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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

CALL FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CMS PROGRAMME OF WORK

The thirteenth meeting of the CMS Conference of the Parties adopted an ambitious Programme of Work (POW) for the period 2020-2023.

Thanks to the generous financial and in-kind contributions of a number of governments and organizations, the CMS Secretariat has been able to make good progress on many aspects of the POW, and presented an update to the 52nd Meeting of the Standing Committee of the CMS (StC52), 21 -29 September 2021 ([UNEP/CMS/StC52/Doc.15](#)).

As noted by the Standing Committee, significant aspects of the POW have received insufficient support for progress to be made.

The Secretariat has compiled a list of key activities that require financial support, provided in the Annex to the present Notification, and invites Parties and other potential donors to support them.

The Secretariat also encourages partner organizations to consider providing support for activities of common interest or to jointly mobilize resources for their implementation.

Please contact Ms. Laura Cerasi, Fundraising and Partnership Officer (laura.cerasi@un.org) to indicate your willingness to contribute to these efforts. An early response would be highly appreciated to enhance the Secretariat's ability to plan ahead and spend funds in a timely manner.

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CMS Key Funding Priorities for short and longer terms - *as at December 2021*

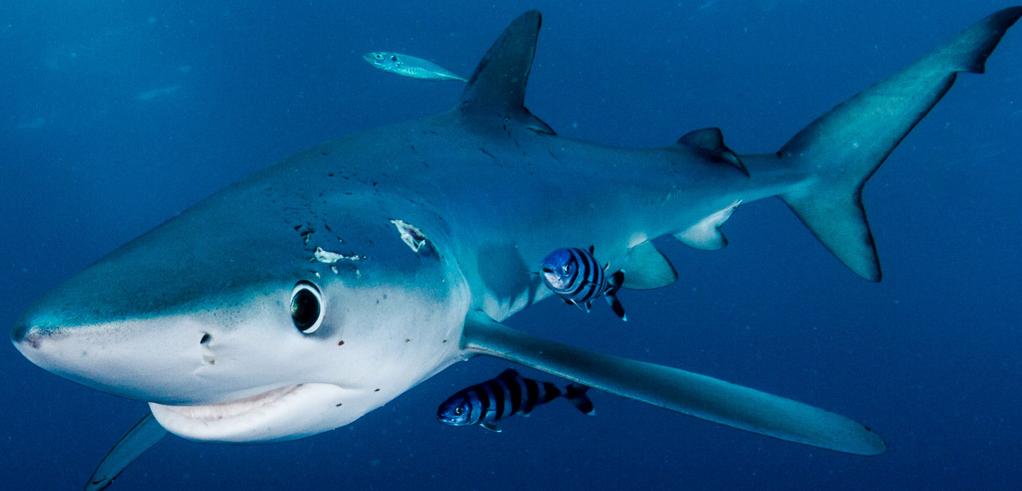
This document provides an updated version of the guidance, which was issued in January 2021, on the pressing needs of CMS for the consideration of governments and other stakeholders in view of any funding available in 2021 as well as of spending and budgetary planning for 2022 and 2023.

The areas of work listed below are reflected in the COP13-adopted [Programme of Work](#) (POW) and include mandates under Resolutions, Decisions, and Concerted Actions approved by COP13 as well as ongoing agreements and initiatives falling under the responsibility of the CMS Secretariat, the Standing Committee and the Scientific Council.

These initiatives have been identified on the basis of their priority ranking, which was determined in the POW; the timing and urgency related to their implementation (e.g. some activities are only foreseen in 2023); existing budgetary gaps; and travel restrictions and other limitations linked to COVID-19.

The funding needs indicated in the tables below take account of available resources and show the resulting shortfall.

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1. Improving the science base to support species conservation worldwide

Improving our understanding of the state of migratory species, their movements and threats facing them is crucial to assist evidence-based decisions taken to conserve them from local to global scales.



The Global Atlas on Animal Migration and the State of the World's Migratory Species report, which have not been produced to date, will provide vital tools for the Convention. In particular, the conservation status report will identify key threats, help set priorities, and serve as a baseline against which future, regular assessments could measure progress and assess the effectiveness of conservation efforts.



Parties have identified additional gaps in knowledge for a range of areas including those below and called for the delivery of specific assessments to inform national and international policy.

