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CMS Scientific Council (ScC-SC8)**

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**PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE  
SESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL  
PERIOD BETWEEN COP14 AND COP15**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

Summary:

This document is provided to assist the Sessional Committee in reviewing progress in the implementation of the Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15.

The Sessional Committee is recommended to review the document and update it during the meeting as appropriate.

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Background

1. At its seventh meeting in 2024 (ScC-SC7), the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council developed a Programme of Work (POW) for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15.
2. The present meeting provides an opportunity for an assessment of progress in the implementation of the POW. To this end, the Annex of this document includes an updated version of the POW endorsed by ScC-SC7, which includes, in the column 'Status', a summary of progress in the implementation of each activity as of end of October 2025, based on information available to the Secretariat. The Sessional Committee may review the document to verify whether it accurately reflects progress in implementation, or if any update is needed, as well as to indicate possible further actions that might be undertaken after ScC-SC8 and before COP15 and ScC-SC9 for activities not yet completed. It is proposed that the table in the Annex be updated during the meeting when relevant items are addressed.

Recommended Actions

3. The Sessional Committee is recommended to assess progress in the implementation of the POW and plan on further actions that might be undertaken after ScC-SC8 and before COP15 and ScC-SC9 using the table included in the Annex.

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<b>Strategic and Institutional Matters</b>								
<b>SAMARKAND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
<i>Dec.14.3</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to provide inputs to the IWG on the SPMS, specifically by providing scientific advice on:</i>							
	<i>a) the actions needed to implement the SPMS and achieve its goals and targets,</i>	Provide inputs in coordination with the meetings of the IWG	To be defined by the IWG	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8		(Sec. FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.15
	<i>b) baselines for each of the SPMS targets with a scientific component,</i>	Provide inputs in coordination with the meetings of the IWG	To be defined by the IWG	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8		(Sec. FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.15
	<i>c) indicators for each of the SPMS targets with a scientific component,</i>	Provide inputs in coordination with the meetings of the IWG	To be defined by the IWG	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8		(Sec. FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.15
	<i>d) a monitoring framework to assess progress against the indicators, and</i>	Provide inputs in coordination with the meetings of the IWG	To be defined by the IWG	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8		(Sec. FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.15
	<i>e) guidance for the elaboration of a new template for National Reports, aligned to the SPMS.</i>	Provide inputs in coordination with the meetings of the IWG	To be defined by the IWG	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8		(Sec. FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing. Revised National Reports template will be available for consideration by ScC-SC9. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.15
<b>SUBJECT AREAS OF COP-APPOINTED COUNCILLORS</b>								
<i>Dec.14.5</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, with support from the Secretariat, to review the existing COP-Appointed Councillor subject areas and propose to COP15 any changes for the subsequent period between COP15 and COP17, as appropriate.</i>		Subject areas reviewed, recommendation provided to COP15	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.16.1

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<b>PARTICIPATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS IN CMS PROCESSES</b>								
<i>Dec.14.9</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) assess the significance of multiple systems of knowledge and understanding, including traditional and Indigenous knowledge, for supporting effective migratory species conservation; and</i>		Assessment prepared	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Narelle Montgomery	Ian Redmond, Zeb Hogan, SPREP	ScC-SC8	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.16.1
	<i>b) provide a report to COP15 with suggestions for ways in which CMS might facilitate inclusion of additional systems of knowledge and understanding for enhanced implementation of the Convention.</i>		Report presented to COP15	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Narelle Montgomery	Ian Redmond, Zeb Hogan, SPREP	COP15	Completed. See in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.16.1. Changes proposed to relevant Resolutions through UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.30.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.31.1
<b>COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES) AND CMS</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.12</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of resources, actively engage in relevant scoping and review processes of the IPBES assessments agreed by the IPBES Plenary at its tenth session, including with respect to the assessment of integrated biodiversity inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity and a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services,</i>		CMS perspective included in the IPBES Assessment of integrated biodiversity inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity	2024-2026	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Ziková)		Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.18.2

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	<i>with a view to ensure that CMS priority elements are addressed.</i>							
<i>Dec. 14.13</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to consider the findings of recent and forthcoming IPBES deliverables, including the assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species, the assessment of the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature, the assessment of Invasive Alien Species and their Control, the IPBES-IPCC co-sponsored workshop report on biodiversity and climate change, the assessment on the of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health, the assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity, the assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, and the assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, and to prepare recommendations relating to the implementation of the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its 15th Meeting.</i>		Relevant IPBES assessments considered and incorporated in CMS, as appropriate; recommendations provided to COP15	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Chairs of relevant WGs	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	COP15	Not undertaken due to lack of time and resources. A follow-up Decision proposed for consideration by COP15 in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.18.2
<i>Resolution 10.8 (Rev.COP14) OP 1</i>	<i>Urges CMS Parties Focal Points and Scientific Councillors to communicate and liaise regularly with the national representatives in the IPBES to ensure that the needs for research and policy guidance related to migratory species, especially those listed under CMS, are being adequately addressed by IPBES</i>		IPBES national representatives aware of the needs for research and policy guidance related to migratory species	Ongoing	All Councillors	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Ongoing

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Resolution 10.8 (Rev.COP14) OP 6	Requests the Scientific Councillors to engage in all relevant processes of IPBES and in the development of new assessments including in their scoping processes, in collaboration with the scientific advisory bodies of other MEAs as appropriate		Councillors involved in the relevant processes of IPBES	Ongoing	All Councillors	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Žíková)		Ongoing
Resolution 10.8 (Rev.COP14) OP 7	Requests the Scientific Councillors to regularly consider the findings of all relevant IPBES assessments and provide recommendations relating to the implementation of the Convention; and		Recommendations provided	Ongoing	All Councillors	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Žíková)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing
<b>SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL</b>								
Resolution 12.4 (Rev.COP14) OP 17	Emphasizes the need to establish close links between the Scientific Council and the network of scientists and experts in equivalent bodies of those conventions with which a memorandum of understanding is in place, namely, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance;		Close links with CBD and other Conventions established	Ongoing		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Žíková)		Ongoing
<b>Scientific Assessments and Reports</b>								
<b>ATLAS ON ANIMAL MIGRATION</b>								
Dec. 14.18	The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:							
	a) provide advice and guidance to the Secretariat on updating existing and developing additional modules of the atlas;		Advice and guidance provided to the Secretariat	ScC-SC7	Fernando Spina	Ian Redmond, IUCN Protected Areas Task Force, NM		Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.21

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						(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		
	<i>b) provide advice and guidance to the Secretariat on improving the usability of the atlas, if required;</i>		Advice provided to the Secretariat	ScC-SC7	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.21
	<i>c) work closely with the Secretariat and relevant stakeholders in promoting the knowledge and use of existing modules through appropriate means, such as webinars; and</i>		Agree on and implement appropriate actions to promote the Atlas.	2024-2026	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.21
	<i>d) provide recommendations to COP15 on future development of the atlas.</i>		Recommendations provided to COP15	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.21
<b>CONSERVATION STATUS OF MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.23</i>	<i>The Scientific Council, supported by the Secretariat, is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) provide guidance to the Secretariat on scope and any additional 'spotlight' sections on specific topics or issues of importance for the second edition of the State of the World's Migratory Species report; and</i>		Guidance provided	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Vanesa Tossenberger	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8 / COP15	Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.20.1
	<i>b) provide guidance to the Secretariat on the development of the online CMS Data Dashboard.</i>		Guidance provided	2024-2026		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8 / COP15	Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.20.1
<i>Resolution 14.4 OP 5</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council to provide guidance to the Secretariat on scope and any additional 'spotlight' sections on specific topics or issues of importance for the State of the World's Migratory Species reports, as well as on the development of the online CMS Data Dashboard;</i>	Same as Dec. 14.23 a) and b) above						Progress reported in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.20.1

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<b>Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention</b>								
<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLES IV AND V OF THE CONVENTION</b>								
<i>Resolution 12.8 OP 8</i>	<i>Instructs the Secretariat and the Scientific Council, urges Parties, and invites other relevant stakeholders to apply the criteria annexed to this Resolution in developing and evaluating proposals for future Agreements</i>		Criteria applied when Agreements are negotiated.	Ongoing	none	(Sec. FP: representative of the relevant taxa teams)		Ongoing
<b>Crosscutting Conservation Issues</b>								
<b>PASTORALISM</b>								
14.180	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to establish a multi-stakeholder Working Group on pastoralism and CMS-listed species, composed of stakeholders with experience and knowledge on managing rangelands, pastoralism and wildlife.</i>		Working Group	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Polina Orliinskiy)	COP15	WG established by SC7 and Terms of Reference agreed, meetings conducted, preliminary recommendations produced. See UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.6
	<i>The Working Group is asked to: a) analyze available information relevant to pastoralism, the impact of transhumance on biodiversity, well-being, and the risk of zoonotic disease emergence at the human/wildlife/livestock interface; and potential impacts on CMS-listed species, including existing models and best practice case studies and the compilation of responses received by the Secretariat under Decision 14.179; and</i>		Analysis	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Polina Orliinskiy)		Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.6

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	<i>b) provide recommendations to support Parties in addressing the impact of pastoralism on CMS-listed species and in realizing the potential benefits to ecosystem health and resilience associated with the holistic management of rangelands and migratory species including soil restoration and climate change adaptation and mitigation.</i>		Recommendations	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Polina Orinskiy)	ScC-SC8 COP15	Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.6
<b>ILLEGAL AND UNSUSTAINABLE TAKING OF WILDLIFE</b>								
<i>Dec.14.184</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:</i>							
	<i>a) review the analysis commissioned by the Secretariat at the 7th or 8th meeting of its Sessional Committee and provide recommendations on further measures to be taken by Parties and other stakeholders to address the illegal and unsustainable taking of migratory species for consideration by the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;</i>		Review of analysis	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.1
	<i>b) establish a Working Group on the taking of migratory species for various uses, taking into account ongoing work under the Convention;</i>		Working Group	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	WG established by ScC-SC7 and ToR adopted.
	<i>c) consider the need to modify the terms of reference of any existing Working Groups to effectively address the issues of illegal and unsustainable taking of migratory species; and</i>		Recommendations on streamlining existing Working Groups	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing
	<i>d) provide recommendations to the Conference of Parties at its 15th meeting.</i>		Recommendations	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.28.1a

