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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

(as at 31 August /Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

The present document provides the state of resources mobilized, as at August 2018, since the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (October 2017, Manila, the Philippines).

These resources (both financial and in-kind) have contributed to the implementation of the Secretariat Programme of Work for the Triennium 2018 – 2020 (UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.14) as well as of many Resolutions and all targets of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023.

Further details are included in Document 14.

UPDATE

Background

1. The Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 and Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the meetings of the Conference of the Parties guide the work of the Convention setting the goals for its implementation at national, regional and global levels. Although many of these provisions are primarily to be met by Parties, some of them fall under the responsibility of the Secretariat.
2. The 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12), which was held in October 2017, adopted a Programme of Work for 2018-2020, through [Resolution 12.2 on Financial and Administrative Matters](#), detailing a list of activities to be carried out by the Secretariat including the provision of administrative services and coordination to a number of its daughter agreements that have no core budget. The Programme of Work also includes activities assigned to the Standing Committee and the Scientific Council that require the support of the Secretariat. The COP-approved triennial budget for 2018-2020, however, was mainly earmarked for staff salaries, operational costs and some activities, while voluntary contributions were to be sought for most of the mandated activities.
3. The Programme of Work 2018-2020 was sent to all CMS Parties in December 2017. This general appeal was coupled with tailored pleas to individual Parties. The Secretariat has undertaken to mobilize considerable resources in 2018 that have already enabled a number of priority actions to be planned and/or implemented and is grateful for the support received, especially given the current economic circumstances.

Results

4. The following paragraphs provide an overview of the financial and in-kind contributions received since COP12 as well as their sources. It does not include funding which had already been secured for 2018-2020 and reported on last year. These are especially triennial contributions under the Migratory Species Champion Programme. Details about all contributions are presented in the document on "Implementation of the Programme of Work 2018-2020" (UNEP/CMS/StC48/Doc.14).

Funds received

5. The total of voluntary contributions received from Governments and organizations to implement the Convention and some of its instruments since October 2017 amounts to €3,470,000 (13 per cent UN Environment Programme Support Cost (PSC) to be deducted).
6. These resources were provided by the Governments of Australia, Finland, Germany and Switzerland. It has to be highlighted that a significant portion of these resources is provided by the EU-funded project *Cross-Regional Wildlife Conservation in Eastern and Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean*. The project implements the 11th EDF Regional Indicative Programme and aligns to both the regional relevant policies and the EU "Larger than Elephants Approach to Wildlife Conservation in Africa" and the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking. In partnership with CITES and UNODC, CMS is the lead implementing agency, responsible for the establishment of Transfrontier Conservation Areas in the regions.

7. Another portion of the total was obtained as part of the BirdLife project “*Alcyon Programme: Minimising bycatch of seabirds and sea turtles in West African industrial fisheries*”. As one of the implementing partners, CMS will mainly contribute to promoting legislative frameworks, tools and best practices in countries of the region.
8. The contributions also include the extension by a year until October 2019 of a Junior Professional Officer (JPO) generously offered by the Government of Germany to assist with the numerous tasks under the “Avian” portfolio.
9. The amount indicated above, however, does not include the significant pledge made by Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host CMS Office – Abu Dhabi for the period 2016 to 2019. CMS Office – Abu Dhabi coordinates the Raptors and Dugongs Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). The arrangement provides the Office’s core budget, premises in EAD’s headquarters and other practical support. For 2018, EAD has provided US\$ 1.2 million under the arrangement. A further €20,000 was provided by the Government of Switzerland as a voluntary contribution towards activities of the Raptors MOU.
10. The financial contributions towards the implementation of the MOUs for Sharks and Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA) are also excluded from the total amount indicated above. Since July 2017, the resources obtained in support of the Sharks MOU budget and its POW amount to US\$ 504,378 and those received by the IOSEA MOU amount to US\$ 184,384.

Indirect financial contributions and in-kind contributions

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

Activities and services

12. The Fourth Meeting of Signatories of the Middle-European Great Bustard MOU was convened on 12-15 March 2018 in cooperation and with the support of the German Government and the Federal State of Brandenburg. The Society for the Protection of Great Bustard e.V. (Förderverein Großtrappenschutz) also contributed to the organization of the meeting with both financial and in-kind support.
13. The Appennino Tosco-Emiliano National Park fully funded and organized in cooperation with CMS, the Workshop on the Conservation Implications of Animal Culture and Social Complexity which took place on 12-14 April in Parma, Italy.
14. The Government of Germany sponsored a workshop in support of the Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI) on the Isle of Vilm, Germany on 16 – 19 April with the aim of reviewing the implementation of the Initiative and setting the priorities until 2020. The Participants recommended that the focus of CAMI would be strengthening trans-boundary conservation efforts and addressing infrastructure, poaching and other threats in the trans-boundary context.

15. The Second Range State Workshop on the European Eel which was held in Malmo, Sweden on 15 - 16 May 2018, was co-sponsored by the Sargasso Sea Commission and the CMS Secretariat, through funding provided by Monaco.
16. The Second Meeting of the Signatories to the MOU on the Conservation of Southern South American Migratory Grassland Birds and their Habitats and the First Meeting of the Americas Flyways Task Force took place back-to-back in Florianopolis on 24-27 July 2018 at the generous invitation of the Government of Brazil. Manomet Bird Observatory contributed financially to the organization of the meeting.
17. BirdLife International has generously confirmed its support with regard to the coordination of the CMS African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Action Plan.
18. 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 the present meeting of the Standing Committee as well as for the Third Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council which took place on 29 May – 2 June 2018 in Bonn.
19. Within the CMS Family's co-located (Bonn) Secretariats, synergies and mutual support have been enhanced. For instance, a number of CMS staff members will be deployed to the Seventh Meeting of the Parties to AEWA to assist the AEWA Secretariat in taking care of logistical aspects of the meeting.

Personnel

20. Through its internship programme, the Secretariat has enjoyed the valuable support of university graduates or students who have assisted CMS staff in their day-to-day work for an average period of three months on a non-remunerative basis. Since October 2017, 15 interns from various countries have assisted the Secretariat in the accomplishment of tasks or projects in the scientific/technical, administrative and information fields.
21. The Secretariat is also enjoying the expertise of Dr. Stephan Garnett, COP-Appointed Councillor for Birds, who has moved to Bonn as a visiting fellow for the period April-December 2018.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

22. Two large project proposals supporting CMS species conservation were submitted to the International Climate Initiative of BMUB and final confirmation of their acceptance is expected shortly. In June 2016, the Dugong MOU Secretariat (CMS Office – Abu Dhabi) presented a €4.8 million proposal focusing on promoting the sustainability, productivity and resilience of seagrass ecosystems, including in the context of climate change, that are critical to populations of threatened marine species such as Dugongs and Green Turtles in five countries (Malaysia, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu). The CMS Secretariat also contributed to a grant application submitted by the UN Environment Vienna Office to enhance the adaptive capacity of Central Asian migratory flagship species (e.g. Argali Sheep, Snow Leopard, Saiga Antelope, Goitered Gazelle) and associated ecosystems to climate change. The budget allocated for CMS activities under the latter project amounts to €950,000.

WAY FORWARD

23. The financial and in-kind support received since October 2017, although significant, only contributes to a small portion of the implementation of the triennial Programme of Work. The Secretariat therefore urges Parties and partners to consider any possibility of providing resources in support of any priority actions.

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to:

Take note of the document and to give comments and guidance, as necessary, to the Secretariat.