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CONTRIBUTION OF THE CMS SECRETARIAT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CMS STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2011 (December 2008 - October 2009)

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. This document complements document CMS/StC36/8 which gives an overview of the CMS Secretariat's achievements during 2009 under the four Strategic Plan objectives. This addendum aims to provide details of more than 90 specific activities undertaken, coordinated and/or supported by the CMS Secretariat.
2. The document covers activities initiated after the 9th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Rome, 1-5 December 2008) or which were already ongoing at the time of COP9.
3. The attached table synthesizes information on individual activities focusing on progress in implementation and financial aspects when relevant. Additional information is provided in the column for comments when deemed appropriate.
4. Activities are grouped under the four objectives of the Strategic Plan, and their link to individual SP targets is identified.
5. While this report covers a large part of the activities included in the Work Plan of the CMS Secretariat for the year 2009 (see document Inf.36/2 for reference), it does not aim to provide a comprehensive picture of the range of activities undertaken by the Secretariat, rather covers those activities of direct relevance to objectives and targets of the Strategic Plan.

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OBJECTIVE 1: To ensure that the conservation and management of migratory species is based on the best available information						
Targets	1.1	Review of status of and conservation action for App I and App II species published at regular intervals	1.4	Review of major threats to migratory species and obstacles to migration completed at regular intervals and guidelines for appropriate actions developed	1.7	Standards and effectiveness of commissioned research and CMS published reports improved
	1.2	Up to date list of Range States of App I and II species presented to each COP	1.5	Criteria, indicators and guidelines for accessing the success of conservation action for priority migratory species developed	1.8	User friendly Information Management System integrating the best available data on migratory species operational and regularly up-dated
	1.3	Indices for measuring the status and trends of migratory species at global, regional and national levels developed	1.6	Research and monitoring priorities for App I and II species identified and recommended to appropriate institutions for action		

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1	Coordinate compilation of report on the population status of all Appendix 1 species	1.1		Main input expected from ScC Taxonomic Working Groups. Model species fact sheet produced. For aquatic mammals. Sample species fact sheets solicited for other taxonomic groups, for examination at ScC16. Report foreseen for submission to COP10.
2	Updating Review of Small Cetaceans (online version)	1.1		Ongoing
3	Producing Proceedings of WATCH I Scientific Symposium	1.1 (1.4, 1.6)		Most contributions gathered; scientific review and translations ongoing
4	Update list of Range States of App I and II species listed by COP9	1.2		Updated Range States list available on the Website.
5	Further developments of indicators of the status and trends of migratory species-Develop a species specific MS Index	1.3		Preliminary migratory species indices based on Red List Index (RLI) and Living Planet Index (LPI) developed by BLI and ZSL under contract, and submitted to ScC15 for consideration. Further development of indices foreseen in coll. with ZSL
6	Monitoring development of WHMSI	1.3 (4.3)		Ongoing

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7	Review on effects of bycatch	1.4 (2.6)	UK VC: 15,000 GBP	Initial call for review was unsuccessful. Consultation ongoing between the Secretariat and the Appointed councillor for by-catch on possible revision of the ToR and/or re-tendering.
8	Review on the effects of barriers to migration	1.4 (2.6)	Monaco VC: 10,000 €	Initial call for review was unsuccessful. Consultation ongoing between the Secretariat and the ScC members for revision of the ToR to be submitted to ScC16.
9	Review on the impact of Invasive Species on Migratory Species	1.4 (2.6)	Italy VC: 50,000 €	Draft available for consideration by the 16 th meeting of the CMS ScC
10	Review on the effects of hunting (taking) on Migratory Species	1.4 (2.6)		Development of ToR delayed to 2010 when the new Scientific and Technical Officer assumes office.
11	Contributing to the implementation of Res. 9.7 on climate change impacts on migratory species	1.4		Open-access database on scientific literature of relevance to climate change and migratory species established (www.bioclimate.org). Study aimed to identify those CMS app. I species that are particularly threatened by Climate Change commissioned to ZSL
12	Coordination of Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild birds	1.4	Germany 2009 VC: 6,000 €	SCMS convened two meeting of the TF by teleconference in 2009. SCMS also maintains the TF website in coll. With WWT
13	Assisting the ScC Working Group on global flyways	1.5 (4.2)		WG established. ToR for the WG and related Work Plan developed by the Chair of and Vice-Chair of the Group in consultation with the Secretariat. WG is currently working in cooperation with the WG on the Future Shape
14	Harmonizing CMS Family on-line reporting	1.8		Part of project led by UNEP and WCMC on harmonization of national reports. Ongoing
15	Developing and improving GROMS	1.8		Ongoing
16	Developing Information Management System (IMS) for CMS	1.8		Ongoing. Day-to-day maintenance of the CMS IMS
17	Maintaining and enhancing CMS website	1.8 (3.6)		Ongoing. Day-to-day maintenance of CMS website. Restructuring of Website on the basis of Content Management System being considered