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Resolution 11.31 (Rev. COP14) OP 6	<i>Calls on the Scientific Council to work with relevant stakeholders regularly to analyze data on the scale of take of CMS-listed species to identify those species for which cumulative take is clearly unsustainable and make recommendations;</i>		Analysis of scale of take	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	SCC-SC8	Ongoing
Resolution 11.31 (Rev. COP14) OP 17	<i>Further calls upon the Scientific Council to facilitate the use of best practice developed across relevant CMS instruments, including ensuring a consistent approach to addressing unsustainable take through adaptive harvest management;</i>		Best practice shared across CMS Instruments	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing
<b>ECOLOGICAL CONNECTIVITY</b>								
Dec. 14.195	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to work on the following tasks for enhancing the scientific understanding of connectivity issues in relation to migratory species:</i>							Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.2
	<i>a) review the results of its survey of existing major databases that may support relevant analyses and syntheses of information on connectivity, and identify options inter alia for ensuring sustainability and enhanced operability and coordination of such databases for this purpose;</i>		Survey results reviewed	2024-2026	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8 / COP15	Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.2 and UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Inf.28.2a
	<i>b) investigate options and develop proposals for creating relevant data and knowledge holding capabilities and for enhancing analysis capabilities under the auspices of the CMS, in collaboration with suitably qualified institutions and processes;</i>		Proposals developed	2024-2026	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8 / COP15	Partially implemented; proposed to continue in the next triennium in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.2

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	<i>c) produce a synthesis of collated information on the linkages between migratory species connectivity and ecosystem integrity and resilience;</i>		Report produced	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8	Partially implemented. The work proposed for continuation in next triennium-see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.2
	<i>d) having regard in particular to the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, assess the needs and develop focused objectives for new research on key connectivity issues, including but not limited to climate change, which affect the conservation status of each of the major taxonomic groups of migratory wild animals covered by CMS in each of the world's major land and oceanic regions, and produce a report on the findings of this assessment prior to the 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties;</i>		Needs assessed and objectives developed	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8 / COP15	Not implemented due to a lack of capacity and funding; proposed to continue in the next triennium in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.2
	<i>e) provide recommendations concerning any additional guidance that may be needed within the framework of the CMS on assessing threats to migratory species connectivity in particular priority situations identified by the work described in sub-paragraph (d) above; and</i>		Recommendations provided	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8 / COP15	Not addressed during this intersessional period.
	<i>f) make further recommendations as appropriate arising from the work described in this Decision.</i>		Recommendations provided as appropriate	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Fernando Spina	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Not addressed during this intersessional period.

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<b>TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREAS FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
Dec. 14.198	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to review the usefulness of the Tool based on the reports submitted by Parties through the Secretariat, in line with Decisions 14.197 (b) and 14.199 (b), and make appropriate recommendations to the Secretariat and Parties on its further use and to help identify improvements that should be incorporated into the Tool and to inform the future expansion of the Tool.</i>	CMS Secretariat in collaboration with WCMC to undertake awareness-raising of the Tool's functionality and benefits and obtain feedback from CMS Parties from the African region (specifically Parties from SADC, IGAD and EAC).	Four webinars and responses to a survey.	June-July 2024		(Sec. FP Amie Figueiredo)	ScC-SC8 COP15	Completed – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.3
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
Dec. 14.202	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to establish a working group, consisting of experts identified in cooperation with the Secretariat, to advise the Scientific Council and Secretariat on issues of infrastructure and migratory species, including to:</i>		Working Group	2024		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)		Completed – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.10
	<i>a) provide advice on possible actions that could be taken to address the impacts of dams and urban sprawl and development on CMS-listed species;</i>		Advice	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8 COP15	Completed – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.10
	<i>b) assess whether current methodologies and criteria for the definition of "critical habitat", as used by financial institutions and the impact assessment community, are an appropriate trigger to undertake further assessment on risks to and impacts on migratory species and their habitats; and if these methodologies and criteria are deemed not appropriate, make proposals on how</i>		Assessment	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.10

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	<i>they can be improved, including actions to ensure ecological connectivity and restoration;</i>							
	<i>c) assess whether current best practice strategic environmental assessment and environmental impact assessment methodologies, including the preparation of environmental/biodiversity management plans, sufficiently address the impact linear infrastructure projects have on migratory species throughout the infrastructure's lifecycle;</i>		Assessment	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.10
	<i>d) develop guidance, based on the above assessments, on: i. the scoping process which includes migratory species in the tasks and scope of investigations; ii. scientifically robust and cost-effective means of monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the effectiveness of mitigation measures in linear infrastructure developments; and</i>		Guidance	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.10
	<i>e) identify reliable data on and databases containing the movements, habitats and occurrence of CMS-listed species as a body of knowledge in support of planning, assessment and decision-making, and, with the support of the Secretariat, establish relationships with institutions holding that data;</i>		Reliable data and databases identified	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.10

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<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
Dec. 14.205	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to consider the information submitted by Parties regarding the application of cumulative effects assessments and the need for further guidance, to prepare a report on how such assessments are undertaken and the relevance for migratory species conservation, and to develop guidance on cumulative effects assessments for marine mammals if required, with a view to presenting any outputs to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</i>		Report and guidance developed	ScC-SC8	Barry Baker (tbc)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Completed; report and recommendations contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.9 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.28.9. Guidance has not yet been developed.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE AND MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
Dec. 14.214	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) re-establish its Climate Change Working Group for the next triennium and develop Terms of Reference for the Working Group according to the rules of procedure of the Scientific Council;</i>	ScC-SC8 will consider a proposal for a minor update of the ToR and to reestablish the WG.	WG re-established	ScC-SC7	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.12
	<i>b) identify those migratory species that, on balance, are likely to be negatively impacted by climate change, especially those that are likely to need human-mediated interventions, such as translocations, to moderate the impact of climate change;</i>	The topic is to be considered by a Workshop on Climate Change - see point (i) below)	Species likely to be negatively impacted by climate change are identified	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Progress reported in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.12 (see also UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.28.12b); the work to continue in the next triennium

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	<i>c) identify species that have a high probability of changing their migration routes as a result of climate change and the connectivity options available to them;</i>	The topic is to be considered by a Workshop on Climate Change - see point (i) below)	Species with high probability of changing their migratory routes as a result of climate change are identified	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		The matter was discussed at the expert workshop; the work should be prioritized for the next triennium; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12
	<i>d) identify further case studies of the role of migratory species in maintaining and enhancing climate change mitigation and adaptation (and other related ecosystem services) and develop resources for Parties to promote greater understanding of the provision of ecosystem services by migratory species;</i>	The topic is to be considered by a Workshop on Climate Change - see point (i) below)	Case studies are identified	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12 and UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Inf.28.12c
	<i>e) propose measures to help facilitate migratory species' range changes;</i>	The topic is to be considered by a Workshop on Climate Change - see point (i) below)	Measures are proposed	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12 and UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Inf.25.4.1b
	<i>f) provide advice on possible interventions, including nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches, in relation to conserving migratory species habitats, including maintaining or enhancing connectivity and ecosystem integrity;</i>	The topic is to be considered by a Workshop on Climate Change - see point (i) below)	Advice provided	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Progress made; see draft amendment to Annex 2 of Resolution 12.21 (Rev.COP14) contained in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12. Work to continue in the next triennium
	<i>g) provide advice on how work under CMS on climate change could interact with implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including, but not limited</i>	The topic is to be considered by a Workshop on Climate Change - see point (i) below)	Advice provided	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12

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	<i>to, area-based conservation measures, connectivity and restoration, the Paris Agreement adopted under the UNFCCC;</i>							
	<i>h) develop an interpretation of the term “barrier”, so that there is consistency in the obligation to remove barriers to migratory species;</i>	The topic is to be considered by a Workshop on Climate Change - see point (i) below)	Interpretation of the term “barrier” is developed	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12 and UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Inf.28.12d
	<i>i) convene an international in-person workshop on migratory species and climate change to facilitate implementation of the actions above, and provide support to Party implementation of Resolution 12.21 (Rev.COP14); and</i>	UK kindly offered to host the workshop together with an international meeting on Climate change, Edinburg, UK, 12-13 February 2025.	Workshop convened	2025	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8	Completed; see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12 and UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Inf.28.12a
	<i>j) report to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.</i>		Report to COP15 presented	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8 and COP15	Completed, see CMS/UNEP/CMS/ COP15/Doc.28.12
<i>Dec.14.215</i>	<i>The Secretariat and the COP-appointed Councillor for Climate Change, subject to the availability of external resources, should:</i>							
	<i>a) engage with other MEAs, including in particular the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the International Whaling Commission (IWC), Ramsar Convention, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, at relevant meetings, to provide information about the impact of climate change on migratory</i>		Key CMS messages on climate change and migratory species communicated to other MEAs in the relevant fora	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson; Secretariat: Dagmar Zíková			Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12

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	<i>species, and the ways in which the conservation of migratory species can enhance nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches so that they can be part of the solution to climate change adaptation and mitigation, leading to win-win results;</i>							
	<i>b) promote knowledge exchange between relevant authorities about the impacts of climate change on migratory species including changes in Range State status that may occur, and the benefits of conservation of migratory species for enhancing climate change mitigation and adaptation;</i>			2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson; Secretariat: Dagmar Zíková			Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12
	<i>c) propose revisions to the National Report format for consideration by the Standing Committee at its 56th and/or 57th Meeting;</i>		National Report format revised to include questions on climate change and migratory species	by the documents deadline for StC56 or StC57	Des B. A. Thompson; Secretariat: Dagmar Zíková		StC 56 / 57	Not addressed as the revision of the National Reports format will be only undertaken after COP15.
	<i>d) support the Scientific Council in convening an international in-person workshop on migratory species and climate change; and</i>		Support provided	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson; Secretariat Dagmar Zíková			Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12
	<i>e) report to the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council at its meetings before COP15, and to the Conference of Parties at its 15th meeting, on the progress in implementing this Decision.</i>		Report presented	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Des B. A. Thompson; Secretariat: Dagmar Zíková		ScC-SC8/COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.12
<i>Resolution 12.21 (Rev. COP14) OP 5</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council, subject to the availability of resources, to promote work to address key gaps in knowledge and future research directions, in particular through the analysis of existing long-term and large-scale datasets, and through collaboration with other relevant work</i>			2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Addressed through implementation of the above Decisions.

