CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) have been combining efforts and collaborating closely the past years towards the efficient implementation of the activities identified within their separate frameworks.
2. In June 2017, the first Joint Meeting on IKB, organized by both Conventions, took place and the outcomes, discussed and decided jointly, were later presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to CMS, and at the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention.
3. The outcomes of the present meeting, the second Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of SFPs and the CMS MIKT, complying with the due process, will be presented at the respective decision-making bodies in their upcoming meetings in 2019 and 2020.
4. This document provides a clarificatory and interpretative guidance on the subsequent steps following the present Joint Meeting.

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5. In 2019, CMS will be preparing for the Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (CMS COP13), taking place from 17 to 22 February 2020 in India.
6. In the run-up to COP13, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council will be held from 12 to 15 November 2019, in Bonn, Germany.
7. The Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council will be informed of the outcomes of the Joint Meeting, and it might wish to provide guidance or comments.
8. The decisions adopted by the Joint Meeting regarding the strategic framework that will guide implementation of the initiative after the Tunis Action Plan (TAP) and the MIKT Programme of Work (POW) draw to a close in 2020, will also be reflected in the pertinent documents for CMS COP13.
9. [Resolution 11.16](#): The Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds, was first adopted in 2014 by CMS COP11. It was revised by COP12 ([Res. 11.16 \(Rev.COP12\)](#)), to include relevant developments, reflect amendments and new documents in the process and update the content to correctly depict the status quo of the initiative.
10. It is anticipated that the text of the Resolution will be further revised by COP13 to include a reference to the new strategic guiding document that it is expected to be agreed at this meeting. While the Resolution will include the reference to the document, including the timeline for the period covered, the document itself is expected to be adopted by the membership of the MIKT Task Force only and it is not required to be adopted at the COP level.
11. In addition to Resolutions, under CMS, Decisions are also adopted by the COP to support the implementation of the different conservation instruments and activities under the Convention. At CMS COP12, [Decisions 12.26, 12.27 and 12.28](#) on the Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) were addressed to Parties, the Secretariat, IGOs, NGOs and others in connection with the use of the Scoreboard to assess the progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds (the Scoreboard) and the implementation of the MIKT POW. New draft Decisions might be tabled for COP13 consideration depending on the outcomes of the present Joint Meeting. The

deadline for submission of proposed Resolutions (or amendments to existing Resolutions) and Decisions that include a scientific element is 150 days before COP, i.e. 19 September 2019 (cf. Rule 22.1).

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12. While for CMS the decision-making body is the Conference of the Parties, for the Bern Convention this role is fulfilled by the Bern Convention Standing Committee.
13. In 2013, Recommendation No 164 (2013) of the Bern Convention Standing Committee was adopted on the implementation of the Tunis Action Plan 2013-2020 for the eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds. The document adopted at this meeting, to cover the subsequent period, will be considered by the next meeting of the Standing Committee.
14. The Bern Convention Standing Committee will hold its 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting later this year, from 3 to 6 December in Strasbourg. At this meeting the decisions reached at the present Joint Meeting will be considered.
15. In particular, the adoption of the strategic document for the period 2020-2030 is expected through a Recommendation of the Standing Committee, inviting all parties to the Convention to implement it without delay and inform on progress made through the regular reporting on the IKB Scoreboard.
16. The Recommendation is expected to further instruct the Secretariat of the Bern Convention to closely cooperate with the Secretariat of the CMS and other relevant partners on the Strategy implementation.

Recommended actions:

17. 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 UN-Environment/CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean is recommended to take note of this document and make comments, as appropriate.