

WCASN Committee Terms of Reference

WCASN Committee has been established under the framework of the CMS Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Conservation Measures for the Siberian Crane (hereafter CMS Siberian Crane MoU).

1. Membership

The WCASN Committee, serviced by the CMS Secretariat, has the following composition:

- One governmental representative of each of the Range States for the western and central Siberian Crane flyways (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

WCASN Committee selects its own chair by consensus and conducts its business by e-mail correspondence.

2. Tasks

The Site Network Committee will conduct the following tasks:

- Oversee implementation of the Site Network programme to be undertaken under the WCASN Action Plan;
- Appoint and review membership of WCASN Review Working Group;
- Approve site nomination forms submitted by Range State governments, normally within 2 months from the date of receipt of completed nomination documentation according to the prescribed requirements;
- Receive technical reviews of the nominated sites to be undertaken by WCASN Review Working Group (RWG) and make decisions on the approval of nominated sites based on the recommendations of RWG;
- Co-sign with CMS Secretariat the Site Certificates for designated sites; and
- Report on activities to each Meeting of the Range States to the CMS Siberian Crane MoU.

For the period 2010-2012:

Dr. Alexander Sorokin was elected as a chair of WCASN Committee