Initiative	Short term funding need (by mid 2022) (€)	Longer-term funding need (for 2022-2023) (€)	Activities
State of the World's Migratory Species Report		150,000	In line with Decision 13.24, these amounts would support progress and completion of the State of World's Migratory Species Report including an assessment on direct use of Appendix I species.
Global Atlas on Animal Migration		200,000	In line with Decision 13.113, this amount would support the establishment of a Clearing House mechanism allowing users to have easy access to the available information on the movement of migratory species encouraging exchanges between various existing initiatives.
Climate change	30,000	350,000	In line with Resolution 12.21, the amount needed for the short-term would support the development of technical input to the meeting of the CMS Climate Change Working Group in relation to (i) climate change adaptation and (ii) follow up to its Programme of Work. In the longer-term, this amount would support the development of: (i) review evidence for climate change impacts on migratory species; (ii) vulnerability assessment of CMS species; (iii) guidelines for adaptation measures; (iv) a baseline curriculum for webinars and e-learning courses for professionals and decision makers.
Illegal killing, taking and trade of birds		230,000	In line with Decision 13.29 and Resoltuion 11.16 (Rev.COP13), this amount would support addressing impacts of illegal killing, taking and trade of birds in Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and South and Central America and the Caribbean.
Light pollution		20,000	In line with Decision 13.138, this amount would support the development of further guidance following the ongoing scoping work.



2. Improving the capacity to deliver on the commitments under CMS at all levels



CMS COP13 called for work to support implementation of the many agreements and concerted actions and other initiatives tailored to the conservation needs of individual or groups of species listed in the CMS appendices. The Convention applies a “migration systems approach” which involves holistic conservation strategies giving attention not only to species and their populations and habitats, but also to the functioning of the entire migration process.



Several initiatives have been established to safeguard in a coherent manner groups of species that share the same habitats and/or are affected by same threats.

Initiative	Short term funding need (by mid 2022) (€)	Longer-term funding need (for 2022-2023) (€)	Activities
African-Eurasian Landbirds	50,000	150,000	In line with Decisions 13.34 and 35 and Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP13), these amounts would support the coordination and implementation of the Action Plan including the organization of meetings of the Working Group.
African-Eurasian Birds of Prey	30,000	280,000	In line with decisions of the Raptors MOU, the amount for the short-term would support Signatories to develop National Raptor Conservation Strategies. For the longer-term, this amount would support the organization of the Third Meeting of the Signatories and implementation of key actions.
African-Eurasian Vultures	30,000	335,000	In line with Decisions 13.51 and 52 and Resolution 12.10, the amount for the short-term would support the development of a communication tool for promoting results and further engagement of signatories in the implementation of the Multi-species Action Plan (MsAP). For the longer-term, this amount would support the implementations of some of the 11 Flagship projects identified in the MsAP Implementation review.
African Carnivores Initiative		100,000	In line with Decision 13.86 and Resolution 13.4, this amount would support the implementation of the Programme of Work of the Initiative adopted by the CMS Standing Committee in 2021.
African Wild Ass		20,000	In line with Resolution 12.18 (Rev.COP13), this amount would support the implementation of the roadmap.



Initiative	Short term funding need (by mid 2022) (€)	Longer-term funding need (for 2022-2023) (€)	Activities
Giraffe		120,000	In line with Concerted Action 13.3, this amount would support the development of a continent-wide conservation strategy involving Range States and experts.
Gorillas		100,000	In line with decisions of the Gorilla Agreement, this amount would support the organization of the Joint Meeting of Gorilla Agreement and GRASP Council.
Jaguar		80,000	This amount would support the organization of a Range State meeting to agree on implementation of conservation measures for the species.
Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna		1,515,000	In line with Decision 13.101, Resolution 9.21 (Rev.COP13) and Concreted Action 13.4, this amount would support the establishment of a breeding centre for Addax in Niger.
Western African Nutcracking Chimpanzee		80,000	In line with Concerted Action 13.1, this amount would support the organization of a Range State meeting to agree on priority actions.
Guilfish	50,000	230,000	In line with Concerted Action 13.9, these amounts would support the development of regional strategies and Action Plans for the regions: Americas and Mediterranean/Atlantic coast of Africa.
Marine Turtles of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia		550,000	In line with decisions of the IOSEA MOU, this amount would support the coordination and implementation of priority actions of the MOU.
Preventing Bird Poisoning	50,000	140,000	In line with Decisions 13.39 and 40 and Resolution 11.15 (Rev.COP13), the amount for the short-term would support the establishment of the Lead Task Force as agreed by the CMS Standing Committee in 2021. For the longer-term, this amount would support the coordination and operation of the Task Force and the Poisoning Working Group.
Strengthening institutional and national capacity for the implementation of CMS	25,000	100,000	Promote implementation of CMS commitments at national level in all regions in cooperation with UNEP regional offices and other regional hubs



3. Promoting ecological connectivity as a road map for action including for investments in sustainable infrastructure for people and nature

Parties to CMS have underscored the importance of “ecological connectivity” not only for the survival of migratory species, but also for biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration and human well-being. Connectivity also provides a means by which multiple countries can agree on shared goals beyond national plans and priorities and provide a basis for cooperation across boundaries. COP13 also called for connectivity to be effectively reflected in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The implementation of connectivity-related measures at species, ecosystem, migration systems and regional levels, would not only contribute to safeguarding migratory species but also help guide spatial planning for economic investment. Support and guidance to on-the-ground implementation are particularly needed as infrastructure investments and upgrades are a large part of many governments’ post-COVID crisis recovery strategies. It is essential that planning takes into account the needs of migratory species. CMS has several mandates and initiatives to strengthen work on connectivity and ensure that adverse impacts on migratory species of key infrastructure developments are minimized.

