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### **RESOURCE MOBILIZATION UPDATE AND WAY FORWARD**

*(as at October 2013)*

#### Summary

The present report provides the Committee with the state of resources mobilized, as at October 2013, since the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMS Standing Committee (Bonn, November 2012).

These resources (both financial and in-kind) contribute to the attainment of all targets of the Strategic Plan 2006-2014 (Resolution 10.5) and the activities of the Future Shape (Resolution 10.9) with special attention to those included in Annex II of Resolution 10.1.

The report, and particularly Annex I, also proposes a new funding programme for the CMS Secretariats as well as Secretariats of the CMS Family.

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*(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)*

### **UPDATE**

#### **Introduction**

1. Following the suggestion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee (November 2012) to develop a more systematic approach to seeking voluntary contributions particularly with a view to implementing decisions deriving from the Future Shape Process (Resolution 10.9), the Secretariat has compiled a portfolio of priority initiatives planned to be carried out - or at least initiated - in 2013 for which resources (financial and in-kind) are needed in addition to the allocations in the Trust Fund. These activities fall under the Secretariat's responsibility and are of direct relevance to objectives set by COP Resolutions and in particular the Future Shape short-term mandate (2012-2014). They have also been identified on the basis of the most pressing needs and in consideration of the capacity and workload of the Secretariat.

2. The list was sent to all CMS Parties in December 2012 and repeatedly in 2013 through the Standing Committee members to: (i) keep Parties informed of the Secretariat's funding needs; (ii) potentially broaden the base of donors; and (iii) provide updates on the fundraising successes and progress on the implementation of activities.

3. These general appeals were coupled with tailored pleas to individual CMS Parties. In addition, the Secretariat has been approaching MoU Signatories with specific funding needs related to the servicing and implementation of the instruments they signed for. The Secretariat has undertaken to mobilize considerable resources that enabled a number of priority actions to be implemented and is grateful for the support received, especially given the current economic circumstances.

4. The following paragraphs provide an overview of the financial and in-kind contributions received since November 2012 as well as their sources. A full report of resources obtained for the activities to be funded by voluntary contributions as per Future Shape (Annex II to Resolution 10.1) is included in Annex II of this document.

#### **Funds received**

5. The total of monetary voluntary contributions received in 2013 amounts to **€623,100** (13 per cent UNEP-PSC to be deducted). These resources were provided by the Governments of Australia, Finland, Germany (both BMU and GIZ)<sup>1</sup>, Monaco, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland; the European Commission; UNEP ROE<sup>2</sup>; the CITES Secretariat; Italian Institutions (Authority of the Ulisse Riviera Regional Park and the Regional Centre for Environmental Education and Information (C.R.E.I.A.)); the European Science Foundation. Various CMS Instruments namely AEWA, EUROBATS and the MoUs on Sharks, Dugongs and Raptors also contributed to the joint development of the CMS Family website.

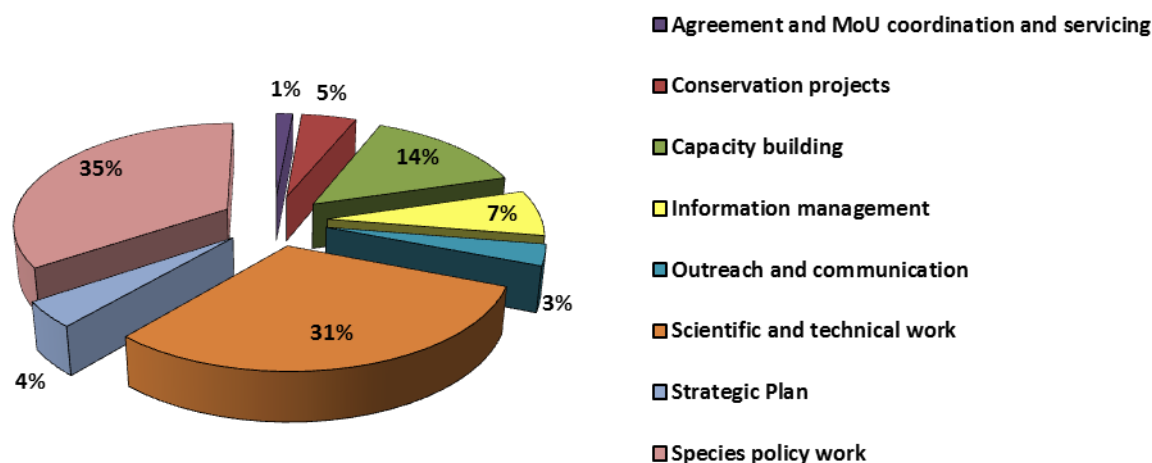
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<sup>1</sup> BMU: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and GIZ: German Society for International Cooperation operating on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP Regional Office for Europe.

6. This amount however does not include the annual grant for the triennium 2012-2014 paid by the United Arab Emirates towards the operation of the office coordinating the Raptors and Dugongs MoUs in Abu Dhabi; the “assessed voluntary” contributions towards the implementation of the Sharks MoU nor the large EC grants raised in 2012 for the implementation of long-term projects.

7. Total funds were earmarked as follows:



8. The total amount indicated above already considers a grant which is about to be received from the European Commission amounting to US\$120,000 (c.a. €88,000) through a second phase of the UNEP Capacity-Building Project Related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries. The project has the overall objective of strengthening institutions in the mainstreaming and implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in these countries and specifically of supporting pre-COP11 and training workshops (in the Caribbean and Pacific) for the CMS Family National Focal Points (NFPs) to encourage the use of existing learning tools to strengthen the focal points' capacity.

