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**ADDRESSING UNSUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL AND AVIAN WILD MEAT OF
MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document reports on progress to implement Decisions 12.83-12.88 *Addressing Unsustainable Use of Terrestrial and Avian Wild Meat of Migratory Species of Wild Animals* and proposes the renewal of the Decisions with some amendments.

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Background

1. The 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (COP12, Manila, 2017) adopted Decisions 12.83 to 12.88 *Addressing Unsustainable Use of Terrestrial and Avian Wild Meat of Migratory Species of Wild Animals* on the basis of document [UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.24.4.7/Rev.1](#):

12.83 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources, and working within the Convention's remit:

- a) *Prepare an analysis on the direct and indirect impacts of wild meat taking, trade and consumption on terrestrial and avian species listed on CMS Appendices I and II;*
- b) *On the basis of the findings made under paragraph a), cooperate with the partners of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) and, in particular, with:*
 - i. *The Secretariats of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as well as the Presidencies of their respective Conferences of the Parties through the Secretariats of CBD and CITES, in raising the importance of unsustainable wild meat taking, trade and consumption within the global policy agenda;*
 - ii. *The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) on Sustainable Wildlife Management issues, as they relate to CMS-listed species and to present the lessons learned to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;*
 - iii. *The Executive Secretary of the CBD and other members of the CPW to contribute to the further elaboration of technical guidance for better governance towards a sustainable wild meat (including bushmeat) sector, as set out in CBD Decision CBD/COP/DEC/XIII/8;*
- c) *Report to the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings and the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.*

12.84 Directed to Parties

Parties are invited to cooperate with the Secretariat in the implementation of Decisions 12.83, by:

- a) *Providing information and data to the analysis mentioned in paragraph a);*
- b) *Supporting the discussions on wild meat in global policy fora mentioned in paragraph b) i.; and*
- c) *Supporting the development and implementation of governance towards a sustainable wild meat sector mentioned in paragraph b) iii.*

12.85 Directed to Parties

Parties are invited to consider, where relevant via co-operation between CMS and CITES National Focal Points, regulating trade in wild meat of terrestrial and avian species listed on CMS Appendices I and II in order to avoid negative effects on the conservation status of source populations.

12.86 Directed to the Scientific Council

The Scientific Council should consider the analysis on the direct and indirect effects of wild meat consumption on CMS-listed species submitted by the Secretariat and make appropriate recommendations to the 48th or 49th meeting of the Standing Committee.

12.87 Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall consider, at its 48th and 49th meetings, the report submitted by the Secretariat and any recommendations from the Scientific Council and make appropriate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its 13th meeting.

12.88 Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are urged to provide voluntary financial contributions and technical support for the implementation of the above Decisions.

Activities to implement Decisions 12.83 to 12.88

2. The Secretariat circulated funding requests to all of its Parties to provide funds for the implementation of 12.83 (a) by notification [2017/022: CMS Programme of Work for 2018-2020](#). Requests for funding the analysis *on the direct and indirect impacts of wild meat taking, trade and consumption on terrestrial and avian species listed on CMS Appendices I and II* were also submitted to donor countries bilaterally. To date, the Secretariat was unable to raise the necessary funds to prepare the analysis. Consequently, it was not possible for the Secretariat to implement Decision 12.83 (b).
3. However, there have been some developments on this topic from CMS partners. First, the project referred to in paragraph (b)(i) of Decision 12.83 is well underway, with limited possibilities for CMS engagement. In addition, through Decision [CBD/COP/DEC/14/7](#) the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the Voluntary Guidance for a Sustainable Wild Meat Sector, referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) of Decision 12.83. CMS contributed through the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management to the development of the Guidance and hence paragraph (b)(ii) of the Decision can be considered completed.

Discussion and analysis

4. In light of the lack of funding for some aspects of the Decisions as well as developments since COP12, it is recommended that the Decisions be renewed with some amendments.
5. It is proposed that Decisions 12.83-12.85 and 12.88 be renewed as contained in Annex 1 and Decisions 12.86-12.87 be deleted in line with the Standing Committee's recommendation not to direct matters to its attention unless a specific action is expected from it.

Recommended actions

6. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to review and adopt the renewed Decisions as contained in Annex 1 to this document.

AMENDMENTS TO DECISIONS 12.83-12.88

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Directed to the Secretariat

- 13:AA (12.83) The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources, and working within the Convention's remit:
- a) prepare an analysis on the direct and indirect impacts of wild meat taking, trade and consumption on terrestrial and avian species listed on CMS Appendices I and II;
 - b) on the basis of the findings made under paragraph a), cooperate with the partners of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) and, in particular, with:
 - i. the Secretariats of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), as well as the Presidencies of their respective Conferences of the Parties through the Secretariats of CBD and CITES, in raising the importance of unsustainable wild meat taking, trade and consumption within the global policy agenda;
 - ii. ~~The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) on Sustainable Wildlife Management issues, as they relate to CMS-listed species and to present the lessons learned to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;~~
 - iii. ~~The Executive Secretary of the CBD and other members of the CPW to contribute to the further elaboration of technical guidance for better governance towards a sustainable wild meat (including bushmeat) sector, as set out in CBD Decision CBD/COP/DEC/XIII/8;~~
 - c) report to ~~the Standing Committee at its 48th and 49th meetings and the~~ Conference of the Parties at its 134th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.

Directed to Parties

- 13.BB (12.84) Parties are invited to cooperate with the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision 13.AA, by:
- a) providing information and data to the analysis mentioned in paragraph (a); and
 - b) supporting the discussions on wild meat in global policy fora mentioned in paragraph (b) (i).

Directed to Parties

13.CC (12.85) Parties are invited to consider, where relevant via co-operation between CMS and CITES National Focal Points, regulating trade in wild meat of terrestrial and avian species listed on CMS Appendices I and II in order to avoid negative effects on the conservation status of source populations.

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13.DD (12.88) Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are urged to provide voluntary financial contributions and technical support for the implementation of the above Decisions.