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	<i>under the Convention and other Multilateral Environmental Agreements</i>							
<i>Resolution 12.21 (Rev. COP14) OP 12</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council, subject to the availability of resources, to implement work to support this resolution, including, if appropriate, through an intersessional working group set up with Terms of Reference operating within the rules of procedure of the Scientific Council</i>	Same as Decision 14.214 a)	Working group re-established	2024-2026	Des B. A. Thompson	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Addressed through implementation of the above Decisions.
<b>INSECT DECLINE AND ITS THREAT TO MIGRATORY INSECTIVOROUS ANIMAL POPULATIONS</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.216</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to consider and, as appropriate, to provide recommendations to COP15 on:</i>							
	<i>a) the findings of the report "Insect Decline and its Threat to Migratory Insectivorous Animal Populations";</i>		The report considered by ScC-SC	ScC-SC7		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see recommendations in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.8
	<i>b) prioritizing the main factors causing the established loss of insect biomass;</i>		ScC-SC opinion on prioritization of the main factors formed	2024-2026		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see recommendations in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.8
	<i>c) collecting additional relevant information regarding the current insect decline, and assessing its cascading effects on migratory insectivorous animal species, including the role of insects in connectivity; and</i>		Additional information collected	2024-2026		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed; see recommendations in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.8
	<i>d) developing guidelines for the prioritized actions identified.</i>		Guidelines developed	2024-2026		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed; see recommendations in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.8

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<b>WILDLIFE HEALTH</b>								
Dec. 14.219	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to provide any recommendations on issues related to migratory species and health, as appropriate, to COP15, noting the establishment of the CMS Scientific Council Working Group on Migratory Species and Health (Terms of Reference are contained in the document UNEP/CMS/ScCSC5/Outcome 11) and the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza and Wild Birds.</i>	Contribute to implementation of Resolution 12.6 (Rev COP14) <i>Wildlife health and migratory species</i> and Resolution 14.18 <i>Avian Influenza</i>	Update the TFAI ToR with FAO, consider whether and how to review the 2023 Statement on Avian Influenza, possibly convene a TFAI meeting if needed; Operationalize the WG on Migratory Species and Health, set up its membership, work program, prepare an online meeting	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Ruth Cromie	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed; see recommendations in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.5 and documents UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.28.5a and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.28.5b
<b>CMS INTERNATIONAL LIGHT POLLUTION GUIDELINES FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
Dec. 14.221	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to consider the issues under Decision 14.222 in the 7th or 8th meeting of the Sessional Committee, including possible new evidence of impacts and developments concerning mitigation methods, and provide recommendations to COP15 and advice to the Secretariat on the implementation of Decision 14.222.</i>	Dec. 14.222 addressed to the Secretariat requests it to consider preparation of additional annexes to the CMS International Light Pollution Guidelines, disseminate the Guidelines and help Parties in implementing them.	The guideline is updated if necessary and communicated to the relevant stakeholders	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Narelle Montgomery	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed; see recommendations in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.7
<b>IMPACTS OF PLASTIC POLLUTION ON AQUATIC, TERRESTRIAL AND AVIAN SPECIES</b>								
Dec. 14.225	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:</i>							

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	<i>a) noting the work undertaken already with respect to the Asia Pacific region, develop a concise report summarizing the status of knowledge on the impact of plastic pollution on CMS-listed species that inhabit terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems in other regions taking into account plastics of all sizes and materials, along with recommendations to address such threats, and submit the report to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting; and</i>		Report and recommendations	2024-2026		(Sec. FP Clara Nobbe)	COP15	Not addressed.
	<i>b) taking into account Decision 14.42 on Marine Pollution, collaborate with other scientific mechanisms such as those under the International Whaling Commission, the United Nations Environment Programme and other multilateral environmental agreements to exchange available scientific and other relevant data and information related to the prevention and reduction of the impact of plastics on migratory species, including the report developed under paragraph (a).</i>	See also Decision 14.42	Information exchange	Ongoing	All taxa councillors	Sec- all taxa teams	Report as part of the above	Ongoing; reported in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.25.2.1.
<b>CONSERVATION IMPLICATIONS OF ANIMAL CULTURE AND SOCIAL COMPLEXITY</b>								
<i>Dec.14.228</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) invite newly appointed Councillors that have relevant expertise to engage in the Expert Working Group on Animal Culture and Social Complexity; and</i>		New councillors invited	Ongoing		(Sec FP: Dagmar Zíková, and Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	N/A	Ongoing.
	<i>b) consider the outputs of the Expert Working Group on Animal Culture and Social Complexity and make</i>		Report and recommendations reviewed	ScC-SC8	CEWG Chair (supported by	Mark P. Simmonds	COP15	Ongoing; recommendations contained in

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	<i>recommendations to COP15, based on its findings.</i>				Fernando Spina)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.13.
Dec.14.229	<i>The Scientific Council, through its Expert Working Group on Animal Culture and Social Complexity, subject to the availability of external resources, is requested to:</i>							
Dec.14.229	<p><i>a) promote the practical application of the increasing knowledge about animal culture and social learning in conservation management by:</i></p> <p><i>i) exploring shortcuts for incorporating social learning into management, complementing traditional management techniques, including developing guidance on methodologies for detecting social learning and providing advice on phylogenetic inference;</i></p> <p><i>ii) reviewing updates on culture-related Concerted Actions and providing guidance as required;</i></p> <p><i>iii) considering whether further culture-related Concerted Actions should be brought forward and developing proposals as appropriate;</i></p> <p><i>iv) conducting a review that identifies instances in which social learning is involved in animal behaviours and mitigation measures for human-wildlife conflict;</i></p> <p><i>v) conducting a review of examples at the intersection of social learning and changes in behaviour related to climate change in human-wildlife conflict;</i></p>		<p>Report and recommendations developed</p> <p>Special Issue to be published early 2025 and disseminated across CMS Agreements, MOUs and Initiatives</p>	ScC-SC8	CEWG Chair (supported by Fernando Spina)	Mark P. Simmonds (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Recommendations contained in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.13.</p> <p>Reports on Concerted Actions contained in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.31.2.1 and 31.2.7.</p>

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	<p>vi) developing guidance for engagement with stakeholders to illustrate why animal culture and social learning are relevant to conservation;</p> <p>vii) continuing further development of case studies illustrating the importance of animal culture and social learning in the conservation of CMS-listed species;</p> <p>viii) exploring the potential link with Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs), Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs) and other place-based conservation tools that identify sites or seascapes of biodiversity importance;</p> <p>ix) exploring the impacts of hunting on social structure;</p> <p>x) exploring opportunities for linking with the GEO BON global biodiversity observation network;</p>							
Dec.14.229	<p>b) support research on animal culture and social learning by:</p> <p>i) developing guidance on methodology for detecting social learning;</p> <p>ii) incorporating a variety of 'lines of evidence' on social learning and animal culture, including from local communities, and traditional knowledge of Indigenous Peoples;</p>		Guidance developed	ScC-SC8	CEWG Chair (supported by Fernando Spina)	Mark Simmonds (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing. Recommendations contained in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.13.
Dec.14.229	<p>c) make use of the potential synergies with CMS Agreements/MOUs/Initiatives by:</p> <p>i) developing a table of all CMS Agreements/MOUs/Initiatives to identify the species of highest priority;</p> <p>ii) compiling examples into a document or brochure outlining the</p>		Specific publications from the <i>Phil Trans B</i> special issue shared with relevant CMS Agreements, MOUs and Initiatives	ScC-SC8	CEWG Chair (supported by Fernando Spina)	Mark Simmonds (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing. Related work streams under ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS established. Recommendations contained in

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	<i>relevance of animal culture and social learning;</i> <i>iii) passing this publication on to Parties and Signatories in the context of upcoming meetings;</i>							UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.13.
<i>Dec.14.229</i>	<i>d) increase collaboration with IUCN on matters related to animal culture, including by:</i> <i>i) bringing the issues and opportunities around social learning and animal culture to the attention of the World Conservation Congress in 2025;</i> <i>ii) convening a workshop in collaboration with the IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Human-Wildlife Conflict &amp; Coexistence Specialist Group to further explore human-wildlife interactions in connection with social learning;</i> <i>iii) engaging with the relevant IUCN bodies to develop synergies for integrating social learning and cultural processes into management activities.</i>		Collaboration increased	2025	CEWG Chair (supported by Fernando Spina)	Mark Simmonds (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing collaboration with IUCN. Details contained in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.13. Joint CMS-IUCN statement on animal culture available as UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Inf.28.13.
<i>Resolution 11.23 (Rev.COP12) OP 6</i>	Requests the CMS Scientific Council to maintain an intersessional expert working group dealing with the conservation implications of culture and social complexity, with a focus on, but not limited to cetaceans			Ongoing	CEWG Chair (supported by Fernando Spina)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		Ongoing; draft ToR contained in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.13.
<i>Resolution 11.23 (Rev.COP12) OP 7</i>	Invites relevant CMS Scientific Councillors for taxa other than cetaceans to review the findings of the expert working group and engage in this expert group			Ongoing	Fernando Spina	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		Ongoing.
<i>Resolution 11.23 (Rev.COP12) OP 8</i>	Requests the expert group to report its findings and any proposals for future work through the CMS Scientific Council to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties	See Decision 14.229	Report and recommendations (incl. Draft Decisions and potentials revised draft Resolution) developed	Ongoing	CEWG Chair (supported by Fernando Spina)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Report of findings and proposals for future work contained in UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.28.13.

