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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

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Agenda item	Documents	Notes
<p>1. Opening remarks Mr. John Mshelbwala, Chairman of the CMS Scientific Council, will open the meeting. Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, CMS Executive Secretary will welcome the participants and make introductory remarks. Ms. Elsa Nickel from the German Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety will deliver a welcoming statement</p>		
<p>2. Adoption of the agenda The meeting is invited to review the provisional agenda and schedule and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.1/Rev.2 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.2.1</p>	
<p>3. Intersessional Process regarding the Future Shape of CMS Mr. Olivier Biber, Chairman of the Working Group of the Intersessional Process regarding the Future Shape of CMS, will inform the Council about the work undertaken so far by the Working Group and the next steps. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to take note on progress.</p>		
<p>4. Review of Strategy Implementation Plan for the Scientific Council 2006-2011 At its 13th meeting (Nairobi, November 2005), the Scientific Council adopted its Plan for Implementation of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011. The Secretariat will inform the Council about activities undertaken and planned to respond to the Strategy Implementation Plan and about its future development. The meeting will be invited to discuss priorities and targets for the further implementation of the plan, taking into account availability of resources. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to take note of progress and future development.</p> <p>4.1 Review of freshwater fish The Secretariat will report on progress in dealing with freshwater fish within the Convention. The appointed Councillor for Fish, Mr. Zeb Hogan, will introduce the review and its preliminary findings on the conservation status of migratory freshwater fish to determine which species qualify for listing on the CMS Appendices according to their status and conservation needs. . <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to make general comments on the review and refer to Taxonomic Working Group on Fish for further discussion.</p> <p>4.2 Artificial barriers to migration The Secretariat will report on progress in dealing with artificial barriers to migration within the Convention and especially on an initiative developed with RWE (Rheinisch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk, German Power Company) to develop review of and guidelines for mitigating/avoiding the conflict between migratory birds and electricity power grids in the area covered by AEWA and the Raptors MOU. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to note progress and advice on future steps.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.6</p>	<p>The Plan is available as an annex to the report of ScC13</p>
<p>5. Modus operandi in cases of emergencies for CMS species The Secretariat will introduce a proposed protocol to facilitate a fast response in cases of emergency. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendations from the Council.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.13</p>	

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<p>6. Critical sites and ecological networks for migratory species The Strategy implementation plan of the Scientific Council requires the identification of networks of critical sites for CMS species throughout their range, and also the identification of important ecological networks of sites/habitats and key migration corridors. The Secretariat will introduce the item and a presentation will be delivered by Mr. Erik van Hadelhoff from the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of The Netherlands.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to make comments and advice on future steps.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.15</p>	
<p>7. Global bird flyways The Secretariat will introduced the item and Mr. Taej Mundkur, Chairman of the open-ended Scientific Council Working Group on Flyways, established by Resolution 9.2, will provide a presentation on the findings of the two reviews which will be the basis for the policy options for flyway conservation and management. Several consultations have taken place within the members of the Working Group and of the Scientific Council who do not take part in the group.</p> <p>7.1 Review of existing administrative/management instruments for migratory bird flyways Mr. Taej Mundkur will present the review whose compilation was coordinated by Wetlands International.</p> <p>7.2 Review of scientific/technical knowledge of migratory bird flyways and conservation priorities Mr. Taej Mundkur, Chairman of the CMS Working Group on Flyways, will present the review whose compilation was coordinated by BirdLife International.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to provide further inputs the reviews and advise on future steps.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.10/Rev.1</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.10 Annex 1a UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.10 Annex 1b</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.10 Annex 2a UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.10 Annex 2b</p>	
<p>8. Climate change impacts on migratory species. Assessment of the vulnerability of CMS Appendix I species: preliminary results The Secretariat will provide a brief summary of recent relevant scientific findings, the CMS mandate regarding climate change and how this has been implemented to date. There will be a presentation of a research project by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) on identifying those migratory species on Appendix I, which are most threatened by climate change. The aims and objectives of the working group will also be presented.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to advise on future steps.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.8 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.8 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.8.1</p>	
<p>9. Impacts of bycatch on migratory species and best practice mitigation measures The Secretariat will introduce Doc.9. The Appointed Councillor for Bycatch will inform the meeting of progress made since the last meeting of the Council. Councillors and observers will be given opportunity to highlight briefly relevant information they have submitted for the Council's information. After an initial discussion in plenary, more detailed consideration will be given to this item in the Thematic Working Group on Bycatch.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to make comments and advice on future steps</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.9 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.11.1-5</p>	
<p>10. Threat Abatement Plan for the Impacts of Marine Debris on Vertebrate Marine Life The Councillor from Australia will inform the meeting of the measures outlined in the documents submitted.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to take note and provide inputs.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.21 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.9 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.9.1</p>	
<p>11. Small Grants Programme The Secretariat will introduce the item. Mr. Camillo Ponziani, from UNOPS, will make a presentation on GEF funding.</p>		

