

Notification 2024/022

15 October 2024

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

MEMBERSHIP OF CMS SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

At its 7th meeting (ScC-SC7, Bonn, September 2024), the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council established, or extended the duration of, a number of working groups and task forces to advance its work, as listed in the Annex. The Sessional Committee also agreed to run a consultative process on the topic of insect decline and migratory species.

Interest in membership as expressed during the ScC-SC7 meeting is captured in the ScC-SC7 meeting report which will be made available on the CMS website shortly.

Sessional Committee members, representatives of Parties and organisations which have registered as observers to Sessional Committee meetings, who have not already done so during the meeting, are invited to indicate their interest to join one or more of these groups or processes, and to indicate if they wish to continue the membership in the working groups with open duration, by filling in the table contained in the Annex to this notification. The table in the Annex indicates additional details on membership in these processes.

Please submit the nominations to the CMS Secretariat by e-mail to cms.secretariat@cms.int and dagmar.zikova@un.org by 5 November 2024 at the latest.

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Expression of interest to participate in the working groups and task forces established by or reporting to the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council during the intersessional period until COP15

Please complete the table below and submit to the Secretariat through e-mail: cms.secretariat@cms.int and dagmar.zikova@un.org

Name and title:
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1. Working Groups newly established by the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council

Sessional Committee members, representatives of Parties and organisations which have registered as observers to Sessional Committee meetings, who have not already done so during the meeting, are invited to indicate their interest to join one or more of these new groups or task forces by filling the table below.

	WORKING GROUP	Duration	Chair	Membership open to	Please indicate your interest to join the working group by placing an X in the column below	Name and email of the working group member, and their representational capacity (Sessional Committee member, Party or observer)
1	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on the State of the World's Migratory Species Report	Until COP15	Vanesa Tossenberger (COP-appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessional Committee members; • Scientific Council members; • Representatives of the Scientific or advisory bodies of other CMS aquatic mammal agreements. 		
2	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Taxonomic and Nomenclatural Issues and on Potential Taxa for Listing	Until COP15	Stephen Garnett (COP-appointed Councillor for Birds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessional Committee members; • Experts from Parties and other Observers; • Representatives of other MEAs, such as CITES, as appropriate. 		

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3	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Maintaining Lists of Species Listed in CMS Appendices	Until COP15	The Working Group will appoint its chair from among the Sessional Committee / Scientific Council members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessional Committee members; • Scientific Councillors; • Sessional Committee Observers. 		
4	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Infrastructure and Migratory Species	Until COP15	The Working Group will select a Chair from among its members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Council members; • Environmental Ministries and Wildlife Agencies; • Development, Energy and Transport Ministries and Agencies; • CMS Family Working Groups and Task Forces; • Infrastructure sector; • Impact assessment community, including through the International Association for Impact Assessment; • Assessment; • International financial institutions; • Scientific community involved in migratory species and infrastructure issues; • Biodiversity data portals; • Relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and intergovernmental organizations; 		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International NGOs; and • Other relevant experts. 		
5	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Pastoralism and CMS-listed species	Until COP15	The Working Group will select a Chair from among its members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Council members; • Environmental Ministries and Wildlife Authorities; • Agriculture agencies and other respective agencies responsible for pasture management; • Land use planning sector; • Development agencies and banks working on land use issues (e.g. GIZ, AfD, World Bank); • Scientific community involved in migratory species and land use issues; • Relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and intergovernmental organizations, such as UNEP, UNCCD, FAO, UNESCO; • International and national NGOs; • Representatives of relevant CMS Family Working Groups and Task Forces; and • Other relevant experts. 		

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6	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on the Taking of migratory species for various uses	Until COP15	The Working Group will select a Chair from among its members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Council members; • Environmental Ministries and Wildlife Authorities; • Scientific community involved in migratory species and illegal hunting/taking; • Relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements and intergovernmental organizations, such as CBD, UNEP, FAO, CITES; • International and national NGOs; • Representatives of relevant CMS Family Working Groups and Task Forces; and • Other relevant experts. 		
7	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Multiple Systems of Knowledge, Including Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge	Until COP15	To be appointed from among the Sessional Committee / Scientific Council members of the Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessional Committee members and Scientific Councillors; • Sessional Committee observers. 		

