

Preparation for the
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Questions for Government Representatives

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1. Please name the main activities of your Government since 2014, which implement the CAMI Programme of Work (POW) with respect to CAMI species found in your country (please name projects and money spent, if possible).

- Provide Cheetah insurance to reduce conflicts
- Establishing professional courses for rangers.
- Revising Environmental rules by increasing fine of poaching.
- Establishment of livestock management committee.
- Delegating conservation to some local people by establishment of private protected areas.
- Identifying risky roads for wildlife especially in Cheetah habitats.
- Developing Ecotourism activities in Touran NP – Cheetah habitat
- Developing protected area in some Cheetah habitats.
- Publishing “The Atlas of Mammals of Iran”.
- Annually mammals monitoring.
- Educational program(Celebrating national cheetah day , Workshops, Nature school for kids...)
- Tracking Wild Ass by radio telemetry technique in Qhatruye N.P

2. Please name your Government’s priorities for conservation action on the CAMI species occurring in your country (name 3-5 priorities). Which objectives on CAMI POW do they address?

- 1- Delegating conservation in some areas to local communities. 1.1.7 - 1.1.9
1.5.1 - 1.5.6 - 1.5.7- 1.5.9
- 2- Species assessment for captive breeding and re-introduction (Goitered gazelle. Chinkara and Cheetah) to nature. (genetic research projects). 2.3.13-2.3.17
- 3- Identifying and conserving corridors for cheetah and wild Ass . 2.3.2 – 2.3.1-2.3.10
- 4- Developing raising awareness project. 4.3.1

3. Are you aware of any emergencies or urgent threats currently affecting CAMI species in your country or which are very likely to affect the CAMI species in your country in the near future (extreme weather conditions, disease outbreaks, infrastructure plans, ongoing construction, mining, changes in legislation etc.)?

- 1- Climate change and drought.
- 2- Illegal hunting.

3- Habitat fragmentation and land use changes

4. Please identify 3 major challenges that make implementation of CMS and CAMI difficult in your country.

- 1- Climate change and drought by impacting on local community livelihood.
- 2- Different policies in relevant organization that is not adapted to conservation policies.
- 3- Shortage of funding resources.

5. If possible, provide recommendation(s) for CMS (or other relevant stakeholders) to promote implementation of CAMI and thus conservation of the respective species in your country.

- 1- Support countries to find some international donor for technical and scientific help.
- 2- Establishment sub-regional and country level workshops to involve more numbers of stakeholders.
- 3- Support climate change adaptation projects in arid areas.