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

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

10. Approximately €60,000 was mobilized with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and BirdLife International towards the joint project on renewable energy and migratory species.

11. A first ever CMS-sponsored benefit concert given by the Bologna Opera Choir was organized as part of the celebrations of World Migratory Bird Day (May 2013). The proceeds (€2,130) of the event supported the development of the Action Plan for the Grey crowned crane.

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 Government has offered interpretation services for meetings of the present Standing Committees meeting. Thanks also go to the Governments of Tunisia and South Africa for hosting the bird poisoning workshop

(May 2013) and workshops for Focal Points of Africa (October-November 2013) respectively; and to Authority of the Ulisse Riviera Regional Park and Cities of Formia and neighboring towns for having hosted the meeting of the Scientific Council and associated meetings (October 2013).

13. Through its internship programme, the Secretariat has enjoyed the valuable support of university graduates or students that have assisted CMS staff in their day-to-day work for an average period of three months without remuneration.

### **Support to conservation work**

14. Web articles and notifications about 2013 funding opportunities for conservation actions were produced to encourage stakeholders to propose projects that contribute to the implementation of the Convention and its instruments. Several CMS partner proposals were supported by the Secretariat with letters of endorsement. A project submitted by the IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office to the Darwin Initiative (July 2013) on a pilot initiative to preserve migratory species corridors in Kenya, passed the first round of selection and might be receiving support.

15. The CMS Washington Officer has been playing an active role in identifying priorities and opportunities for funding within US government agencies, private institutions and foundations. Under her coordination, CMS participated in a technical review of WHMSI<sup>3</sup> marine grant proposal applications (January 2013) from which a total sum of US\$75,000 was awarded to support conservation of several CMS listed species in the Western Hemisphere. . Further information on resources generated in the U.S.A. for conservation work is included in the “2013 Report on CMS Activities in North America [January- July 2013]”.

### **Current developments**

16. Consultations with the Governments of Switzerland and Monaco are underway to continue their support towards the work on Flyways and climate change of the Scientific Council respectively. Furthermore, the U.S. Government has been showing interest to further contribute to the Sharks MoU budget.

17. Negotiations are currently being conducted with the European Commission to expand the current project<sup>4</sup> on the “Effective Implementation of CMS, AEWA and other CMS-Family instruments across various regions and languages through capacity building”.

### **Enhancing engagement with the Global Environment Facility (Resolution 10. 25)**

18. On 2-3 September 2013, a Meeting of members of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG), including the CMS Secretariat, and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), took place to discuss how access to GEF funding could be facilitated by harnessing synergies among BLG members. It responded to the pertinent decision taken at the informal meeting of the BLG, held on 23 January 2013 at the margins of IPBES-1 in Bonn,

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<sup>3</sup> Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI) organized by USFWS and Organization of American States (OAS). CMS is part of the Steering Committee.

<sup>4</sup> Funds come from the “The Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy (ENRTP) Strategic Cooperation Agreement (SCA) between the European Commission - DG Environment and UNEP”.

Germany, as well as to the agreement of the GEF Council at its 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting, held 8-11 November 2011. At this meeting, participants had noted that additional funding for activities of biodiversity-related conventions other than CBD may be obtained from the GEF if the activities contribute to the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets. They had agreed that a joint approach by the conventions may facilitate such access to funding and that further work in this regard would be discussed at the next meeting of the BLG.

19. BLG invited the GEF Secretariat to explicitly recognize, in future drafts, the potential synergies with, and contributions to the implementation of, other biodiversity-related conventions. In addition, it was agreed to further explore the usefulness of sending to the GEF, in due course, a collective statement of support for the GEF programming directions, including the biodiversity strategy, and for a strong replenishment.

20. Participants agreed to further explore the feasibility of an arrangement which would enable the communication of pertinent recommendations of other biodiversity-related conventions to the GEF in a coordinated manner with a view to preparing a related proposal for consideration by CBD WGRI-5 and COP12.

21. Further progress is being made with the UNEP project "synergies among the biodiversity related Conventions through increasing coordination and cooperation in the mobilization of financial resources to enhance synergies among biodiversity-related conventions". This project, funded by Switzerland, is complementing a larger ENRTP project – undertaken by UNEP and funded by the European Commission – seeks to enhance cooperation among UNEP, other host institutions, the secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions and national authorities or focal points in achieving effective and synergistic implementation of such biodiversity-related conventions. The project particularly seeks to develop an analytical report as well as guidelines or a resource book on the development and submission of integrated project proposals to GEF and other donors. A kick-off workshop took place in the margins of CBD SBSTTA-17, on Sunday, 13 October 2013. The CMS Secretariat is fully involved in the project and has already provided inputs to its early stages of development.

### **Way Forward**

22. The Secretariat has developed a funding programme that looks at streamlining current resource mobilization efforts and increase and make sustainable the incoming flow of voluntary contributions for a number of activities of the CMS Family Secretariats. A proposal for a "Migratory Species Champion Programme" is contained in Annex I.

### **Action requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- a) Take note of the document and to give comments and guidance, as necessary, to the Secretariat.
- b) Approve the Migratory Species Champion Programme in Annex I.