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<p>11.1 Overview of small scale projects funded by CMS The Secretariat will provide an overview of the projects developed so far within the Programme.</p> <p>11.2 Discussion on options for the future of this programme The meeting will be invited to discuss prospects for the continuation of the programme as outlined in the documents available.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to advice on options and future steps for the continuation of the programme.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.14</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.22 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.23</p>	
<p>12. Conservation status of CMS Appendix I Species The Secretariat will report on progress related to the compilation of species fact sheets as basis of the report on the status of CMS Appendix I species.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to note and make recommendations on finalising the status assessment for submission to COP10.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.15</p>	
<p>13. Scientific Council tasks arising <i>inter alia</i> from resolutions, recommendations and other decisions of the Conference of the Parties</p> <p>13.1 Concerted actions for selected Appendix I species/groups (Res. 3.2, 4.2, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.29 and 9.1; Rec.9.1 and 9.2) It is envisaged that the work of the Council under this item would be organized into taxonomic working groups. Focal Points for the species are expected to provide a short update on the situation of the species, in particular in relation to CMS activities. Focal points for the Concerted Action species which do not have one should be identified, and possible changes in Focal Points for the other Concerted Action species will be considered. Possible proposals for new species to be recommended for Concerted Actions will be examined.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to note oral/written reports. Recommendations on further implementation of Concerted Actions. Possible identification of candidate Concerted Action species to be recommended to COP10.</p> <p>13.2 Co-operative actions for Appendix II species (Res. 5.2, 6.2, 7.1, 8.28 and 9.1; Rec.9.5) Work of the Council on individual Cooperative Action species will be undertaken within the taxonomic working groups. Focal Points for the species will provide a short update on the situation of the species in particular in relation to CMS activities.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to note oral/written reports. Recommendations on further implementation of Cooperative Actions. Possible identification of candidate Cooperative Action species to be recommended to COP10.</p> <p>13.3 Other resolutions and recommendations (not already covered under other agenda items)</p> <p>a) Resolution 9.8: Responding to the Challenges of Emerging and Re-Emerging Diseases in Migratory Species, Including Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 This item will first be discussed in the thematic working group on wildlife diseases, including progress with the new Task Force on Wildlife Diseases. The Working Group will advise the Council on the actions to be taken.</p> <p>b) Resolution 9.9: Migratory Marine Species This item will first be discussed in Plenary and then in the Taxonomic Working Groups (Aquatic Mammals, Birds, Fish). The Working Groups will advise the Council on the action to be taken, as outlined in Doc.11.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.13</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.7 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.10</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.11</p>	