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<b>FUTURE CMS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES</b>								
<i>Resolution 11.28 OP 2</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council to ensure that the following are addressed: the improvement of understanding of interactions between IAS and threatened migratory species; the development of priorities for intervention; and the improvement in international cooperation and development of adaptable management strategies when discussing topics for which IAS might be relevant</i>	No action seems to have been taken since COP11. The ScC should consider what action is needed, also with respect to task 3.5 of the <a href="#">Samarkand Strategic Plan for migratory species 2024 - 2032</a>	Issues identified are addressed	2024-2026	João Loureiro	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Not addressed in this intersessional period.
<i>Resolution 11.28 OP 8</i>	<i>Urges the Scientific Council to address at its future meetings options for enhanced cooperation, policy coherence and implementation with regard to work on IAS, in a manner consistent with their mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes of the Scientific Council and other MEAs</i>	No action seems to have been taken since COP11. The ScC should consider what action is needed, also with respect to task 3.5 of the <a href="#">Samarkand Strategic Plan for migratory species 2024 - 2032</a>	Issues identified are addressed	2024-2026		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Not addressed in this intersessional period.
<b>CONCERTED ACTIONS</b>								
<i>Resolution 12.28 (Rev.COP14) OP 6</i>	<i>Instructs the Secretariat and requests the Scientific Council to encourage and assist Parties to undertake existing and develop new Concerted Actions to implement the provisions of the Convention, where possible through existing instruments of bilateral or multilateral cooperation;</i>		Support to Parties provided as appropriate	Ongoing		(Sec. members of the relevant taxa teams)		Ongoing.

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<b>Amendment of CMS Appendices</b>								
<b>TAXONOMY AND NOMENCLATURE</b>								
<i>Dec.14.231</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) review the utility of the Catalogue of Life as a potential source for all taxonomic and nomenclatural information for CMS, including evaluating the processes of updating nomenclature within the Catalogue of Life; and</i>		The utility of the Catalogue of Life reviewed	2024-2026	Stephen Garnett	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Žíková)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.29.5
	<i>b) liaise with taxonomic and/or nomenclatural advisors to other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) on the practical challenges of extracting species lists for MEAs by a particular date for use as standard references by these MEAs.</i>		Cooperation with other MEAs ensured	2024-2026	Stephen Garnett	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Žíková)	ScC-SC8	No actions implemented since COP14
<i>Resolution 12.27 (Rev.COP14) OP 3</i>	<i>Instructs the Scientific Council to review the online versions of the fish, bird and marine mammal references for the species listed on the Appendices at its last meeting before each meeting of the Conference of Parties and make recommendations as to whether the name of any listed species should be updated;</i>		Online versions of the references reviewed and recommendation provided to COP15	by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Stephen Garnett	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Žíková)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed for fish (the only taxonomic group with a continuously updated nomenclature reference). See UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.29.3 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.29.3a
<b>GUIDANCE ON THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY LIST OF SPECIES AGGREGATED IN FAMILIES AND GENERA LISTED UNDER APPENDIX II</b>								
<i>Dec.14.233</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:</i>							

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	<i>a) update the list annexed to Resolution 14.19, which provides advice on species in aggregated families for which a significant proportion of the individuals cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries and which have an unfavourable conservation status; and</i>		The list annexed to Resolution 14.19 is updated	2024-2026	Stephen Garnett	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.1
	<i>b) report to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this decision.</i>			by the documents deadline for COP15 / ScC-SC8	Stephen Garnett	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.1
<b>GUIDANCE ON THE TREATMENT OF SPECIES INCLUDED WITHIN AGGREGATED FAMILIES LISTED UNDER APPENDIX II</b>								
<i>Resolution 14.19 OP 1</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council to maintain a list of species, as annexed to this Resolution, belonging to aggregated families and genera included in Appendix II to provide advice to Parties as to which species have a significant proportion of individuals that cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries and that have an unfavourable conservation status; and</i>	Duplication with Decision 14.233 a)		ongoing	Stephen Garnett	(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zíková)		Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.1
<b>POTENTIAL AVIAN TAXA FOR LISTING</b>								
<i>Dec.14.236</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) review the list of species in the Annex to the Resolution 14.20 in advance of COP15 and make proposals for any revision;</i>				Stephen Garnett	Taxonomic ScC WG; (Sec. FP.: Iván Ramírez,	COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.4

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						Tilman Schneider)		
	<i>b) develop equivalent lists for other taxonomic groups for adoption at COP15;</i>		List of other species compiled	ScC-SC8	tbc		COP15	Completed for bats, ongoing for fish. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.4
	<i>c) advise with regard to the priority avian taxa for listing within Appendices I and/or II of CMS;</i>				Stephen Garnett	Taxonomic ScC WG; (Sec. FP.: Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider)	COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.4
	<i>d) develop advice to Parties on a strategic approach to maximizing conservation of the priority avian taxa; and</i>				Stephen Garnett	Taxonomic ScC WG; (Sec. FP.: Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider)	COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.4
	<i>e) report to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.</i>				Stephen Garnett	Taxonomic ScC WG; (Sec. FP.: Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider)	COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.4
<i>Resolution 14.20, OP 3.</i>	<i>3. Requests the Scientific Council, in coordination with the IUCN Red List authorities, to review, including the Data Deficient species, and update the list in the Annex between meetings of the Conference of the Parties.</i>				Stephen Garnett	Taxonomic ScC WG; (Sec. FP.: Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider)	COP15	Completed. See UNEP/CMS/COP 15/Doc.29.4
<b>MAINTAINING LISTS OF SPECIES LISTED IN CMS APPENDICES</b>								
<i>Article VI of the Convention and Decisions 14.234 and 14.3</i>	<i>Maintaining Lists of Species Listed in CMS Appendices</i>	Support the Secretariat in implementation of Article VI of the Convention and Decisions 14.234 and 14.30.	Information contained in online databases is updated.	By ScC-SC8		(Sec. FP: Dagmar Zikova)	ScC-SC8 and possibly COP15 if appropriate	Completed; see report and recommendations in UNEP/CMS/COP

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**Aquatic Species Conservation Issues**

**Bycatch and Other Fisheries-Induced Mortality**

<i>Dec. 14.33</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:</i>							
	<i>a) identify regions where reviews of relative levels of bycatch of CMS-listed marine mammals and marine turtles in commercial and artisanal fisheries would be a priority and/or beneficial; collaborate with all relevant organizations including fisheries management bodies to develop regional reviews with a view to reducing the levels of bycatch of all CMS-listed marine mammals and turtles in commercial and artisanal fisheries; identify and prioritize fisheries and areas in which adverse impacts of bycatch are highest for CMS-listed marine mammals and turtles;</i>		<i>Reviews / reports prepared on i) regions where reviews of relative levels of bycatch would be a priority and/or beneficial; ii) regional reviews with a view to reduce levels of bycatch; iii) fisheries and areas in which adverse impacts of bycatch are highest; iv) most appropriate bycatch mitigation measures for fisheries of</i>	<i>ScC-SC8 document deadline</i>	<i>Barry Baker</i>	<i>IOSEA AC (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)</i>	<i>ScC-SC8, COP15</i>	<i>Partly ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.1. Requires funding.</i>

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	<i>cooperate with the relevant organizations, including fisheries bodies to develop the most appropriate bycatch mitigation measures for fisheries of highest priority; and develop appropriate bycatch mitigation measures with associated timebound action plans;</i>		highest priority; v) appropriate bycatch mitigation measures with associated timebound action plans.					
	<i>b) in collaboration with the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU and, if possible, the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles and the Caribbean Environment Programme, review current knowledge about existing measures to reduce and mitigate bycatch of marine turtles for both commercial fisheries and artisanal fisheries, and make recommendations to Parties and the Signatory States of the IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU on the most effective and appropriate measures to reduce and mitigate bycatch, while ensuring that recommended measures do not act to the disadvantage of other CMS-listed marine species;</i>		Review prepared on current knowledge about measures to reduce and mitigate bycatch of marine turtles. Recommendations prepared on the most effective and appropriate measures to reduce and mitigate bycatch.	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker	IOSEA AC (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing/nearly completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.1, see also UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.1.1.
	<i>c) in collaboration with the Advisory Committee of the Sharks MOU, review and appraise current data and knowledge regarding the levels of fisheries-induced mortality of CMS- and Sharks MOU-listed shark and ray species and to prepare recommendations on reducing fisheries-induced mortality;</i>	Undertake pilot studies as outlined in CMS/Sharks/MOS4/Doc.1 0.7 to assess overall fisheries induced mortality of sharks and rays in the Mediterranean and Eastern Central Pacific regions.	Pilot studies done and report prepared.	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Rima Jabado	Sharks MOU Advisory Committee (Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing.
	<i>d) in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders, ensure cross-referencing with seabird bycatch work, to ensure consideration of cross-taxa implications,</i>	Collaborate with BirdLife International in assessing seabird bycatch mitigation		ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker and Rima Jabado	(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly, Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing.

