



**Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on
Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds (Bern SFPs Network)
and the UN Environment/CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking
and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)**

(Rome, Italy, 8 – 10 May 2019)

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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

We would like to welcome you to the Joint Meeting of the Bern SFPs Network and CMS MIKT on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Wild Birds (IKB), to be held from 8 to 10 May 2019, at the Natural Reserve of Castelporziano, generously hosted by the Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea Protection of Italy. You are also kindly invited to attend the IKB Open Talks followed by the Benefit Concert to celebrate the World Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, 11 May. The Concert and the IKB Open Talks will take place at the Centro Congressi Palazzo Rospigliosi, Via Ventiquattro Maggio, 43, 00187 Roma, a wonderful location in the heart of Rome's historical center. The events on Saturday 11 May will start at 16.00

Meeting details

Registration will commence at 08:30 on Wednesday, 8 May 2019. Badges will be handed at the registration desk. Security checks will be held at the entrance of Castelporziano, please be aware that this could generate some delays entering the premises.

A provisional list of participants will be distributed during the meeting. Participants are kindly requested to check the information contained and to report any changes to the Secretariat for the inclusion in the final list.

On the first day the meeting will open at 10.00, on the second and third day, working sessions will start at 09:00 and end at approximately 18:00. Morning and afternoon coffee breaks will be offered during the meeting.

Lunch breaks will take place between 13:00 and 14:00 on Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday, 10 May 2018. The local cafeteria in the venue will provide lunch, fixed menus will be available. The Secretariats have requested information regarding dietary needs in order to satisfy specific requirements.

Aware that the meeting takes place during Ramadan, the meeting will take into account, and will try to facilitate customs observed by participants.

Language: The working language will be English, and no interpretation will be provided.

Please consult the agenda for precise timing and details or visit our webpage at: <https://www.cms.int/en/meeting/joint-bern-convention-cms-meeting-illegal-killing-taking-and-trade-wild-birds>



The European Commission were recognized as Champion Plus for their generous support and commitment towards addressing Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean for the period 2019-2020. This activity has been funded with the contribution granted by the European Commission under the Migratory Species Champion Programme and through the Global Public Goods and Challenges (GPGC Programme) Cooperation Agreements with UNEP.



Visit to the Natural Public Reserve Tenuta of Castelporziano

On Friday 10th, from 15:00 to 18:00 participants are invited to join a visit to the Natural Reserve where the venue is located.

We will stop at different locations, including the bird-ringing station, under the international EURING project.

There is no need for specific gear or clothing, but participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes.

Meeting venue

The three-day meeting will be held at the Natural Public Reserve Tenuta of Castelporziano, Viale di Castel Porziano, 00144 Castelporziano, Rome.

The Presidential Estate of Castelporziano is located 25 km from the centre of Rome and extends over a surface of 59 sq km (5,892 hectares). By now it is almost within the city limits and extends to the Roman coastline, including approximately 3.1 km of uncontaminated beaches.

Castelporziano includes most of the coastal ecosystems typical of the Mediterranean - recent sand dunes, old stabilized dunes with ample backdune wetlands, maquis shrubland and thickets featuring typical evergreen and aromatic species, holm-oak thickets, Stone Pine forests, a lowland mixed woodland of oaks (typical of coastal plains), cork oak forests, grazing land for livestock breeding and extensive cereal cultures.

The Castelporziano forest offers an excellent refuge for several bird species, both migratory and non-migratory. The centuries-old oak forest offers adequate shelter for several species when their numbers peak. These include jay birds and, among nocturnal birds of prey, Little, Tawny and Barn Owls. The diurnal species include Common Buzzards and migratory birds, most of which come to spend the winter, such as Wood Pigeons and Woodcocks. Other migratory birds are attracted to the wetlands and include: Anatidae, waders and stilt-birds. Castelporziano has a bird-ringing station and participates in the international EURING project. Migratory birds are caught periodically in order to identify the species, record the pertinent data and ring them.

This biological wealth has made it possible to include Castelporziano in the Natura 2000 network established by the relevant EU Directive, classifying it as a SPA (Special Protection Area) and SCI (Site of Community Importance), as well as, a National Natural Reserve.

