



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



## MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE SOUTH-WEST ASIA ILLEGAL HUNTING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS

*Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 15-16 January 2024*

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### PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

*(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)*

*(As of 10 January 2024)*

## MEETING SCHEDULE

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Monday, 15th January 2024	
<b>08.30</b>	– Registration
<b>09.00</b>	– Opening of the meeting and setting the scene <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcoming remarks and introduction of participants</li><li>2. Brief introduction by CMS Secretariat &amp; Facilitator on workshop Objectives</li><li>3. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule</li><li>4. Overview – Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4.1. Mandates, initiatives and major opportunities in addressing illegal taking of migratory birds</li></ol></li></ol>
<b>10.30</b>	– <i>Break and Group Photo</i>
<b>10.45</b>	– 4. Overview – Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds (continuation from previous session): <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4.2. Situation report on illegal taking of migratory birds in the region by BLI</li><li>4.3. The illegal take of birds in Saudi Arabia</li><li>4.4 Updates from working group members on progress to date</li></ol>
<b>13.00</b>	– <i>Lunch Break</i>
<b>14.00</b>	– 5. Sharing the experience from the Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Discussion on Terms of Reference of the Task Force</li></ol>
<b>15.45</b>	– 7. Action Plan to Eradicate the Illegal Hunting and Taking of Birds in South West Asia
<b>17.00</b>	– End of Day

**Tuesday 16th January 2024****09.00** – Brief Summary of first Day**09.20** – Planning of Next steps

8.1. Priorities for Implementing the Action Plan over the 2024-2025 period

8.2. Proposals for draft decisions/text to be discussed at CMS COP14

8.3 Discussion on next steps at CMS COP 14 and beyond: communication, capacity building and fundraising

**11:30** – 9- AOB**11.45** – 10. Closure of the Meeting**12.00** – End of Day

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Documents/Expected Outcomes</b>
<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
	<b>1-3 Opening of the Meeting</b>	
<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<p><b>1. Welcoming remarks and Introduction of participants</b></p> <p>The CEO of the National Center for Wildlife on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and the CMS Secretariat will welcome the participants and provide opening remarks.</p> <p>Participants will introduce themselves briefly.</p>	<p><i>Outcome: The meeting is open. The participants will be introduced to one another.</i></p>
<b>09.30 – 09.45</b>	<p><b>2. Brief introduction by CMS Secretariat on Workshop Objectives</b></p> <p>The Secretariat outlines the key objectives of the workshop as well as any meeting rules.</p>	<p><i>Outcome: Participants understand meeting objectives, meet workshop facilitator and clarify any doubts on meeting dynamics.</i></p>
<b>09.45 – 10.00</b>	<p><b>3. Adoption of the Agenda and Schedule</b></p> <p>The chair will introduce the Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule for adoption.</p> <p>Participants will propose and decide on themes to be discussed.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/SWAIKB/Doc.1 Provisional Agenda</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/SWAIKB/Doc.2 Annotated Agenda</p> <p><i>Outcome: The documents are adopted</i></p>
	<b>4. Setting the context of the meeting and reporting – Overview of Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds</b>	
<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>	<p><b>4.1. Mandates, initiatives and major opportunities in addressing illegal taking of migratory birds</b></p> <p>Dr. Iván Ramírez, Head of Avian Team (CMS Secretariat) will deliver a PowerPoint presentation on the history and framework for action of CMS on illegal take of migratory birds.</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are informed on the mandates and initiatives addressing illegal take of migratory birds in the framework of CMS, and major opportunities in addressing illegal take in the EAAF.</i></p>

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10.30 – 10.45	<b>Break – Group Photo</b>	
10.45 – 11.15	<p><b>4.2. Situation report on illegal taking of migratory birds in the region by BirdLife International</b></p> <p>Speaker TBC from BirdLife International</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p><i>Outcome: Participants are provided an overview of the situation in multiple SW Asia Countries.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will be provided with an opportunity to respond to issues and recommendations brought up in the situation report.</i></p> <p><i>Document: UNEP/CMS/SWAIKB/Inf.1</i></p>
11.15 – 13.00	<p><b>4.3 The illegal take of birds in Saudi Arabia</b></p> <p>Mohammed Shobrak will present a short overview (Maximum 10 minutes) on the state and progress on the issue of illegal take of migratory birds in Saudi Arabia</p> <p><b>4.4. Updates from Working Group members on progress to date</b></p> <p>Range State representatives and other Working group members will provide a brief update (max 5 slides) on the state and progress on the issue of illegal take of migratory birds. This will be followed up with a brief exchange on topics highlighted from experts, technical advisors, and organizations members of the working group.</p>	<p><i>Outcome: Participants will provide an update on progress on the issue of illegal take of migratory birds and gain better mutual understanding of new and ongoing work on illegal take of migratory birds throughout the region.</i></p>
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
14.00 – 14.15	<b>5. Sharing the experience from the Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)</b>	<p><i>Outcome: Participants made aware of important lessons and best practices from Mediterranean IKB Task Force.</i></p>
14:15 – 14:45	<b>6. Discussion on Terms of Reference for the Task Force</b>	UNEP/CMS/SWAIKB/Doc.3

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	The CMS Secretariat will introduce the proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) for consideration and discussion, proposed to be approved at the first official meeting of the to be established South-West Asia Task Force	<i>Outcome: The draft TOR is discussed and modified for later endorsement, as appropriate.</i>
<b>14.45 – 16.45</b>	<b>7. Action Plan to Eradicate the Illegal Hunting and Taking of Birds in South West Asia</b> The Workshop facilitator will lead a discussion on the elements of the Draft Action Plan and its main conclusions. Participants will be given an opportunity to comment and contribute to the Draft AP and if needed, an improved draft version will be agreed	UNEP/CMS/SWAIKB /Doc.4  <i>Outcome: The Action Plan version May 2022 is discussed. Modifications are made if needed and final Action Plan is agreed by all participants.</i>
<b>17:00</b>	<b>End of Day 1 Meeting</b>	

**Tuesday, 16 January 2024**

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Time	Agenda Item	Documents/Expected Outcomes
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Brief summary of first day</b>	
	Workshop facilitator summarizes main conclusions from first day	
	<b>8. Planning of next steps</b>	
<b>09.20 – 10.30</b>	<b>8.1. Priorities for Implementing the Action Plan over the 2024-2025 period</b> Participants will discuss how best to define a short list of priorities under the Action Plan that can be implemented over the next two years	<i>Outcome: Participants will have the opportunity to discuss what are the best priorities and agree on them. Possibility to do this is small sub-groups by regions.</i>

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		<i>Final outcome is a short document outlining priorities and a timeline.</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>8.2. Proposals for draft decisions/text to be discussed at CMS COP14</b> The Chair will lead a discussion on proposals for draft decisions/text for submission to CMS COP14 (12 -17 February 2024, Samarkand, Uzbekistan).	<i>Outcome: Draft decisions for CMS COP14 will be discussed and agreed on.</i>
11:00-11:30	<b>8.3 Discussion on next steps at CMS COP14 and beyond: communication, capacity building and fundraising</b> Participants will discuss ideas and initiatives for communication, capacity building, and fundraising. Group rapporteurs will produce short notes and report back to plenary	<i>Participants will have the opportunity to discuss regional priority training and fundraising needs and recommended actions.</i>
11:30-11:45	<b>9. Any other business</b>	Discuss AOB including next meeting and launch of Task Force
11.45 – 12.00	<b>10. Closure of the meeting</b> The CMS Secretariat and Government of KSA will deliver closing remarks.	
12.00	<b><i>End of day</i></b>	