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	<i>and identify opportunities for further collaboration on addressing fisheries-induced mortality across taxa;</i>	measures and their implication for other taxa.						
	<i>e) to assess the experience gained from bycatch mitigation strategies of: marine mammals as developed for COP13, sharks and rays as developed for COP14, seabirds as developed by AEWA and the ACAP Seabird Bycatch Working Group in collaboration with CMS, and on marine turtles as developed as part of paragraph 14.33 b), and any new relevant scientific information which arises, prepare a synthesis report on all species and an update of Resolution 12.22 on Bycatch for COP15; and</i>		Reports and proposed amendments to Res.12.22	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker and Rima Jabado	IUCN Cetacean Specialist Group (Sec FP: Jenny Renell, Andrea Pauly, Iván Ramírez, Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Cannot be done until COP16. Dependent on funding.
	<i>f) report to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing Decisions 14.33 (a) - (c). [and d and e]</i>		COP15 document	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker	(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	COP15	Suggested focus on freshwater fish for next triennium, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.1.
<b>Res. 12.22</b>	<b>Bycatch</b>							
OP 16	<i>Invites the Scientific Council and the Working Group on Bycatch to recommend to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate, concerted actions to be taken by Parties in respect of species listed in Appendices I and II that are affected by bycatch.</i>		Recommendation for Concerted Actions	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker	(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	COP15	Ongoing.
OP 17	<i>Instructs the Scientific Council and the Bycatch Working Group to identify for each particular bycatch situation (gear type, species, fishing area and season) the most effective mitigation techniques, which</i>	Implemented through Dec.14.33 a) for marine mammals and b) for marine turtles; already implemented for sharks and rays guidance has	Most effective mitigation techniques identified for each particular bycatch situation (see Decision 14.33 a and b above)	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker	IWC BMI Sharks MOU AC IOSEA MOU AC (Sec FP: Andrea Pauly, Heidrun Frisch-	COP15	Partially implemented for shark and rays and marine mammals and marine turtles, see

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	<i>should build upon and complement existing initiatives within the fisheries sector.</i>	been developed already for COP14				Nwakanma and Jenny Renell)		UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.1.
OP 18	<i>Requests the Scientific Council to consider any scientific and technical information submitted by Range States or other relevant bodies, relating to impacts on migratory species from bycatch, in particular CMS daughter agreements.</i>			Ongoing	Barry Baker	(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	For each SC meeting	Ongoing.
OP 20	<i>Requests the Secretariat, the Scientific Council and Parties to continue and increase efforts to collaborate with other relevant international fora and where appropriate the RFMOs, with a view to avoiding duplication, increasing synergies and raising the profile of CMS and CMS agreements related to aquatic species in these fora.</i>			Ongoing	Barry Baker	Sharks MOU AC (Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)		Ongoing.
<b>Fish Aggregating Devices</b>								
Dec. 14.36	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:</i>							
	<i>a) evaluate the relationship between FADs and marine debris and establish principles for best practice to avoid their loss, entanglement with marine wildlife, and beaching in corals, mangroves and other aquatic and coastal habitats, and that seek to reduce their contribution to plastic pollution. This should include liaison with the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF), further to their work on improving FAD design, and the relevant fisheries organizations;</i>		Relationship between FADs and marine debris evaluated. Principles established.	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)		Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.3 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.1.3.

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	<i>b) consider a possible case study area looking at FADs as a source of marine debris, for example in the Mediterranean Sea, to:</i> <i>i. look at compliance with existing regulations,</i> <i>ii. recommend environmental management and control measures to avoid gear loss, and</i> <i>iii. explore ways of improving the environmentally sound retrieval of lost FADs; and</i>		Case study in Mediterranean undertaken	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	ACCOBAMS OceanCare (Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.3 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.1.3.
	<i>c) report to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the progress in implementing this Decision.</i>		COP15 document	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.3.
<b>The Maltreatment and Mutilation of Seabirds in Fisheries</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.40</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to keep the issue of the maltreatment of seabirds in fisheries under review in case any further instances of mutilation are brought to its attention.</i>			ScC-SC8 document deadline – only if something to report	Graeme Taylor	Party-appointed Councillors for SW Atlantic countries (Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)	COP15 – only if something to report	Ongoing.
<b>Marine Pollution</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.42</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) identify priority forms of pollution affecting CMS-listed marine species, avoiding overlap with Decisions 14.44-14.47 on Marine Noise and Decisions 14.221-14.222 on Light Pollution, and develop a review of these threats, including cumulative impacts, and identify localities</i>	Develop a review of threats to migratory marine species, from pollution.	Document developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.2.1.

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	<i>where marine pollution and migratory marine species significantly intersect;</i>							
	<i>b) seek to collaborate with relevant daughter Agreements, IWC, IMMA process for marine mammals, ISRA process for sharks and rays, and other fora where similar initiatives are being investigated;</i>			ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)	COP15	Completed via 14.42 d).
	<i>c) with regard to plastic pollution as outlined in 14.42 (a), carry out the work in conjunction with implementing Decision 14.225 on Plastic Pollution;</i>			ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue and other taxa teams)	COP15	Ongoing.
	<i>d) hold an expert workshop to identify priority species, populations and habitats for immediate action, based on findings of the review, and develop recommendations for consideration by ScC-SC8; and</i>	Organize a virtual workshop taking into account the review provided to COP14.	Priority species, populations and habitats identified	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	OceanCare (Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.2.1.
	<i>e) in support of the workshop outlined in 14.42 (d), establish a steering group of appropriate experts to guide the focus, agenda and other modalities of the workshop.</i>		Steering Group established	During or after ScC-SC8	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)	COP15	Completed.
<b>Res. 12.20</b>	<b>Marine Debris</b>							
<i>OP 8</i>	<i>Encourages the Scientific Council, with support from the Secretariat, to promote the prioritization of research into the effects of microplastics on the species ingesting them, and support research on the significance of colour, shape or plastic type on the likelihood of causing harm</i>		To be incorporated in activities relevant to various taxonomic groups as appropriate	Ongoing	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Ongoing.
<i>OP 9</i>	<i>Further encourages the Scientific Council to promote harmonization or standardization of protocols for the analysis of marine litter, including microplastics, in stranded organisms;</i>			Ongoing	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Ongoing.

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OP 11	<i>Requests that working groups established under the Scientific Council address the issue of marine debris where relevant, drawing on the work already undertaken by the Convention;</i>			Ongoing	ScC WGs	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Ongoing.
OP 37	<i>Requests the Scientific Council, with support from the Secretariat, to further the Convention's work on the marine debris issue and investigate the feasibility of close cooperation with other biodiversity-related agreements by means of a multilateral working group;</i>	See also Decision 14.33 Bycatch		Ongoing	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Ongoing.
<b>Marine Noise</b>								
Dec. 14.45	<i>The Joint Noise Working Group of CMS, ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) provide a peer review of the updated Technical Support Information to the CMS Family Guidelines on Environmental Impact Assessment for Marine Noise-generating Activities;</i>		Updated review provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds & Vanesa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Not addressed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.2.
	<i>b) prepare a gap analysis of guidance available from CMS and other forums and identify where further guidance is needed on mitigation of the effects of marine noise in order to address the needs of migratory species and their prey;</i>		Gap analysis prepared	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Not addressed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.2.
	<i>c) prepare a report on the state of knowledge of noise impacts and noise mitigation measures for CMS-listed freshwater mammal species and assess</i>		Report prepared	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.2 and

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	<i>the need for specific guidance for freshwater habitats; and</i>							UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.2.2.
	<i>d) report to the Scientific Council at the 8th meeting of its Sessional Committee on the progress in implementing this Decision.</i>		Report provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.2.
<i>Dec. 14.46</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) provide advice to the Secretariat and Joint Noise Working Group as to where to focus efforts to support the implementation of mitigation measures;</i>		Advice provided	Ongoing	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing.
	<i>b) provide advice on the future role of the Convention to ensure timely and effective guidance continues to be given to governments and other stakeholders, making use of and building upon related work in other forums;</i>		Advice provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing.
	<i>c) consider the recommendations of the Joint Noise Working Group regarding the need for the development of further guidance on mitigation of the effects of marine noise, including on specific guidance regarding freshwater cetacean species, and facilitate their development accordingly, with a view to presenting any outputs to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and</i>		Recommendations considered and further developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.2.
	<i>d) subject to the availability of external resources, in collaboration with the Joint Noise Working Group, and, where relevant, with competent national authorities, assess the application and effectiveness of existing guidance regarding impact of military sonar</i>		Assessment developed and recommendations provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Not addressed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.2 for details.

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	<i>and other sound sources generated by military activities on migratory species and to investigate whether further guidelines may be needed to address and mitigate these impacts.</i>							
<b>Res. 12.14</b>	<b>Adverse Impacts of Anthropogenic Noise on Cetaceans and Other Migratory Species</b>							
OP 10	<i>Recognizes that the work done in relation to marine noise is rapidly evolving, and requests the Scientific Council, in collaboration with the Joint Noise Working Group of CMS, ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS, to review and update these Guidelines regularly</i>		Recommendation	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing.
OP 23	<i>Requests the Scientific Council, supported by the Joint Noise Working Group of CMS, ACCOBAMS and ASCOBANS, to continue monitoring new available information on the effects of underwater noise on marine species, as well as the effective assessment and management of this threat, and to make recommendations to Parties as appropriate.</i>		Recommendations developed	Ongoing	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing.
<b>Reducing the Risk of Vessel Strikes for Marine Megafauna</b>								
Dec. 14.49	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:</i>							
	<i>a) review the reports submitted by Parties through their National Reports on the implementation of Decision 14.48 (a) - (c) and make recommendations to Parties;</i>		Reports reviewed and recommendations made	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker	(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	COP15	Not addressed. National Reports not available on time.
	<i>b) collaborate with the IWC and International Maritime Organization (IMO) to identify areas where CMS-listed</i>		High risk areas identified, advice and	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanessa Tossenberger	ACCOBAMS IFAW	COP15	Partly completed, see

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	<i>cetaceans are at high risk from vessel strikes, including by mapping shipping lanes against Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs), develop advice on appropriate placement of re-routing measures, including area avoidance and/or the establishment of vessel speed restrictions for key cetacean habitats, and make recommendations to Parties;</i>		recommendations developed			(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)		UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.3.2.
	<i>c) assess the collision risk for further CMS-listed marine megafauna taxa that are likely to suffer from vessel strikes, and identify areas where conservation measures are most needed, also considering existing information about identified Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs) and future information about identified Important Marine Turtle Areas (IMTAs); and</i>		Collision risk assessed for most relevant marine megafauna and hot spots identified	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Rima Jabado	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Not addressed.
	<i>d) report to the Conference of Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this decision.</i>		COP15 document developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline		(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	COP15	Completed, see in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.3.2.
<b>Deep-Seabed Mineral Exploitation Activities and Migratory</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.52</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:</i>							
	<i>a) develop a report on the state of knowledge of the impacts of deep-seabed mineral exploitation activities on migratory species, their prey and their ecosystems, including identifying knowledge gaps that should be addressed;</i>	Develop ToR and identify potential implementing partners.	Report developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.3.
	<i>b) based on the results of the above report, collaborate with the International Seabed Authority to share expertise, and develop such specific EIA guidance as may be</i>		Specific EIA and other relevant guidance developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	Rima Jabado (Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Not addressed. Dependent on funding.