2. Renewal of interest in membership in existing Working Groups and Task Forces

Sessional Committee members, representatives of Parties and organisations which have registered as observers to Sessional Committee meetings, who have not already done so during the meeting, are invited to indicate their interest to join the working groups with open duration or continue their membership, by filling in the table contained in the Annex to this notification.

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8	Aquatic Mammals Working Group	Open	Vanesa Tossenberger (COP-appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of ScC; • Representatives of the scientific or advisory bodies of other CMS aquatic mammal agreements External Experts. 		
9	CMS-FAO Co-Convened Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wildlife	Open	Ruth Cromie (COP-appointed Councillor for Wildlife Health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the CMS ScC; • organizations working internationally in areas either directly or indirectly involved in issues related to the Task Force objectives. 		
10	The CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Migratory Species and Health	Open	The Working Group will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from amongst its members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the CMS ScC; • Representatives of the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds; • Representatives of the Preventing Poisoning Working Group; • Representatives of the Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group; • Representatives from CMS instruments, including, but not limited to, EUROBATS and 		

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				AEWA; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of UNEP, WHO, WOA, and FAO; • Representatives of other relevant MEAs; • Representatives from other international wildlife health expert groups including IUCN Wildlife Health Specialist Group, WOA Working Group on Wildlife and Wildlife Disease Association; • Independent experts which can be co-opted on an ad hoc basis as necessary and appropriate; • Representatives from NGOs with specialism relevant to migratory species and ecosystem health. 		
11	CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Climate Change and Migratory Species	Until COP15	Des Thompson (COP-appointed Councillor for Climate Change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ScC members; • ScC observers; • External experts by invitation. 		
12	Expert Working Group on Animal Culture and Social Complexity	Open	Philippa Brakes (WDC), supported by Fernando Spina (COP-appointed Councillor for Connectivity/Networks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the ScC; • External experts by invitation. 		

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13	Joint Noise Working Group of CMS, ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS	Open	Yanis Souami (SINAY) & Sigrid Lueber (OceanCare) (elected by members of the WG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members and observers of ScC, ACCOBAMS SC and ASCOBANS AC with relevant expertise; External experts by invitation. 		
14	Working Group on Aquatic Wild Meat	Open	Maximillian Djondo (BEES), supported by Barry Baker (COP-appointed Councillor for Bycatch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of ScC; External experts. 		
15	Working Group on Flyways	Open	Rob Clay (COP-appointed Councillor for Birds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of ScC; Party representatives; Representatives of relevant CMS instruments; Representatives of relevant MEAs; Representatives of relevant int. NGOs. 		
16	Working Group on Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region	Open	Olivier Biber; Coordinator: Swiss Ornithological Institute, SOI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ScC members; Party representatives; Representatives of relevant CMS instruments; Representatives of relevant NGOs. 		

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17	Preventing Poisoning Working Group	Until COP15	Vacant; the Working Group will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from amongst its members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of CMS Parties ; • Representatives of the CMS Scientific Council, the AEWA Technical Committee, Technical Advisory Group of the Raptors MOU, Bern Convention Expert Group on Birds; • Representatives of the CMS Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean Task Force, the Asia Pacific Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force, the African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group and Flyways Working Group; • Independent experts on an ad hoc basis as necessary and appropriate; • ECHA. 		
18	The CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Ecological Connectivity	Until COP15	Fernando Spina (COP-appointed Councillor for Connectivity/Networks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ScC members; • ScC observers. 		

3. Consultative processes

Sessional Committee members, representatives of Parties and organisations which have registered as observers to Sessional Committee meetings, who have not already done so during the meeting, are invited to indicate their interest to join the consultative process on the topic of insect decline and migratory species.

	Consultative process	Duration	lead	Interest to join the consultation	Name and email of the contact person, and their representational capacity (Sessional Committee member, Party or observer)
19	Insect Decline	Until COP15			