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Summary

This report details the current state of cooperation between the Secretariat and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), as at 31 March 2014.

Pursuant to Resolution 10.8, the CMS Secretariat participated in IPBES meetings and drafted requests to IPBES on scientific and technical matters that require the Platform's attention. The Secretariat also provided comments on the draft IPBES work programme 2014-2018.

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(Prepared by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat)

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) at its Tenth Meeting, held in Bergen, Norway, 20-25 November 2011, adopted Resolution 10.8 on Cooperation between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and CMS. In this resolution the COP, *inter alia*:

- 1.1 recognizes *the need to strengthen and improve the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for human well-being through the establishment of a science-policy platform*;
- 1.2 requests *the Scientific Council to participate in relevant processes of IPBES, in collaboration with the scientific advisory bodies of the MEAs as appropriate; and*
- 1.3 instructs *the Secretariat to maintain cooperative working relationships with IPBES, to participate as appropriate in meetings of the Platform and to report on progress to the Standing Committee, resources permitting.*

2. Pursuant to Resolution 10.8, the Chair of the Scientific Council and members of the Secretariat represented CMS at the First Meeting of the Platform's Plenary (IPBES-1), held in Bonn, Germany, 21-26 January 2013. The final report of the Meeting is contained in document IPBES/1/12 (available at www.ipbes.net). Key outcomes of the Meeting included the process for the preparation of the Platform's initial work programme and procedures for receiving and prioritizing requests put to the Platform.

3. Pursuant to IPBES-1, the IPBES Interim Secretariat called for the submission of requests to IPBES on scientific and technical matters that require the Platform's attention.

4. In response to this call for submissions, the CMS Secretariat drafted in close consultation with ASCOBANS, AEWa and EUROBATS Secretariat, and the Scientific Council through the CMS Scientific Council Workspace, six requests for scientific assessments on behalf of CMS, ASCOBANS, AEWa and EUROBATS. Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, Chair of CMS Standing Committee, submitted these six requests to IPBES on 5 May 2013. They were as follows:

- 4.1 The function of migratory species in ecosystems;
- 4.2 The economics of ecosystem services provided by migratory species;
- 4.3 Protected areas systems and the needs of migratory species, in particular connectivity;
- 4.4 Marine migratory species in areas beyond national jurisdiction;
- 4.5 Migratory species and climate change; and
- 4.6 Traditional knowledge and migratory birds.

5. The requests, as well as those submitted to the IPBES Interim Secretariat by other governments, MEAs and NGOs, are available online at <http://www.ipbes.net/intersessional-process/previous-comments-received.html>.

6. Assessments based on any of the six proposals made by CMS were considered potentially to have a significant impact on making the case for migratory species conservation. The six requests highlight, *inter alia*, the expertise that is available for addressing these issues through the CMS network of specialists.

7. All requests were considered in depth at subsequent meetings of the Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) and at the Second Meeting of the Platform's Plenary (IPBES-2), held in Antalya, Turkey, 9-14 December 2013.

8. IPBES-2 closed with the adoption of a very ambitious initial work programme for the Platform for the period 2014-2018. The Meeting demonstrated strong commitment to the implementation of the work programme by already pledging more than half (US\$ 25.4 million) of the total US\$ 43.5 million required.

9. The work programme adopted by IPBES-2 contains the following objectives and deliverables:

9.1 Objective 1: Strengthen the capacity and knowledge foundations of the science-policy interface to implement key functions of the Platform:

9.1.1 Priority capacity-building needs to implement the Platform's work programme matched with resources through catalysing financial and in-kind support.

9.1.2 Capacities needed to implement the Platform work programme developed.

9.1.3 Procedures, approaches for participatory processes for working with indigenous and local knowledge systems developed.

9.1.4 Priority knowledge and data needs for policymaking addressed through catalysing efforts to generate new knowledge and networking.

9.2 Objective 2: Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services at and across subregional, regional and global levels:

9.2.1 Guide on production and integration of assessments from and across all scales.

9.2.2 Regional/subregional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

9.2.3 Global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services

9.3 Objective 3: Strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services with regard to thematic and methodological issues:

9.3.1 One fast-track thematic assessment of pollinators, pollination and food production.

9.3.2 Three thematic assessments: land degradation and restoration; invasive alien species; and sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity and strengthening capacities/tools.

9.3.3 Policy support tools and methodologies for scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services based on a fast-track assessment and a guide.

9.3.4 Policy support tools and methodologies regarding the diverse conceptualization of values of biodiversity and nature's benefits to people including ecosystem services based on an assessment and a guide.

9.4 Objective 4: Communicate and evaluate Platform activities, deliverables and findings:

9.4.1 Catalogue of relevant assessments.

9.4.2 Development of an information and data management plan.

9.4.3 Catalogue of policy support tools and methodologies.

9.4.4 Set of communication, outreach and engagement strategies, products and processes.

9.4.5 Reviews of the effectiveness of guidance, procedures, methods and approaches to inform future development of the Platform.

10. The full text of the work programme is found in Decision IPBES-2/5, annexed to the meeting report of IPBES-2 (<http://www.ipbes.net/plenary/ipbes-2.html>).

11. Pursuant to the discussions at IPBES-2, the IPBES Chair requested nominations of experts to contribute the IPBES work programme. The nominations were reviewed at the third full MEP and Bureau Meeting of IPBES, held from 10 to 14 March 2014, in Bonn, Germany. The Meeting was attended by the Chair of the CMS Standing Committee, Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, in his role as Vice-Chair of the IPBES Bureau, and the Chair of the CMS Scientific Council, Dr. Fernando Spina. Both Chairs took part in the review of nominations. Nominated experts included, *inter alia*, the CMS COP-Appointed Councillor for Neotropical Fauna, Dr. Rodrigo Medellín.

12. The IPBES Plenary will hold its Third Meeting (IPBES-3) in Bonn, Germany, in January 2015.

Action requested:

The Scientific Council is invited to:

- Take note of this document and provide comments as appropriate.