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	<i>required, in addition to any other relevant guidance available, which considers the impacts of deep seabed mineral exploitation activities on migratory species, their prey and their ecosystems; and</i>							
	<i>c) report to the Conference of Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this decision.</i>			ScC-SC8 document deadline		(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.2.3.
<b>Marine Wildlife Watching</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.55</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to availability of external resources:</i>							
	<i>a) develop a report to assess the long-term effects and biological significance of disturbances from boat-based and in-water interactions for all CMS-listed marine species, and make recommendations to Parties;</i>		Report developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanessa Tossenberger	IWC Rima Jabado (Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Not addressed due to lack of funding and the short intersessional period, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.
	<i>b) recommend in which areas activities should be strictly limited to boat-based activities from an increased distance for particularly vulnerable populations, and make recommendations to Parties;</i>		Recommendations provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Not addressed due to lack of funding and the short intersessional period, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.
	<i>c) investigate the desirability of developing guidance regarding the use of unmanned aerial and underwater vehicles, and other relevant technologies used around marine wildlife during recreational activities; and</i>		Recommendations provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Not addressed due to lack of funding and the short intersessional period, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.

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	<i>d) report to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.</i>			ScC-SC8 document deadline		(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	See UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.
<b>Res. 11.29 (Rev.COP12)</b>	<b>Sustainable Boat-based Marine Wildlife Watching</b>							
<i>OP 10</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council, subject to availability of resources, to conduct periodic reviews of the state of knowledge of the impacts of boat-based wildlife watching activities on migratory species and to recommend refined and adjusted measures or guidelines as appropriate</i>		Periodic reviews conducted	Ongoing	Vanesa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Ongoing.
<b>Important Marine Mammal Areas</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.59</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to collaborate with the IUCN SSC/WCPA Marine Mammal Protected Areas Task Force to include data on CMS-listed marine mammals in the identification of IMMAs.</i>		Data on CMS-listed marine mammals integrated in the identification of IMMAs.	Ongoing	Vanesa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/Cop15/Doc.25.3.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.3.1a.
<b>Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs)</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.63</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to work with the IUCN SSC Shark Specialist Group, in collaboration with relevant experts of regional fisheries management and advisory bodies, (specialist) groups from Regional Sea Conventions and the Sharks MOU Advisory Committee, in a cost-effective and non-duplicative manner with the identification of ISRAs for CMS-listed shark and ray species, through sharing information and data and contributing to ISRA expert workshops.</i>		Advice provided to IUCN SSC SSG	Ongoing	Rima Jabado	(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.3.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.3.1b.

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<b>Seagrass Ecosystems</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.67</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to availability of resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) provide technical support to Parties to identify an inventory of migratory species that use seagrass ecosystems and those that contribute to their functioning, the most important seagrass meadows for migratory species globally, the most important past and current threats to seagrass and drivers of seagrass degradation and loss, and the conservation actions necessary to reduce seagrass loss and restore it; and</i>		Technical support provided	Upon request	Barry Baker (interim)	Rima Jabado (Sec FP: Abdelmenam Mohamed)	COP15	Not started.
	<i>b) collaborate with the Dugong MOU and other intergovernmental organizations or initiatives such as UNESCO World Heritage Centre and the IUCN SSC Seagrass Specialist Group, to accelerate the process described in paragraph 14.67 (a).</i>			Ongoing	Barry Baker (interim)	(Sec FP: Abdelmenam Mohamed)	COP15	Notification 2025/024 sent out to Parties to share Seagrass Survey to support the inventory under point (a).
<b>Conservation Priorities for Cetaceans</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.72</i>	<i>The Scientific Council, subject to the availability of external resources and where applicable with support from the Aquatic Mammals Working Group, is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) in cooperation with the IWC, quantify the contemporary whaling and aquatic wild meat takes of all CMS Appendix I-listed cetaceans in all regions, and make recommendations to Parties;</i>		Report and recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	Mark Simmonds AWMWG (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma, Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.4.1a.

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	<i>b) in the context of threats from climate change, develop a report on the potential impacts that climate-induced migration will have on both the welfare and the conservation outcomes of affected cetacean species, and make recommendations to Parties;</i>		Report and recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	Vanessa Tossenberger Des Thompson ACCOBAMS (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma, Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.4.1b.
	<i>c) recommend the use of standard stranding and necropsy protocols, taking into account work done by ACCOBAMS, ASCOBANS and the IWC, in order to help investigate the causes of mortality events;</i>			Ongoing	Mark Simmonds	Vanessa Tossenberger (Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1.
	<i>d) develop a report about the monitoring, welfare and conservation of 'Out of Habitat' CMS-listed cetaceans, provide advice on appropriate responses to them, and make recommendations to Parties;</i>		Report and recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	Vanessa Tossenberger OceanCare (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma, Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.4.1c.
	<i>e) synthesize research on the emerging understanding of how cetacean welfare can impact conservation outcomes, and make recommendations to Parties; and</i>		Report and recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Mark Simmonds	Vanessa Tossenberger Karen Stockin (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Not addressed due to short intersessional period and lack of funding.
	<i>f) review the recommendations for potential future action by the Scientific Council as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP14/Inf.27.5.1b and make recommendations to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties on priority actions to progress in the following intersessional period.</i>		Recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanessa Tossenberger	Mark Simmonds (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma, Jenny Renell)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.4.1d.

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<b>Role of Cetaceans in Ecosystem Functioning</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.74</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, through the Aquatic Mammals Working Group, provide advice and input with regards to expanding the work on the role of cetaceans in ecosystem functioning in close collaboration with the IWC.</i>		Advice provided	Ongoing	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1.
<b>Action Plan for Cetaceans in the Red Sea Region</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.77</i>	<i>The Scientific Council, with support from the Aquatic Mammal Working Group, is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) provide advice on and input to the development of an Action Plan for cetaceans in the Red Sea region; and</i>		Advice provided	Upon request	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)		Not started, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.2.
	<i>b) review the final draft Action Plan at the last meeting of the Sessional Committee before COP15 and make recommendations to Parties.</i>		Draft Action Plan reviewed		Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Jenny Renell)	ScC-SC8	Not started, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.2.
<i>Res. 14.9</i>	<b>Conservation Priorities for Cetaceans</b>							
<i>OP 6</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council and the Secretariat to continue and increase collaborative efforts with other relevant international fora, including the International Whaling Commission and its Scientific and Conservation Committees and the IUCN Species Survival Commission Cetacean Specialist Group, with a view to avoiding duplication, increasing synergies and raising the profile of CMS and its cetacean-related agreements in these fora;</i>			Ongoing	Vanessa Tossenberger Mark Simmonds	IUCN CSG (Sec FP: Jenny Renell)		Ongoing.

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OP 7	Requests the Scientific Council to continue supporting its Aquatic Mammals Working Group chaired by the COP-appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals, and encourages participation of other Scientific Councillors, representatives of the scientific or advisory bodies of other CMS aquatic mammal agreements, and other relevant experts;			Ongoing	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		Ongoing.
<b>Res. 11.22 (Rev.COP12)</b>	<b>Live Capture of Cetaceans from the Wild for Commercial Purposes</b>							
OP 4	Requests the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to seek to enhance cooperation and collaboration with CITES and the IWC on small cetacean species targeted by live captures from the wild			Ongoing	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Ongoing.
<b>Res. 12.17</b>	<b>Conservation and Management of Whales and their Habitats in the South Atlantic Region</b>							
OP 5	Requests the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to work with the Scientific and Conservation Committees of the International Whaling Commission to increase understanding of cetaceans' contribution to the functioning of marine ecosystems, including by co-hosting a workshop to review the existing data and research and identify opportunities to expand this work	See Decisions 14.74-14.75		Ongoing	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Ongoing.
OP 6	Requests the Scientific Council to promote work to address key gaps in knowledge and future research directions to support the implementation of the Action Plan and other conservation measures in the South Atlantic area	See Decisions 14.79-14.80		Ongoing	Vanessa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Ongoing.

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<b>Single Species Action Plan for the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (<i>Sousa teuszii</i>)</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.84</i>	<i>The Scientific Council through its Aquatic Mammals Working Group is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) support the Secretariat in the development of a simple reporting template designed to gather information on the implementation of SSAP;</i>		Reporting template developed	2024	Vanesa Tossenberger	CCAHD (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8 / COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.2.
	<i>b) review information provided by Parties on the implementation of the SSAP and prepare a brief summary and analysis; and</i>		Information reviewed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	CCAHD (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.2 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.4.2b.
	<i>c) make recommendations on the further implementation of the SSAP to the last meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council prior to COP15.</i>		Recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	CCAHD (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.2.
<i>Dec. 14.85</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) consider the information provided by Parties on the implementation of the SSAP, as well as the summary and analysis and the resulting recommendations of the Aquatic Mammals Working Group; and</i>		Information, analysis, recommendations considered	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.2.
	<i>b) provide guidance on the further implementation of the Action Plan to COP15.</i>		Guidance provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.2.
<b>Sirenians, Pinnipeds and Otters</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.90</i>	<i>The Scientific Council through its Aquatic Mammals Working Group is requested to, subject to the availability of resources:</i>							

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	<i>a) review the regional threats for the CMS-listed aquatic mammals other than cetaceans, with priority given to species or populations not currently covered by CMS agreements and/or with a less favourable conservation status;</i>	Prioritize species focus, develop ToR for reviews	Reports developed (species tbd)	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	OceanCare (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Not addressed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.
	<i>b) based on this assessment of threats and regional priorities, prepare detailed recommendations for these other aquatic mammal species for consideration by the Scientific Council; and</i>		Recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	OceanCare (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Not addressed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.
	<i>c) assess whether any additional sirenian, pinniped or otter species might meet the criteria for listing on the CMS Appendices I or II and might benefit from being so listed.</i>	Reach out to IUCN SSC Specialist Groups to consult	Assessment developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	OceanCare (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Not addressed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.
<i>Dec. 14.91</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to review the assessments of regional threats and resulting recommendations developed by the Aquatic Mammals Working Group and provide recommendations to COP15.</i>		Assessment and recommendations reviewed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Vanesa Tossenberger	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Not addressed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.24.
<b>Marine Turtles</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.94</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:</i>							
	<i>a) review, as far as feasible in collaboration with the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU) and the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles, relevant scientific information on conservation and threats to marine turtles in a region and</i>		Report developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Carlos Mario Orrego Vásquez	IOSEA AC (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.5.