OBJECTIVE 2: To ensure that migratory species benefit from the best possible conservation measures				
Targets	2.1	App. I and App. II regularly up-dated	2.4 Concerted actions for App I priority species identified by COP implemented	2.7 The most important key habitats/sites for migratory species in each range state are protected and connected, where appropriate, through networks of protected areas
	2.2	All species in App. I fully protected throughout their range in Parties	2.5 App. II regularly reviewed and opportunities for international collaborative arrangements (incl. agreements) at appropriate scale and resulting in greatest possible conservation gain actively pursued	2.8 Impact assessments (EIA, SEA) required for all development likely to impact migratory species seriously (esp. wind turbines and power lines) and special provisions for migratory species included in national EIA regulations and procedures
	2.3	Habitats of key importance in removing App. I species from danger of extinction conserved, restored and effectively managed	2.6 Actions to mitigate most serious threats to migratory species and obstacles to animal migration initiated or carried out, in particular relating to wind turbines, power lines, by-catch, oil pollution, climate change, disease, invasive, illegal take	2.9 Issues affecting migratory species addressed in national biodiversity strategies and action plans

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International Review				
18	Preparation of scientific review on freshwater fishes to identify candidate species for listing on CMS Appendices	2.1 (1.1)	TF: 20,000 €	Review contracted to University of Nevada. Draft report and database expected in time to be submitted to ScC16 for review. Project coordinated by the Appointed councillor for fish
19	Update App. I and App. II according to COP9 listings	2.1		Updated App. I and App. II available on the website
Species Action Plans				
20	Publishing and arranging for dissemination of Single species Action Plans for Black-faced Spoonbill, Spoonbill Sandpiper and Chinese Crested Tern	2.4		Action Plans developed in partnership between CMS and BLI-Asia adopted by COP9. Publication of the AP currently ongoing, expected to be finalized by November 09...
21	Publishing and arranging for dissemination of Lesser Flamingo Action Plan		TF: 67.90	Action Plan adopted by COP9 published. Currently being disseminated (costs shared with AEWA)
22	Publishing and arranging for dissemination of Madagascar Pond Heron and White-winged Flufftail Action Plans	2.5	Italy VC: 42,000 €	Action Plans developed in partnership between CMS, AEWA and BLI adopted by COP9. Publication of the AP currently ongoing, expected to be finalized by December 09

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Agreements / MoU development and implementation				
<i>Migratory Sharks</i>				
23	Organisation and servicing of Sharks-II meeting	2.5	Germany VC: 50,000 €	Sharks-II meeting held in Rome, 6-8 December 2008. Outputs of the meeting currently being finalized.
24	Organisation of CMS Sharks-III meeting	2.5	TF: 20,000 € France VC: 80,000 € Sweden VC: 200,000 SEK	Dates and Venue identified (Philippines, February 2010). Fund-raising ongoing.
25	Holding consultations on the latest draft MoU	2.5		Current draft MoU submitted to Range States and relevant organizations for comments
<i>Pacific Marine Turtles</i>				
26	Attending first meeting to discuss CMS instrument to conserve Marine Turtles in Pacific	2.5 (4.3)		Meeting held in Auckland in July 2009. SCMS attended and gave presentation on possible options under CMS
27	Monitoring development of options paper and gap analysis by Australia and US	2.5		Draft of option paper submitted to meeting in Auckland. New draft incorporating input from meeting to be made available to the 2009 Annual SPREP meeting
<i>Asian Houbara Bustard Agreement</i>				
28	Assisting Saudi Arabia in concluding Agreement and opening it for signature	2.5		Contact ongoing between SCMS and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to conclude the text and open it for signature in conformity with Res. 9.2.
<i>Elephant MoU for Central Africa</i>				
29	Identifying options for instrument on Central African Elephant	2.5		Possibility of extension of existing MoU for West African Elephants discussed at the 1 st meeting of Signatories to that MoU (Accra, March 2009).
<i>Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna</i>				
30	Convening range state meeting to negotiate MoU	2.5		Contacts ongoing with Libya concerning the hosting of the meeting. Fundraising ongoing. Meeting foreseen in 2010.

