

Notification 2022/025

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

### **CALL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CMS POW AND ITS FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

Following Notification 2022/021, the Secretariat is pleased to inform you that the necessary preparations for the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14), including logistical arrangements, are underway in close consultation and cooperation with the host country.

According to the provisions of [Resolution 13.2](#) on the eligibility for financial assistance of delegates to attend the COP, it has been estimated that a minimum of €300,000 is necessary to cover costs related to the participation of one representative per country and of key members of the Scientific Council namely the Chair and the nine COP-Appointed Councillors. Additional €50,000 would be required to implement promotional activities and produce COP-related communication materials.

These needs and other both short- and long-term priorities for funding of the Programme of Work (POW) 2020-2023 are included in the Annex to the present Notification.

With a view to ensure the preparation of substantive inputs as well as the maximum attendance and geographical representation at COP14, the Secretariat therefore invites Parties to explore any opportunity to allocate resources to support the organization of COP14 and priority actions under the POW. Partner organizations are also encouraged to consider covering any shortfalls.

Please contact Ms. Laura Cerasi ([laura.cerasi@un.org](mailto:laura.cerasi@un.org)) to indicate your willingness to contribute to these efforts.

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## CMS Key Funding Priorities for short and longer terms

*As at December 2022*

Thanks to the generous financial and in-kind contributions of a number of governments and organizations, the Secretariat has been able to make good progress on many aspects of the [Programme of Work](#) (POW), and presented an update to the 53rd Meeting of the Standing Committee of the CMS (19-20 October 2022 ([UNEP/CMS/StC53/Doc.15](#))).

This document provides an updated version of the guidance on CMS funding priorities, which was issued in 2021 and early 2022, for the consideration of governments and other stakeholders.

The document shows short-term funding needs in view of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) (Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 23-28 October 2023), that include both those related to the preparation of the COP itself and those aimed at producing additional substantive inputs to the COP. The document also contains longer-term funding needs that aim at furthering the implementation of the POW, which will be revised at COP14.

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

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### Short term funding needs (by mid-2023) in view of COP14

| Initiative   | Funding needs (€) | Activities   |
|--|-------------------|--|
| <b>COP14 Preparations</b>  |                   |  |
| Participation of delegates in COP14  | 300,000           | This amount would cover costs related to the participation of one representative per country eligible for funding  |
| COP14 Communications and Information Management  | 50,000            | This amount would support the preparation of COP14-related promotional activities and communication materials  |
| <b>POW Implementation</b>  |                   |  |
| New Strategic Plan for Migratory Species   | 50,000            | This amount would support the establishment of an Intersessional Working Group tasked to develop, with support from the Secretariat, a draft concise Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, as per the decision of the CMS 53 <sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee meeting in October 2022 and Notification 2022/020. |
| Analysis of National Reports and of implementation of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 | 60,000            | This amount would support the analysis of national reports as well as a final streamlined assessment of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023.  |
| Review mechanism   | 10,000            | This amount would support the development of operational guidance to assist the implementation of Resolution 12.9 and its associated Decisions.  |
| Western African Nutcracking Chimpanzee   | 20,000            | In line with Concerted Action 13.1, this amount would support the organization of a Range State meeting to agree on priority actions.  |
| Atlantic Humpback Dolphin  | 70,000            | In line with Concerted Action 12.3 (Rev.COP13), this amount would support the organization of a Range State meeting to finalize the draft Single Species Action Plan.  |

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|  | <b>American flyways</b>               | 85,000 | In line with Decisions 13.41-13.44, this amount would support the coordination of strategic Flyways-related activities, and a strategic review and prioritized implementation with a specific focus on the Americas Flyways Action Plan and Framework Task Force |
|  | <b>Outreach activities and events</b> | 20,000 | This amount would support the coordination and production of materials for the World Migratory Bird Day in 2023.   |

## Longer-term funding needs

### 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.

While progress has been made in a number of priorities, such as the development of the State of the World's Migratory Species report which will be finalized for COP14, Parties have identified 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 for which funding is still required.

|  | <b>Initiative</b>                                 | <b>Funding needs (€)</b> | <b>Activities</b>  |
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|  | <b>Global Atlas on Animal Migration</b>           | 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. |
|  | <b>Climate change</b>                             | 40,000                   | In line with Resolution 12.21, this amount would support the development of a baseline curriculum for webinars and e-learning courses for professionals and decision makers.   |
|  | <b>Illegal killing, taking and trade of birds</b> | 230,000                  | In line with Decision 13.29 and Resolution 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.                            |

### 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.



|  | <b>Initiative</b>                     | <b>Funding needs (€)</b> | <b>Activities</b>   |
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|  | <b>African-Eurasian Landbirds</b>     | 150,000                  | In line with Decisions 13.34 and 35 and Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP13)/Rev.1, this amount would support the implementation of the Action Plan including the organization of meetings of the Working Group.  |
|  | <b>African-Eurasian Birds of Prey</b> | 150,000                  | In line with decisions of the Raptors MOU, this amount would support the implementation of some of the key actions including the development of the International Single Species Action Plan for the Sooty Falcon and the work of the Saker Falcon Task Force |
|  | <b>African-Eurasian Vultures</b>      | 1,000,000                | In line with Decisions 13.51 and 52 and Resolution 12.10, this amount would support the implementations of some of the 11 Flagship  |