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	<i>species-specific context, including their vulnerability to climate change, the threats of plastic pollution and light pollution on post hatchlings, and the identification of habitats resilient to climate change as these habitats may require increased conservation effort over time; and</i>							
	<i>b) based on this review, develop new recommendations for the conservation of all species of marine turtle included in Appendix I or II of the Convention including on the preservation of the current nesting beaches and the identification of new nesting beaches, and collate current and innovative management options to mitigate the effects of climate change on nesting beaches, such as beach cooling and beach restoration projects, for presentation at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</i>		Recommendations / draft Resolution	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Carlos Mario Orrego Vásquez	IOSEA AC (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.5.
<b>Single Species Action Plan for the Hawksbill Turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>) in South-East Asia and the Western Pacific Ocean Region</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.99</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) consider the report received from the Steering Group on implementation of the Action Plan, as foreseen in CMS/IOSEA/Hawksbill-SSAP/Doc.8; and</i>		Report considered	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Carlos Mario Orrego Vásquez	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.5 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.5b.
	<i>b) provide guidance on the further implementation of the Action Plan to COP15.</i>		Guidance provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Carlos Mario Orrego Vásquez	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.5.

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<b>Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark (<i>Squatina squatina</i>) in the Mediterranean Sea</b>								
	<i>In Decision 14.101 Parties that are Range States to the species are requested to provide a brief summary report and analysis on the implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med in time for the last meeting of the Sessional Committee before the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) and make recommendations on the further implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med to COP15; and ....</i>	Review the summary report and analysis including recommendations from Range States on the further implementation of the SSAP Angelshark Med to COP15.	Guidance provided	ScC-SC8	Rima Jabado	(Sec FP: Andrea Pauly)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.6.3 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.6.3e.
<b>Freshwater Fish</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.112</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:</i>							
	<i>a) update the review of freshwater fish found in UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.33;</i>		Review updated	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Zeb Hogan	IUCN (Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.6.1.
	<i>b) provide advice on the development of a multispecies action plan for freshwater fish to address the main threats to this group of species; and</i>	See Decision 14.110 d)	Advice provided	As requested	Zeb Hogan	(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)		Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.6.1.
	<i>c) report to the Conference of Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this decision.</i>			ScC-SC8 document deadline		(Sec FP: Melanie Virtue)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.6.1.
<b>Aquatic Wild Meat</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.187</i>	<i>The Scientific Council, through its Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group, is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) develop criteria for considering if some Appendix II-listed sharks and rays should</i>		Criteria and recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	Rima Jabado (Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-	ScC-SC8	Not addressed.

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	<i>be included within the scope of the Working Group;</i>					Nwakanma, Andrea Pauly)		
	<i>b) collect and present information about seabird harvests as aquatic wild meat in collaboration with the Task Forces on illegal take established by Resolution 11.16 (Rev.COP14);</i>		Report developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma, Andrea Pauly, Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.4 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.1.4.
	<i>c) collaborate with the relevant IUCN Specialist Groups to present a case to the Scientific Council for the assessment of the migratory nature of crocodylians (Genera: Gavialis, Crocodylus, Mecistops, Caiman, Melanosuchus) and freshwater chelonians, and the relevance of CMS to their conservation and management, including whether or not they may fit the criteria for inclusion in the Appendices;</i>	Reach out to IUCN SSC Specialist Groups to consult	Report and recommendations developed	2024/2025	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Not addressed.
	<i>d) support, as capacity allows:</i> <i>i. studies of the human dimensions of aquatic wild meat use, which are critical for designing effective conservation and management programmes that favour sustainable over unsustainable uses, including:</i> <i>• contemporary and historical socio-cultural aspects of harvesting and consuming aquatic wild meat, including the role of taboo systems, to provide insights or management measures that can be respectful of the cultural practices of Indigenous Peoples, and local communities;</i> <i>• the drivers of the harvest and consumption of aquatic wild meat;</i> <i>• the nutritional roles aquatic wild meat provides, the strengths and weaknesses of alternatives, and the health risks from both;</i>			Ongoing	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.4.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• food security and safety of aquatic wild meat use;</li> <li>ii. increased quantitative assessments of consumption and trade in aquatic wild meat to better understand demand and trade pathways;</li> <li>iii. increased efforts to assess the efficacy of existing legislation with regard to specific aquatic wild meat uses, and the degree to which enforcement capacity alone can address unsustainable aquatic wild meat harvests;</li> <li>iv. implementation of environmental education programmes to raise awareness of the importance and benefits of migratory megafauna, and laws concerning them;</li> <li>v. analysis of the extent of discard cases and their impact on the availability of aquatic wild meat;</li> </ul>							
	e) encourage the establishment of networks of appropriate experts to foster collaborative efforts to develop regional action plans for reducing unsustainable aquatic wild meat harvests; and				AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.4.
	f) ensure dissemination of information on its work on aquatic wild meat and the resulting recommendations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. sharing information with the International Whaling Commission and participating in future Small Cetacean Subcommittee meetings with a focus on aquatic wild meat;</li> <li>ii. continuing to provide advice to the CMS Secretariat to input to the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management;</li> </ul>				AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.4.

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	<p>iii. extending collaboration to include COMFAUNA, CIMFAUNA, the Sustainable Wildlife Management (SWM) Programme, and the WILDMEAT Project;</p> <p>iv. supporting efforts for coordination between CMS and CITES for improved regulation and sustainable management of trade in aquatic wild meat species;</p> <p>v. publishing consolidated papers in their individual expert capacity about aquatic wild meat harvests and drawing these to the attention of the Scientific Council.</p>							
<i>Dec. 14.188</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>							
	a) consider the recommendations of the Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group submitted to the 7th meeting of the Sessional Committee and address any matters requiring broader Scientific Council attention; and							Not addressed.
	b) consider the recommendations of the Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group submitted to the 8th meeting of the Sessional Committee and provide advice to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.		Draft Decisions developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.4.
<b>Res. 12.15</b>	<b>Aquatic Wild Meat</b>							
OP 1	Requests the Scientific Council to establish a thematic Working Group dealing with aquatic wild meat, to provide expert advice to the CMS Parties, to collaborate with relevant organizations such as the International Whaling Commission (IWC), and to coordinate science and policy participation with the relevant Memoranda of Understanding concluded under CMS,	See also Decisions 14.187-14.188		Ongoing	Barry Baker	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		The Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group is ongoing. Draft ToR contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.1.4.

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	<i>and consulting with the Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (ASCOBANS) and the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS) as relevant</i>							
OP 4	<i>Requests the Working Group, subject to availability of resources, to report its findings and any proposals for future work through the CMS Scientific Council to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>	See also Decisions 14.187-14.188		Ongoing	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1.
<b>Action Plan to Address Aquatic Wild Meat Harvests in West Africa</b>								
Dec. 14.191	<i>The Scientific Council, through its Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group, is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) support the Secretariat in the development of a simple reporting template designed to gather basic information on the implementation of the Action Plan;</i>		Reporting form developed	2024	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1.
	<i>b) review information provided by Parties on the implementation of the Action Plan and prepare a brief summary and analysis; and</i>		Summary and analysis prepared	ScC-SC8 document deadline	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.1.4b.
	<i>c) make recommendations on the further implementation of the Action Plan at the last meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council prior to COP15.</i>		Recommendations developed	ScC-SC8 document deadline	AWM WG Chair (supported by Barry Baker)	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	ScC-SC8	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1.
Dec. 14.192	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>							
	<i>a) consider the information provided by Parties on the implementation of the Action Plan, as well as the summary and analysis and the resulting recommendations of the Aquatic Wild Meat Working Group; and</i>			ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)		Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1 and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.25.1.4b.

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	<i>b) provide guidance on the further implementation of the Action Plan to COP15.</i>		Guidance provided	ScC-SC8 document deadline	Barry Baker	(Sec FP: Heidrun Frisch-Nwakanma)	COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.25.4.1.
<b>Terrestrial Species Conservation Issues</b>								
<b>JOINT CITES-CMS AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.165</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to: a) at the 7th meeting of its Sessional Committee and in collaboration with the IUCN Cat Specialist Group, discuss the information provided to the Secretariat in response to Decision 14.162 and the report on the Conservation status of the Cheetah populations of Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe and considerations for listing on CMS appendices; and</i>		Recommendations agreed	2024		(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe) IUCN Cat Specialist Group		Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.1
	<i>b) provide recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 56th or 57th meeting.</i>		Recommendations communicated	2024 - 2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	StC56	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.1
<b>CENTRAL ASIAN MAMMALS INITIATIVE</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.168</i>	<i>Party-appointed Councillors from the CAMI Region are requested to present the study 'Transboundary Conservation Hotspots for the Central Asian Mammals Initiative' and actions taken to promote conservation of selected transboundary hotspots to the Scientific Council at the next meeting of the Sessional Committee.</i>		Presentation and discussion	2024		(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	ScC-SC7	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.3
<i>Dec. 14.169</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to: a) evaluate the methodology and findings of the study, 'Transboundary Conservation Hotspots for the Central Asian Mammals Initiative', and consider applying them to other regions; and</i>		Evaluation of methodology and findings	2024		(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.3

