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Agenda Item XX

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**PROPOSAL FOR A CONCERTED ACTION FOR**

**THE [ SPECIES COMMON NAME] (*Latin name*) [ALREADY LISTED]**

**[PROPOSED FOR LISTING] ON APPENDIX X (AND/OR XX) OF THE CONVENTION**\*

Summary:

[Proponent(s)] has/have submitted the attached proposal\* for a Concerted Action for the [species common name *(Latin name)*] in accordance with the process elaborated in Resolution 12.28 (Rev.COP13).

\*The geographical designations employed in this document do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the CMS Secretariat (or the United Nations Environment Programme) concerning the legal status of any country, territory, or area, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. The responsibility for the contents of the document rests exclusively with its author

**TEMPLATE FOR PROPOSING CONCERTED ACTIONS**

Proponents of proposals for Concerted Actions are requested to fill in the template below. The information required in the template derive from Resolution 12.28 (Rev.COP13) on Concerted Actions. The information compiled should, as far as possible, provide a balanced assessment of the advantages and risks associated with each issue, rather than being seen solely as a tool for persuasion.

Proposals should be submitted to the Secretariat at [cms.secretariat@cms.int](mailto:cms.secretariat@cms.int) by 26 May 2023.

All the text in blue should be removed when submitting the proposal.

1. **Proponent:** Provide the name of the proponent and in the case of a stakeholder demonstrate your relevance to the species and CMS.
2. **Target species, lower taxon or population, or group of taxa with needs in common:** List the species, lower taxon or population, or group of taxa with needs in common in accordance with the names used within the CMS Appendices.
3. **Geographical range:** Define the geographical range of the target species.
4. **Summary of Activities:** Summarize the activities proposed (100 – 200 words).
5. **Activities and expected outcomes:** Specify each activity to be undertaken, and define their expected outcomes. This should address both institutional aspects (e.g. development of an Action Plan) and ecological aspects (e.g. targets for improved conservation status). Following the SMART standard (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) will help; and the intended process for monitoring and evaluation should also be described. When a complex set of activities are proposed, it would be useful to add a table that outlines for each activity: outputs/ outcomes, timeframe, responsibility and funding. Such a table enables Parties and stakeholders to quickly and clearly understand what is being proposed, when it will occur, who will be responsible, and if (and how much) additional resources may be needed for implementation.
6. **Associated benefits:** Identify opportunities to maximize added value, for example where actions targeting certain migratory animals may incidentally benefit other migratory species/taxa/populations, or where there is good scope for awareness-raising, capacity-building or encouraging new Party accessions.
7. **Timeframe:** Specify completion timeframes (and progress milestones where possible) and identify any elements of the action that are intended to be open-ended (e.g. measures to maintain conservation status).
8. **Relationship to other CMS actions:** Explain how the action’s implementation will relate to other areas of CMS activity. This may form part of its purpose, for example if it is designed to lead to an Agreement; or it may involve showing how the action will support COP decisions. It may also be necessary to show how different Concerted Actions complement or interact with each other.
9. **Conservation priority:** Explain why this action is a conservation priority. This may relate to the degree of endangerment or unfavourable conservation status as defined under the Convention; the urgency with which a particular kind of action is required; and other priorities expressed in CMS resolutions and decisions.
10. **Relevance:** Explain, for example, the degree to which the particular conservation problem is linked to migration and requires collective multilateral action; and the degree to which the proposed action will fulfil specific CMS mandates.
11. **Absence of better remedies:** Provide a brief options analysis to test whether (and why) a CMS Concerted Action is the best method of meeting the defined conservation need. Alternatives both within and outside the mechanisms of the CMS should be considered. (For cases where it appears that proceeding directly to the development of an Agreement or other instrument under Article IV of the Convention would be a better remedy, equivalent guidance and criteria for judging such proposals is provided in Resolution 11.12 and document UNEP/CMS/COP11/ Doc.22.2/Annex 1).
12. **Readiness and feasibility:** Demonstrate meaningful prospects for funding and leadership, and address all significant issues of practical feasibility for undertaking the action.
13. **Likelihood of success:** Explain how implementation is likely to lead to the intended outcome. Risk factors to consider include: uncertainty about the ecological effects; weakness in the underpinning science; lack of a “legacy mechanism” by which results can be sustained; and activities by others that may undermine or negate the results of the action.
14. **Magnitude of likely impact:** Explain the number of species, number of countries or extent of area that will benefit from the action; the scope for catalytic or “multiplier” effects, contribution to synergies or potential for acting as “flagship” cases for broadening outreach.
15. **Cost-effectiveness:** Specify the resources required and relate these to the scale of impact expected, so that cost-effectiveness can be judged.

**Consultations-Planned/Undertaken:** If work is targeted in Range States, outline what consultations, if any, are planned or have been undertaken. Outline any consultations with other relevant stakeholders