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31	Drafting MoU and Action Plans and consulting them with range states and other stakeholders	2.5		First draft being prepared by IRSNB in consultation with the Secretariat
	<i>Gorilla</i>			
32	Scientific Symposium Frankfurt (incl. Ministerial roundtable)	2.5	Symposium funded by BMU	Symposium held. Main output: Frankfurt Declaration. Symposium organized by BMU with support from SCMS and Frankfurt Zoological Society
33	Finalising Action Plans	2.5		Done. Action Plans posted on CMS website
34	Preparations for Technical Committee meeting	2.5		Ongoing. SCMS seeing nomination of Technical Committee members
35	Setting up monitoring system that creates reporting system together with WWF	2.5		Ongoing
	<i>Andean Flamingo</i>			
36	Organizing 1 st meeting of Signatories	2.5		Meeting held in La Paz, Bolivia, September 2009.
37	Overseeing elaboration of Action Plan	2.5		Action Plan currently being prepared by IUCN-SSC/Wetlands Int. Flamingo Specialist Group and members of CMS ScC in range states
	<i>Aquatic Warbler</i>			
38	Finalizing French version of the MoU	2.5		French version of the MoU finalized with assistance from France
39	Convening Second Meeting of Signatories	2.5	France 2008 VC: 15,000	Meeting tentatively scheduled in Poland in May 2010. Technical support from RSPB and APB (BirdLife in Belarus)
40	Exploring options for MoU Coordination	2.5		Arrangements for MoU coordination in place until March 2010 with RSPB and APB (BirdLife in Belarus). Possible extension of the arrangement being considered.
	<i>Grassland Birds of South America</i>			
41	Overseeing elaboration of Action Plan	2.5		Action Plan being prepared by Guyra Paraguay (BirdLife partner in Paraguay) and Wetlands Int. – Latina America office

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<i>Great Bustard</i>				
42	Finalising agreement with Hungarian Government on MoU Coordination	2.5		Hungarian government offered to undertake coordination functions until 2012. Consultation ongoing between SCMS and Hungarian Government on Terms of Reference for the assignment.
43	Finalise guidelines on monitoring and infrastructure development	2.5		Activity has been completed.
44	Assess progress on EU Action Plan and include populations covered by CMS MoU	2.5		UNEP/CMS in regular contact with Birdlife Int. to monitor progress
<i>Ruddy-headed Goose</i>				
45	Overseeing elaboration of Action Plan	2.5		Action Plan finalized by signatories (Argentina and Chile) with support from SCMS
<i>Siberian Crane</i>				
46	Organising Seventh Meeting of Signatories in Iran	2.5	TF: 10,800 € Switzerland VC: 25,000 CHF Germany VC: 7,000 €	Financial resources necessary for the organization of the meeting raised. Date and venue agreed among the organizers (Tehran, 6-10 March 2010). Host Government Agreement (HGA) between Gov. of Iran and UNEP/CMS finalized.
47	Negotiating agreement with ICF concerning MoU Coordination for 2010-2011	2.5		
<i>Slender-billed Curlew</i>				
48	Supporting RSPB action to revitalize the MoU	2.5	TF: 5,000 €	Meeting of the Slender-billed Curlew Steering Group held at UNEP/CMS HQs in Bonn, 10 February 2009. Small Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA) signed between UNEP/CMS and RSPB, to cover translation of the Toolkit to help identify the Slender-billed Curlew into Farsi and Croatian and development of a dedicated website. Output expected by April 2010.
<i>Pacific Cetaceans</i>				
49	Organising Second Meeting of Signatories (MoS-2)	2.5	Australia VC (through SPREP)	Meeting convened jointly with SPREP in Auckland, New Zealand, 28-29 July 2009. Report about to be published

