

Notification 2019/012

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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

DEADLINES AND GUIDANCE NOTES FOR DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

We would like to remind Parties of the deadlines for the submission of documents:

National Reports	17-Aug-19
Proposals to amend appendices and documents with a scientific component	19-Sep-19
Documents without a scientific component	19-Nov-19

The timeline for COP-13 is available at <https://www.cms.int/en/news/2019010-timeline-cop13>

When drafting documents for the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13), Parties are requested to follow the guidance notes prepared by the Secretariat available at <https://www.cms.int/en/meeting/thirteenth-meeting-conference-parties-cms>

There are three guidance notes:

- 1. Guidance on Drafting Documents, Resolutions and Decisions*
- 2. Guidance on Drafting Proposals for the Amendment of the Appendices (Listing Proposals)*
- 3. Guidance on Proposals for Concerted Actions*

The Scientific Council, at the 3rd meeting of its Sessional Committee, determined that, of the species designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020, only those for which a Concerted Action proposal will have been developed and then endorsed by the Sessional Committee and COP13 will be retained on the list of species designated for Concerted Action for the triennium 2021-2023.

<http://www.cms.int/en/news/notifications>

Parties and other stakeholders with an interest in species currently designated for Concerted Action may wish to consider submitting a proposal for a Concerted Action, following the template provided in the guidance note.

For proposals for Concerted Action endorsed by COP12 and that are not expected to be completed by the end of 2020, the proponents may wish to consider submitting a revision of the proposal.

In addition, proponents of proposals to list additional species on the appendices at COP13, may wish to consider submitting a proposal for a Concerted Action as one of the possible follow up action to the listing.

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