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<p>c) Resolution 9.19: Adverse Anthropogenic Marine/Ocean Noise Impacts on Cetaceans and other biota This item will first be discussed in the Taxonomic Working Groups (Aquatic Mammals, Fish). The Working Groups will advise the Council on the action to be taken, as outlined in Doc.12.</p> <p>d) Resolution 9.20: The Saker falcon (<i>Falco cherrug</i>) This item will first be discussed in Plenary and then in the Taxonomic Working Group on Birds. The Working Group will advise the Council on the action to be taken.</p> <p>e) Recommendation 9.1: Central Eurasian Aridland Mammals This item will first be discussed in the Taxonomic Working Group on Terrestrial Mammals. The Working Group will advise the Council on the action to be taken.</p> <p>f) Recommendation 9.2: Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna This item will first be discussed in the Taxonomic Working Group on Terrestrial Mammals. The Working Group will advise the Council on the action to be taken.</p> <p>g) Recommendation 9.3: Tigers and other Asian big cats This item will first be discussed in the Taxonomic Working Group on Terrestrial Mammals. The Working Group will advise the Council on the action to be taken.</p> <p>h) Recommendation 9.5: Cooperative action for the Elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) in Central Africa This item will first be discussed in the Taxonomic Working Group on Terrestrial Mammals. The Working Group will advise the Council on the action to be taken.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.12 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Inf.12.1-3</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.19/Rev.1</p>	
<p>14. Proposals for amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention</p> <p>14.1 Discussion and evaluation of draft proposals This item will first be discussed in Plenary and it is then envisaged that the work would be organized into taxonomic working groups. Proposals submitted for freshwater fish (4), beaked whales (2) and tiger will be before the meeting. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to provide advice on the merits of the proposals.</p> <p>14.2 Review of taxonomic groups of migratory species to identify candidate species for listing on CMS Appendices This item will first be discussed in the Taxonomic Working Groups. Particular attention will be given to the preliminary list of freshwater fish recommended for Appendix I and II listing. The Working Groups will advise the Council on the action to be taken. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to provide advice.</p> <p>14.3 Discussion on the listing of the Cheetah on Appendix II The Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties listed the cheetah under Appendix I except populations in Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. The option to include these populations in Appendix II will first be discussed in Plenary and then</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.7 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.18 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.19</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.6</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.20</p>	

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<p>in the Taxonomic Working Group on Terrestrial Mammals.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to provide advice.</p>		
<p>15. Progress on other matters requiring Scientific Council advice</p> <p>15.1 Sustainable use The 15th Meeting of the Scientific Council agreed that a text on the possible usefulness of the Addis Ababa principles in the implementation of the CMS would be prepared to complete the work of Working Group on sustainable use to respond to Resolution 8.1. Council is invited to provide its views.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to advise</p> <p>15.2 Criteria for listing Ap. II species The 15th Meeting of the Scientific Council recommended to review the criteria for inclusion of species in Appendix II, which were regarded as relatively vague, and at the same time ensure consistency with the situation under other conventions..</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to provide input on the development of this criteria before COP10.</p> <p>15.3 Range States: Criteria for their classification and current List The meeting will be invited to provide possible comments on the proposed criteria.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to advise.</p> <p>15.4 Standardized nomenclature for the CMS Appendixes</p> <p>a) Taxonomy and nomenclature of bird species The Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, requested through Recommendation 9.4, to consider the implications of adopting new nomenclatural references for bird species being Dickinson, E.C.(ed.)(2003), for all birds, and ACAP’s taxonomic list for albatrosses and large petrels. The Secretariat will provide the meeting with the analysis of the various implications. Concerning birds names listed under ACAP, Barry Baker will present the paper on Taxonomy of albatrosses and larger petrels, produced by the ACAP’s Taxonomy Working Group, on the merits of the CMS adopting the taxonomy used by ACAP.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Discussion and possible recommendation by the Council to COP10 on the adoption of the nomenclatural references for bird species.</p> <p>b) Taxonomic changes in standard references Under this agenda item the meeting is expected to consider a document, produced by Pierre Devillers, Vice-Chair of the Council, on the consequences for species listed in the CMS Appendixes when new nomenclatural references are adopted and a proposed rule for cases of “lumping”, similar to the existing rule for cases of “splitting”.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Possible recommendation by the Council to COP10 on the adoption of the proposed rule.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.24</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.16 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.16/Annex I – IV UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.17</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.14</p>	

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<p>15.5 International Year of the Bat The Secretariat will report briefly on the arrangements foreseen. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Council to take note.</p> <p>15.6 Survey of expertise of Scientific Council members The Secretariat will provide an update on progress on the completion of the questionnaire. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Councillors to complete the questionnaire (preferably the electronic version) and return it before the closure of the meeting.</p>	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.5/Rev.1 UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.5/ Annex 1</p>	
<p>16. Presentation of the reports of the taxonomic and thematic working groups Chairpersons of the working groups are expected to provide oral and written reports on their respective deliberations</p>		
<p>11. Date and venue of the 17th meeting of the Scientific Council The Secretariat will provide any possible available information relevant to date and venue of the 17th meeting of the Council.</p>		
<p>12. Any other business Any other business not covered elsewhere in the agenda may be raised under this agenda item.</p>		
<p>13. Closure of the Meeting The meeting is expected to close on Wednesday, 30 June 2010 at around 1800.</p>		