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|  |   |           | projects identified in the Multi-species Action Plan (MsAP)<br>Implementation review with priority to projects 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 and the<br>Mid Term Review of the MsAP scheduled for 2023   |
|  | <b>Central Asian Flyway Initiative</b>                        | 390,000   | In line with Resolution 12.11 (Rev.COP13) and Decision 13.46, the amount would support preparatory work, including the organization of an inter-governmental meeting of the Range States of the Central Asian Flyway, for establishing an institutional framework incl. a coordination unit for the implementation of conservation priorities and related actions for migratory birds and their habitats in the region, incl. updating the CAF Action Plan. |
|  | <b>Preventing Bird Poisoning</b>                              | 140,000   | In line with Decisions 13.39 and 40 and Resolution 11.15 (Rev.COP13), this amount would support the coordination and operation of the Task Force on Lead and the Preventing Poisoning Working Group.  |
|  | <b>African Carnivores Initiative</b>                          | 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.   |
|  | <b>Giraffe</b>  | 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.   |
|  | <b>Gorillas</b>   | 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.  |
|  | <b>Jaguar</b>   | 80,000    | This amount would support the organization of a Range State meeting to agree on implementation of conservation measures for the species.  |
|  | <b>Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna</b>                               | 1,515,000 | In line with Decision 13.101, Resolution 9.21 (Rev.COP13) and Concerted Action 13.4, this amount would support the establishment of a breeding centre for Addax in Niger.   |
|  | <b>Rhino rays</b>   | 230,000   | In line with Concerted Action 13.9, this amount would support the development of a global conservation strategy and regional action plans.  |
|  | <b>Angelshark</b>   | 600,000   | In line with Concerted Action 12.5 (Rev.COP13), this amount would support the implementation of activities foreseen in the Single Species Action Plan (SSAP) for the Angelshark in the Mediterranean Sea region, including coordination of an International Working Group, monitoring of progress, scientific analysis to determine critical habitats and population structure.   |
|  | <b>Hawksbill Turtle</b>                                       | 200,000   | In line with Decision 13.69-70, this amount would support the Implementation of the SSAP, including reviewing impact of trade and fishery on hawksbill populations and on ground implementation of projects.  |
|  | <b>Pacific Loggerhead Turtles</b>                             | 200,000   | This amount would support the implementation of the SSAP, including awareness raising and capacity-building projects educating fishers to mitigate bycatch in the South-eastern Pacific.  |
|  | <b>Bycatch and Fisheries-induced Mortality</b>                | 500,000   | In line with Resolution 12.22, this amount would support the development of guidance on most effective bycatch mitigation techniques and reduction of overall fisheries-induced mortality in different taxa, including in collaboration with RFMOs.   |
|  | <b>Pacific Islands Cetaceans</b>                              | 500,000   | In line with decisions of the dedicated Memorandum of Understanding MOU Implement (PIC MOU), this amount would support projects to improve the conservation status of species listed; developing EIA guidance to address impacts of deep-sea mining on cetaceans in the region.   |
|  | <b>Marine Turtles of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia</b> | 200,000   | In line with decisions of the dedicated MOU (IOSEA MOU), this amount would support the coordination and implementation of priority actions.   |
|  | <b>National capacity for the implementation of CMS</b>        | 100,000   | In line with Resolution 13.2, this would amount would support the strengthening of institutional capacity for the 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   | Funding needs (€) | Activities  |
|--|-------------------|---|
|  <b>Ecological Connectivity and Migratory Species</b> | 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. |
|  <b>Energy Task Force</b>                            | 80,000            | In line with Decision 13.107 and Resolution 11.27 (Rev.COP13), this amount would support the operations and implementation of additional priority actions of the task force.                        |

### 4. 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 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  | Funding needs (€) | Activities   |
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|  <b>Review Mechanism</b> | 100,000           | In line with Resolution 12.9, this amount would support the implementation of the review mechanism whenever cases of non-compliance arise. |

### 5. 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 increased media presence, compelling storytelling and higher engagement in events and campaigns is needed in light of recent scientific assessments on species decline and the need for heightened awareness of the major threats to species as well as positive stories on conservations successes to tackle them.

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 such as InforMEA will help elevate the profile of the Convention and improve its effectiveness.

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|            | <b>Media Engagement</b>           | 25,000            | This amount would support press-related work as well monitoring tools for impact assessment  |
|            | <b>Audio-visual production</b>    | 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).   |
|            | <b>Immersive web storytelling</b> | 50,000            | This amount would support the development of interactive website, web application, mobile app for an immersive experience (AR/VR) about conservation issues and species.     |
|            | <b>Information Management</b>     | 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. |