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50	Negotiating and fundraising for establishment of Pacific Island Cetaceans Coordinator	2.5		Estimated needs: 150,000 USD per annum
51	Launching intersessional process for identification of implementation priorities	2.5		Not started yet
	Saiga			
52	Organising Second Meeting of Signatories	2.5		UNEP/CMS in contact with range states to solicit offers to host the meeting and raise funds
53	Setting up MoU coordination unit within saiga range state	2.5		Consultations ongoing with range states and other stakeholders regarding future structure of coordinating unit
54	Establishing and implementing MoU progress monitoring mechanism	2.5		Existing LoA with Imperial college being concluded. Discussions ongoing with Imperial College on conditions for a possible renewal of the arrangement
55	Short mission to Moscow in Oct 09 to follow up on Russian MoU commitments	2.5		Mission undertaken 28-30 October 2009
	Bukhara Deer			
56	Exploring options for MoU Coordination	2.5		Discussion ongoing between SCMS and WWF Russia
	Western African Aquatic Mammals			
57	Exploring options for MoU Coordination	2.5 (4.3)		No significant progress to report
58	Developing sub-regional implementation plans	2.5 (2.6)		Initial plans for workshops under development
59	Follow-up of WATCH II Meeting (October 2008)	2.5		Mailing with certified copies of signed MoU prepared, to be sent to signatories with final report of WATCH II Meeting
	West African Elephants			
60	Convening 1st meeting of signatories (MoS-1)	2.5	France VC: 30,000 €	Meeting convened in Accra, Ghana, 30-31 March 2009. Report about to be published
61	Convening joint meeting with CITES MIKE	2.5		Meeting convened in Accra, Ghana, 1 April 2009

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62	Negotiating with IUCN on the coordination of the MOU	2.5	TF: 10,000 € France VC: 15,000 €	Contact ongoing with IUCN SSC AfESG
63	Developing grant application to be submitted to FFEM	2.5		Currently being undertaken through a consultancy aimed at supporting the implementation of CMS-CITES JWP. Consultancy financially supported by France through CITES
Marine Turtles Africa				
64	Establishing Agreement on technical support to MoU implementation	2.5	France VC: 15,000 €	Small Scale funding Agreement (SSFA) between UNEP/CMS and organization Chélonée under negotiation.
65	Establishing new agreement with SINEPAD concerning URTOMA	2.5	TF: 25,000 US\$ UNEP VC: 25,000 US\$	Small Scale funding Agreement (SSFA) between UNEP/CMS and SINEPAD under negotiation.
Mediterranean Monk Seal				
66	Supporting organization of meeting of Working Group on Monk Seal Recovery Plan in Eastern Atlantic		TF: 5,000 €	Meeting convened in Banc d'Arguin National Park, 18-21 November 2009, by the Government of Spain and association CBD-Habitat in collaboration with Mauritanian authorities and with support from UNEP/CMS
Regional Action Plans/ Programmes				
Central Asian Flyway (CAF)				
67	Establishing the Central Asian Flyway Action Plan Coordination Mechanism	2.5		Ongoing consultations between UNEP/CMS and Wetlands Int. in the context of existing Letter of Agreement concerning support to the implementation of CAF Action Plan
68	Organise range state meeting to revive CAF or conclude process	2.5		Ongoing consultation with Wetlands International. Meeting tentatively scheduled in late 2010/early 2011.
Agreements - General				
69	Developing template and protocol for species MoU amendments	2.5		Ongoing
70	Developing template terms of reference and general guidelines for MoU coordination	2.5		Ongoing

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71	Developing set of standard provisions for MoUs concluded under Art. IV(4) of the Convention	2.5		Ongoing
72	Reviewing and harmonizing presentation of information on CMS agreements on the website	2.5		Ongoing
73	Developing Wikipedia pages for selected species MoU	2.5		Ongoing

OBJECTIVE 3: To broaden awareness and enhance engagement in the conservation of migratory species amongst key actors

Targets	3.1 Levels of engagement and commitment of existing Parties in CMS increased	3.3 Number of Partners supporting and participating in the work of CMS increased	3.5 Opinion leaders of key sectoral groups impacting on migratory species influenced, including by expert advice, through CMS
	3.2 Level of engagement in CMS work of priority target non-Parties increased	3.4 Awareness of key media of CMS and its leading role in the conservation of migratory species enhanced	3.6 Key information material in appropriate UN languages disseminated to identified target audiences