Security checks

At the entrance gate, security checks will be carried out for the safety of all visitors. The admission badge is only to be used by the person to whom it has been issued. All persons seeking access to the Presidential Estate of Castelporziano will be checked, and a high level of safety and security is guaranteed by the national law enforcement agency, Polizia di Stato and Carabinieri.

How to get to the venue

Admission to the Estate will be allowed for the Meeting at the gate of the Estate on Via Cristoforo Colombo No. 1671, at the crossing with Via di Malafede (pedestrian entrance, with no availability for parking in adjacent areas).

Local transport

Shuttle buses will be organized each day to transfer participants between the hotels listed below and the venue where the joint meeting will take place.

Please see detailed schedule:

Date	Hotel Best Western Hotel I Triangoli		Departure from Hotel Giulietta e Romeo		Departure from Hotel Mercure Roma West	
	Departure from hotel	Arrival at Castelporziano	Departure from hotel	Arrival at Castelporziano	Departure from hotel	Arrival at Castelporziano
8th May 2019 morning	8h00	9h00	8h00	9h00	7h30	8h30
9th May 2019 morning	7h45	8h45	7h45	8h45	7h30	8h30
10th May 2019 morning	8h00	9h00	8h00	9h00	7h30	8h30

Hotel accommodation

The following hotels are well located for the meeting and a shuttle will transport participants from these hotels to the venue:

Best Western Hotel I Triangoli

Via Ermanno Wolf Ferrari, 285
00124 - Rome
Tel.: +39 06 500871
www.itriangoli.com

Hotel Mercure Roma West

Viale Eroi di Cefalonia, 301,
00128 Rome
Tel.: +39 06 5083 4111
Mercurehotel

Hotel Giulietta e Romeo

Via Eraclito Di Efeso 23
00124 Casal Palocco, Rome
Tel.: +39 06 50931193
www.hotelgiuliettaeromeo.eu

Please consult the hotels' website for information on facilities and general booking conditions. Major credit cards are accepted by all hotels.

Should you prefer to stay at a different hotel, you can still take the shuttle at any of the hotels listed.

All participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel booking. Early reservation is strongly advised since availability for last-minute bookings cannot be guaranteed

Visa Formalities:

Citizens of the European Union and European Economic Area **will not need a visa** to enter the country. This includes:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Citizens of the countries listed below can enter Italy with a passport valid at least three months after the intended date of departure from the Schengen Area. Upon entering Italy, border authorities will require that you show documentation to justify the reasons for and the duration of your stay in Italy.

Note: Please ensure that your passport is valid for a period of at least three months beyond the end date of your intended stay

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, East Timor, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Macedonia, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Salvador, Samoa, , San Marino, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Taiwan (Province of China), Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Vatican and Venezuela.

If your country is not on this list, you will need a visa to enter Italy. Please go to the following link: <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

The Secretariat will provide you, upon request, with a Note Verbale to support your visa application. Please contact Ximena.cancino@cms.int or cms.secretariat@cms.int

Holders of diplomatic or service passport are kindly requested to contact the Italian Embassy or Consulate for specific instructions.

Weather

The climate of Italy is Mediterranean. Average temperatures for May are between 12°C and 22°C.

Electricity

Electricity in Italy conforms to the European standard of 220V to 230V, with a frequency of 50Hz. Wall outlets typically accommodate plugs with two or three round pins (the latter earthed, the former not).



Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E



Type L: This socket also works with plug C

Insurance

The CMS and Bern Convention Secretariats cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to the private property of participants or accompanying persons during or indirectly arising from attendance to the joint meeting and related events. Participants should make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance, the only exception being the experts whose expenses are covered by the Council of Europe, who are covered by the CHARTIS Group insurance.

Medical Services

Emergency number for the police, ambulance and fire emergency number is 112. The closest hospital is Presidio Ospedaliero G.B. Grassi, open 24h (+39 06 56481).

Currency

Italy's currency is the Euro. As of 1st March 2019, the exchange rate is €0.88 for 1US\$.

Credit cards are accepted in hotels and most restaurants in Rome. For small purchases cash is preferred. Foreign exchange services in banks and exchange offices are widely available in the city center.