Initiative	Short term funding need (by mid 2022) (€)	Longer-term funding need (for 2022-2023) (€)	Activities
Ecological Connectivity and Migratory Species		200,000	In line with Decision 13.115 and Resolution 12.26 (Rev.COP13), this amount would support the implementation of the effective application of measures for addressing connectivity at national level.
Energy Task Force	30,000	80,000	In line with Decision 13.107 and Resolution 11.27 (Rev.COP13), the amount needed for the short-term would support the development of sensitivity mapping on powerlines (desk study) in Africa or South America. In the longer-term, this amount would support the operations and implementation of additional priority actions of the task force.



4. Addressing the causes of the COVID-19 crisis and preventing new pandemics



Zoonotic agents are found in a variety of migratory species of wild animal e.g., bats, ungulates, and waterfowl.



While some migratory species have been associated with the spread of zoonoses, most of these events have resulted from human activities, such as harvesting, handling and direct consumption of wild animals and destruction of their habitat along with increased proximity of humans and livestock to natural areas.

CMS seeks to further investigate links between animal migration and disease infection dynamics as well as to fill the knowledge gap of the role of migratory wildlife uses in the emergence of infectious zoonotic diseases.

Initiative	Short term funding need (by mid 2022) (€)	Longer-term funding need (for 2022-2023) (€)	Activities
Migratory wild animals and zoonotic diseases		20,000	In line with Resolution 12.6, the amount needed in the short-term would further the ongoing work to review the interlinkages between migration, health of migratory species and wildlife disease dynamics. In the longer-term, this amount would support the operationalization of the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Migratory Species and Health.
Wild Meat Consumption of Avian Species		50,000	In line with Decision 13.109, this amount would support the development of an analysis on the direct and indirect impacts of wild meat taking, trade and consumption of CMS avian species.
Wild Meat Consumption of Aquatic Species		30,000	In line with Decision 13.64 and Resolution 12.15, this amount would support the analysis the development of an analysis on the direct and indirect impacts of wild meat taking, trade and consumption of CMS aquatic species.



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5. Monitoring progress on implementation and guiding future strategic actions



Monitoring and reporting on activities to implement the Convention are essential for tracking progress, understanding challenges, and determining future actions.



The Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 has been guiding efforts to conserve migratory species by the international community and has defined targets against which Parties and other stakeholders are expected to report on their actions and measure their outcomes. COP14 will review an assessment of the implementation of the Strategic Plan and consider options for what follows, taking into account the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The recently established Review Mechanism cuts across all CMS programmes and aims at supporting Parties through a facilitative process in addressing challenges related to specific implementation matters.

Initiative	Short term funding need (by mid 2022) (€)	Longer-term funding need (for 2022-2023) (€)	Activities
Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 and Follow-Up	30,000	70,000	In line with Decisions 13.1 and 13.4, the amount needed in the short-term would support the development of options for the Plan's follow up in line with the road map adopted by the Standing Committee in 2021. In the longer-term, this amount would support a full assessment of the Plan based on National Reports building and on an initial analysis based on available indicators.
National Reporting		40,000	This amount would support the reporting process in view of COP14 based on the new format as well as the analysis of national reports in 2023.
Review Mechanism		100,000	In line with Resolution 12.9, this amount would support the implementation of the review mechanism whenever cases of non-compliance arise.



6. Promoting CMS objectives and supporting engagement in migratory species conservation



Communication efforts support the objectives of the Convention and help demonstrate how the work of CMS fits into the broader picture of global biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. Strengthening outreach activities through an improved media presence and engagement in activities, events and campaigns is needed in light of recent scientific assessments on species decline, the need for heightened awareness of the linkages between zoonotic diseases and the major threats to species, and the development of the new global biodiversity framework.

Among the various communication tools, the CMS website helps showcase the work of Parties, raise awareness, and provide up-to-date policy and scientific information that can be used by Parties for their planning and reporting activities. The maintenance and upgrade of the website together with improvements of the knowledge management system, including the interoperability with other systems will help elevate the profile of the Convention and improve its effectiveness.

Initiative	Short term funding need (by mid 2022) (€)	Longer-term funding need (for 2022-2023) (€)	Activities
Outreach activities and events	10,000	20,000	These amounts would support the coordination and production of materials for the World Migratory Bird Day in 2022 and 2023.
Communications		10,000	This amount would support the engagement with press and media.
Audio-visual production		50,000	This amount would support the production of engaging professional films to promote conservation issues and projects (documentaries, animations and series of short films).
Storytelling / Immersive web		50,000	This amount would support the development of interactive website, web application, mobile app for an immersive experience about conservation issues and species.
Information Management		30,000	This amount would support further improving CMS Family websites and interoperability of core CMS assets (documents, publications, species data etc) with external platforms.