**COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES) AND CMS**

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DRAFT RESOLUTION 10.8 (REV. COP13)

*Recognizing* the need for regular and thematic assessments of the status of biodiversity to provide decision-makers with the necessary information basis for adaptive management and to promote the necessary political will for action addressing biodiversity loss in general and the loss of migratory species in particular,

*Further recognizing* 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,

*Acknowledging* the outcomes of the Paris Conference on Biodiversity, Science and Governance held in Paris, France in January 2005, highlighting that there is a need for an objective source of information on the status of biodiversity and its impact on ecosystem services and human well-being,

*Welcoming* the outcome of the third *ad hoc* intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting held in Busan, Republic of Korea in June 2010, and *recalling* the following recommendations:

1. that an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services should be established that should be scientifically independent, should ensure credibility, relevance and legitimacy, and perform regular and timely assessments on knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services and their linkages,
2. that the IPBES Plenary as a decision-making body should be open to participants of all member states of the UN, and regional economic integration organizations as well as for intergovernmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders as observers,
3. that the IPBES should collaborate with existing initiatives on biodiversity and ecosystem services, including multilateral environmental agreements,

*Recalling* that the Standing Committee was briefed on progress on the establishment of the IPBES process by the Secretariat through document CMS/StC37/Inf.7 at its 37th meeting held in Bonn, Germany in November 2010,

*Recalling* the functions of the Scientific Council as set out in Article VIII of the Convention and as further elaborated in its terms of reference;

*Taking note* of decision GC.26/6 of the 26th UNEP Governing Council Meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2011, endorsing the “Busan Outcome”and, based on resolution GA 65/162 of the United Nations General Assembly, requesting UNEP to convene a plenary meeting to determine modalities and institutional arrangements for IPBES in 2011,

*Noting* that the biodiversity-related conventions have an important role in setting the global agenda on biodiversity and ecosystem services and that the scientific processes informing policy under each of the conventions may provide useful inputs to the work of IPBES,

*Noting also* that the work of IPBES at the sub-global level can and should support the implementation of the conventions at the regional and sub-regional levels, strengthening the science-policy interface at these levels,

*Taking note* of the outcome of the IPBES-1 Plenary which took place in Nairobi, Kenya in October 2011 to determine the modalities and institutional arrangements for the Platform, and of the need to contribute to the development of the IPBES work programme,

*Taking note* *also* of the outcome of IPBES-7 Plenary which took place in Paris, France in May 2019 which adopted the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030,

*The Conference of the Parties to the*

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Urges* CMS Parties Focal Points and Scientific Councillors to communicate and liaise regularly with the national representatives in the IPBES to ensure that the needs for research and policy guidance related to migratory species, especially those listed under CMS, are being adequately addressed by IPBES;

1.bis *Calls on* the Standing Committee to participate in the development of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030 and, based on a proposal from the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council to, submit inputs as necessary, in line with the priorities of the Convention;

1. *Invites* IPBES to address science-policy linkages and the need for assessments, policy support, capacity building and knowledge generation relating to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species of wild animals;

2.bis *Invites* IPBES to include, to the extent possible, aspects of connectivity in all relevant assessments and technical papers;

2.ter *Encourages* IPBES-9 Plenary in 2022 to consider the inclusion of the assessment on connectivity in its rolling work programme up to 2030;

2.quarter *Invites* IPBES to provide specific data and analysis on wildlife and on migratory species in future relevant assessments, when relevant and appropriate;

1. *Encourages* Parties and relevant organizations to make available funds to support the four functions of IPBES, namely assessments, policy support, capacity building and knowledge generation aimed at improving the science-policy interface related to the conservation of migratory species;
2. *Requests* the Scientific Councillors to engage in all relevant processes of IPBES and in the development of new assessments including in their scoping processes, in collaboration with the scientific advisory bodies of other MEAs as appropriate;

1. *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.

DRAFT DECISIONS

***Directed to Parties***

13.AA Parties are requested to:

1. liaise with IPBES counterparts to promote the inclusion of an assessment on connectivity in the IPBES rolling work programme by IPBES-9 Plenary in 2022;
2. take note of the findings of the importance of connectivity for conservation efforts as contained in the report Review of the IPBES Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and consider how to reflect such findings in their conservation actions at the national level.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

13.BB The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:

1. engage in relevant scoping processes and review of drafts of the IPBES thematic assessments adopted by IPBES-7 Plenary with a view to ensure that elements of connectivity are integrated.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

13.CC The Secretariat is requested to:

1. support the Scientific Council in engaging in relevant scoping processes of the new IPBES thematic assessments adopted by IPBES-7 Plenary;

1. promote the inclusion of an assessment on connectivity in the IPBES rolling work programme by IPBES-9 Plenary in 2022;

1. report to the Standing Committee at its 52nd meeting and to the Conference of Parties at its 14th meeting on the progress in implementing this decision.