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74	Investigating possible JWPs with other partners	3.3		Ongoing contacts with CIC and ZSL
75	Contribution to Migratory Bird Day	3.4 (3.6)		CMS contributing to campaign led by AEWA
76	Delivering press releases on major CMS topics and Agreement events and enhancing contacts with media	3.4 (3.6)		Press releases produced on a regular basis when events occur
77	Developing and supporting Year of the Gorilla activities	3.4 (3.6)	Detailed report on fundraising provided in doc. CMS/StC36/9	Detailed report on activities provided in doc. CMS/StC36/9
78	Supporting the campaign 2010 – International Year of Biodiversity	3.6	Germany VC: 8,000 €	SCMS and SCBD jointly producing calendar for 2010. SCMS contributing case studies/success stories to SCBD

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79	Flagship CMS publication on the global value of migratory species in English and German	3.5 (3.6)		? Final draft of English version available
80	Preparation of publications and other Public Relations activities	3.6		Main outputs: Flyway brochure; CMS Family guide 3 rd Edition in E, F, S,; CMS T-shirt

OBJECTIVE 4: To reinforce CMS's overarching and unifying role in the conservation and management of migratory species				
Targets	4.1 CMS membership increased by 30 Parties, particularly those which are of high importance for migratory species, and/or for which there is a high priority for securing new agreements	4.4 Identity and cohesiveness of the CMS family of instruments strengthened	4.7 Regional capacity for participating in CMS implementation activities enhanced, particularly in those regions where CMS is under-represented	
	4.2 Contribution of Agreements and MoUs towards delivery of the CMS Strategic Plan targets jointly reviewed, and appropriate measures developed to deal with any identified gaps	4.5 CMS national liaison systems or committees established in a majority of Parties	4.8 Extra-budgetary funding from a wider range of sources secured for implementation of the CMS Strategic Plan	
	4.3 Cooperative activities in pursuit of shared targets with relevant MEAs and key partners increased	4.6 Effectiveness of CMS's own institutions reviewed and, where necessary, enhanced to ensure fulfillment of its increasing worldwide responsibilities		

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81	Recruitment of new Parties to CMS	4.1		3 new parties joined in 2009 (Montenegro, Mozambique, Ethiopia). SCMS undertook targeted missions to Russia and Swaziland. Contacts regularly made with delegations on non-party states in the margins of other meetings.
82	Developing CMS presence in the U.S.	4.1		Agreement with USFWS to host CMS antenna in the US. Establishment of NGO coalition led by WCS supporting US

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				accession to CMS. Direct contacts established with members of congress and key stakeholders.
83	Producing ToR for reviews of the existing CMS Agreements and related projects on taxonomic groups	4.2 (2.5)		ToR developed jointly by SCMS and WG on future Shape to be submitted to the StC36.
84	Servicing the Inter-sessional Working Group regarding the Future Shape of CMS – First step of the Future Shape process	4.2 (4.6)	Finland VC: 7,000 € France VC: 30,000 € Germany VC: 15,000 €	WG established. First Meeting of the WG held in October 09 in Bonn. Review concerning the first step of the process (assessment on the current organisation of the CMS Family) finalised and submitted to the StC members for discussion at the StC36.
85	Annual joint progress report of CMS; ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS submitted to IWC61 (Madeira, June 2009)	4.3		Cooperation with IWC strengthened; efforts ongoing
86	Finalising code of conduct for partnerships with the private sector	4.3 (4.6, 4.8)		Code of conduct requested by Res. 9.6. Activity completed. Code of conduct submitted to StC36 for endorsement
87	Giving input to UNFCCC COP15	4.3 (3.5, 3.6)		Awareness-raising material (brochure, poster) produced in collaboration with ZSL
88	Updating relevant Joint Work Programmes (JWPs) with other MEAs (CBD, CITES, Ramsar)	4.3 (3.3)		JWP with CITES finalized. 95,000 € pledged by France to support implementation. Others ongoing.
89	Participating and following up discussions in the Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG)	4.3		SCMS attended meeting of BLG in Nairobi (April 2009) and meeting of chairs of Advisory bodies to MEAs (October 2009). Next meetings of BLG and chairs scheduled in January 2010.
90	Coordinating Friends of CMS and their development of project proposals	4.8		Meeting of the board of friends of CMs scheduled in December 2009