



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

CALL FOR REGIONAL NOMINATIONS FOR THE CMS STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP

CMS Parties are hereby asked to provide nominations for their region's members of the Strategic Plan Implementation Working Group. Nominees should have knowledge of CMS, the activities of the CMS family of instruments, and the implementation of the Convention.

Working Group members have the task of overseeing the development (by a consultant) of *Plan Indicators* and of a *Companion Volume on Implementation* for the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023, and will consult with CMS Parties in their region.

Nominations should be sent by Parties to their CMS Standing Committee regional representative by 31 December 2014. If more than two nominations are received for a region, the Standing Committee regional representatives will decide which ones shall be members. The Chairs of the CMS Standing Committee and the CMS Scientific Council shall be ex-officio members of the Working Group. The Standing Committee will advise the Secretariat of the members by 10 January 2015.

It would be desirable that the nominated candidates should be conversant with English, as the Working Group will normally work without translation.

Funding of Working Group members' attendance at any meetings will follow usual CMS criteria of eligibility and will be dependent on availability of financial resources.

Further information is contained in the annex below.

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Background

At the CMS COP11 in Quito it was decided in Resolution 11.2 to extend the mandate of the Strategic Plan Working Group to include the tasks of elaborating the indicators and a Companion Volume on Implementation for the new Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023.

These extended tasks will be undertaken during the triennium 2015-2017, and the Working Group is to submit progress reports to the CMS Standing Committee. The new Terms of Reference for the Strategic Plan Implementation Working Group are appended as Annex 2 to Resolution 11.2, and are reproduced below for ease of reference.

Terms of Reference for the Strategic Plan Implementation Working Group

Objectives

1. The main objectives of the Working Group will be to:
 - a) Develop new or identify existing detailed indicators for the Strategic Plan; and
 - b) Develop a “Companion Volume on Implementation” for the Strategic Plan, in particular by taking into account available tools under the CMS as well as other multilateral environmental agreements and by identifying gaps where new tools may need to be developed.
2. To this end, the Working Group will take into account the headline indicators and outline Companion Volume presented in document UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.15.2.
3. The Working Group will further take into account the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for the period 2011-2020, as well as the strategic documents of other global biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, and any other relevant documents and materials the Working Group may consider appropriate.
4. The Working Group will report to the meetings of the Standing Committee for approval of progress in the identification and/or development of the indicators (and their progressive implementation) and guidance in the preparation of the Companion Volume during the inter-sessional period.
5. The Working Group will present its findings to the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Composition of the Working Group

6. The Working Group shall be composed of Parties to the Convention on the basis of the same regions as the Standing Committee, with a maximum of two representatives per region. Based on their knowledge of CMS, the activities of the CMS Family of instruments, and the implementation of the Convention, representatives will be selected by their regional groups. The Chairs of the Standing Committee and the Scientific Council shall be ex-officio members of the Working Group. Other Parties to CMS, representatives of secretariats of the CMS Family and of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and partner organizations will also be invited to contribute to the work of and be observers at the Group.
7. Contracting Parties shall be consulted by their regional representatives and the Working Group will also invite the views of and work in cooperation with the whole CMS Family.

8. The Working Group will consult the CMS Scientific Council as appropriate, including on the scientific evidence underpinning relevant indicators.
9. The appointment of nominated representatives of the Working Group shall be agreed upon under the responsibility of the CMS Standing Committee no later than two months after the end of COP11.
10. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be chosen from among the members of the Working Group under the responsibility of the CMS Standing Committee no later than three months after the end of COP11.
11. The Working Group will be facilitated by the CMS Secretariat and supported partly from the core budget and partly from voluntary contributions.