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	<i>b) considering paragraph 11 of Resolution 11.24 (Rev.COP13) and building on Decision 14.167 (e), advise on relevant forums and dissemination mechanisms to promote the visibility of the findings and recommendations of the study 'Transboundary Conservation Hotspots for the Central Asian Mammals Initiative'</i>	Organize a webinar for CMS parties seeking specialists attendance.	Forums and dissemination mechanisms identified	2024	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orliinskiy)	COP15	Completed, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.3
<i>Res. 11.24 (Rev.COP13) OP 11</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council and the Secretariat, subject to availability of funding, to continue and strengthen efforts to collaborate with other relevant international fora with a view to strengthening synergies and implementation of CMS and CAMI.</i>	Presentation at the upcoming TFCA network meeting (Zimbabwe). Uganda will present a report at the next working group meeting.	International forums identified	2024-2026	Zimbabwe and Uganda	(Sec FP: Polina Orliinskiy)	COP15	Not feasible, Scientific Council does not have the time and resources to establish working collaborations for CMS instruments, else this needs to be specified further.
<i>Res. 11.24 (Rev.COP13) POW 8.1</i>	<i>8.1 The CMS Scientific Council to support and contribute to an analysis of knowledge gaps based on scientific evidence, specifically a) Highlight and explain current limitations of scientific knowledge;</i>	This action point will be included in the webinar (14.169).	Gap analysis	2024-2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orliinskiy)	COP15	Not feasible. Scientific work on CAMI is handled by CAMI Species Focal Points and Range States
	<i>b) Identify key questions and where appropriate construct hypotheses to advance knowledge;</i>	This action point will be included in the webinar (14.169).	Questions identified	2024-2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orliinskiy)	COP15	Completed
	<i>c) Provide robust evidence and information to stakeholders, particularly regarding status, distribution and threats.</i>		Information provided	2024-2026		(Sec FP: Polina Orliinskiy)	COP15	Completed
<i>Res. 11.24 (Rev.COP13) POW 29.12</i>	<i>29.12 Nominate a mammal expert for the Scientific Council.</i>	Inform the CAMI range states about the current terrestrial mammal expert whose area of work covers mammals across the globe.	Expert nominated	2024-2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orliinskiy)	COP15	Not feasible, as only one COP-appointed expert on Terrestrial Mammals

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<b>TIGERS AND OTHER ASIAN BIG CATS</b>								
<i>Res. 9.22 (Rev.COP12) OP 2</i>	<i>Requests the Scientific Council and the Secretariat to ensure that all means that can effectively contribute to an improvement of the conservation status of Asian big cats and to awareness raising on the threats that they face are taken within the framework of Resolution 11.24, The Central Asian Mammals Initiative;</i>		Update	2024-2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC7 COP15	Ongoing, see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.3
<b>CMS JAGUAR INITIATIVE</b>								
<i>Dec. 14.177</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to: a) review and advise on the Joint CITES-CMS Programme of Work proposed for the Jaguar;</i>		Review and advice	2024	tbc	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)		Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.4
	<i>b) provide available information to the Initiative in support of the coordinated approach to improve knowledge; and</i>		Information provided	2024-2025	tbc	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)		Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.4
	<i>c) report to the Standing Committee at its 56th meeting on progress towards implementation of this decision.</i>		Report	2025	tbc	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	StC56	Ongoing – see UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.27.4

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<b>Avian Species Conservation Issues</b>								
<b>TASK FORCE ON ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN (MIKT)</b>								
<i>Dec.14.122</i>	<i>The Scientific Council, subject to the availability of external resources, in liaison with the CMS Secretariat, and in conjunction with Decision 14.182 (a) Illegal and Unsustainable Taking of Wildlife, is requested to undertake a scientific review on the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds, as well as illegal trade of birds across sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia to enable Parties, policy instruments and NGOs to set appropriate priorities to address the issue.</i>	As per mandate	Scientific report on the scope and scale of illegal killing and taking of birds, as well as illegal trade of birds across sub-Saharan Africa and Central Asia	by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator)	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, see activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1; and UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.1 regarding avian wild meat</i>
<i>Dec.14.123</i>	<i>The Scientific Council, as far as possible in cooperation with the relevant bodies of other appropriate multilateral environmental agreements, and subject to the availability of resources, is requested to contribute as appropriate to a global situation analysis on production, sale, use and regulation of the use of mist nets and other sorts of nets used for bird trapping, which may include:</i>	As per mandate; Notification from Secretariat inquiring information from Parties and Observers on production, sale, use and regulation of the use of mist nets and other sorts of nets used for bird trapping, and compile summary document	Global situation analysis on mist nets; questionnaire for consultation with Parties and Observers	by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator); BirdLife International	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, study conducted only for Asia and the Mediterranean, see activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1, including a report as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.26.1b</i>
	<i>a) compiling data on the global scale of the use of nets for killing, taking and trade of birds to support an assessment of the</i>	As per mandate		by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett,	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, study conducted only for Asia and the Mediterranean, see</i>

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	<i>illegal component and impact on CMS-listed species;</i>					(Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator)		<i>activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1, including a report as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.26.1b</i>
	<i>b) identifying where mist nets are produced and sold, including by building on information from existing ringing schemes such as EURING and similar schemes available in other regions;</i>	As per mandate		by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator)	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, study conducted only for Asia and the Mediterranean, see activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1, including a report as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.26.1b</i>
	<i>c) producing an overview of national legislation regulating production, sale, possession and use of mist nets and other sorts of nets used for bird trapping;</i>	As per mandate		by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator)	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, study conducted only for Asia and the Mediterranean, see activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1, including a report as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.26.1b</i>

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	<i>d) produce guidance on undertaking national assessments of production, sale, use and regulation of mist nets and other nets used for trapping birds;</i>	As per mandate		by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator)	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, see activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1, including a report as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.26.1b</i>
	<i>e) produce guidance for governments and enforcement authorities on regulation of production and sale of mist nets and other nets used for bird trapping; and</i>	As per mandate		by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator)	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, see activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1, including a report as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.26.1b</i>
	<i>f) produce guidance on the legal aspects of trade of mist nets and other nets that can be used for illegal killing, taking and trade of birds for online retailers and other retailers.</i>	As per mandate		by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Foteini Papazoglou; Iván Ramírez, Tilman Schneider, ITTEA Coordinator; SW	ScC-SC8, COP15	<i>Not completed, see activities undertaken in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.1, including a report as contained in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Inf.26.1b</i>

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						Asia IKB Task Force Coordinator)		
<b>ACTION PLAN FOR MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION (AEMLAP)</b>								
14.132	<i>The Scientific Council is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:</i>				Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI); Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing
	<i>a) continue the Working Group on African-Eurasian Migratory Landbirds until COP15, extending its membership and incorporating expertise from geographical regions currently absent, to facilitate and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan, developing indicators to assess the implementation of the Programme of Work 2021-2026;</i>	As per mandate	Membership extension; Notification to Focal Points in the range; process on renewing the AEML WG POW to be started in consultation with Steering Group and WG; meeting of WG planned	Ongoing	Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI); Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing; as described in UNEP <i>UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.5</i>
	<i>b) work with the Migratory Landbird Study Group, relevant academic institutions, research-funders and the Working Group, to actively promote research that addresses key knowledge gaps relating to migratory landbird conservation in Eurasian landscapes, as outlined in paragraph 9 of Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP14) Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region (AEMLAP); and</i>	As per mandate	Research papers and other outputs	Ongoing	Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI); Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing through SOI activities
	<i>c) provide support to the Working Group, its Steering Group and Coordination Unit for the implementation of the Working Group Programme of Work.</i>	Provide inputs to the Working Groups activities and relevant documents	Workplan outputs	Ongoing	Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett,	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing; as described in UNEP <i>UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.5</i>

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					Institute (SOI): Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar	(Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)		
<i>Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP14), Operative Paragraph (OP) 9.</i>	<i>9. Requests the Scientific Council, subject to the availability of resources, in partnership with the Working Group, in liaison with the MLSG, relevant academic institutions and research-funders, to evaluate: existing long-term and large-scale datasets, (such as the European Atlas of Bird Migration, the African Bird Atlas Project (ABAP) and the Eurasian African Bird Migration Atlas); the use of new and emerging tracking technologies, field studies of migrant birds in Africa, Europe and Asia; the use of survey and demographic data from the Eurasian breeding grounds and the use of remote sensing earth observation data of land cover change in Africa and Asia, and use the outcomes of this evaluation to actively promote research that addresses key knowledge gaps relating to migratory landbird conservation in African Eurasian region, inter alia, to:</i> <i>a) Using multi-species analyses and tracking technologies to identify migratory pathways and strategies, and better understand movement patterns, geographic areas of particular importance to multiple landbird species and migratory connectivity, enabling field research, monitoring and conservation action to be targeted more effectively;</i> <i>b) undertaking detailed field studies in sub-Saharan Africa and at staging sites, using existing data where appropriate, to better</i>	<i>As per mandate, evaluate data sets, technologies, studies etc; promoting research investigating knowledge gaps</i>	<i>Evaluation reports, correspondence; SOI try to setup Atlas in West African countries; workshops Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI): Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar</i>	<i>Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)</i>	<i>ScC-SC8, COP15</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

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	<p><i>understand species distribution patterns, habitat use and foraging ecology, and in particular identify and enhance conservation of the stop-over sites immediately to the north and south of the Sahara (including through data collection and seeking linkages with relevant stakeholders);</i></p> <p><i>c) synthesizing data from Eurasian breeding grounds to explore spatial and temporal patterns in demographic parameters in relation to migratory pathways and largescale patterns of environmental change;</i></p> <p><i>d) using satellite image Earth observation data and, where possible, in conjunction with on the ground habitat and bird monitoring data (including through synergies with and expansion of common bird monitoring schemes) to improve understanding of where land cover is changing and how this impacts African-Eurasian migrant birds, and research the drivers of land use/land cover change;</i></p> <p><i>e) seeking better understanding of how to influence the economic and social policy drivers causing land use/land cover change at different scales;</i></p> <p><i>f) encouraging research to determine which traits of migratory populations are associated with population declines and for which declining African-Eurasian migrant landbird populations declines cannot be explained by conditions in the breeding grounds;</i></p>							

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	<p>g) working in collaboration with relevant initiatives to monitor the effect on migrant landbirds of land use and habitat-based interventions including those with a poverty alleviation or climate change focus and to mainstream knowledge of tree species of particular importance for migrant landbirds into planning processes of tree planting initiatives; and</p> <p>h) encouraging detection of nesting sites to avoid their destruction by agricultural practices;</p>							
<i>Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP14), OP 10.</i>	<i>10. Further requests the Scientific Council and the Working Group, subject to the availability of resources, in liaison with FLAP, to promote and encourage increased public awareness of, and support for, migratory landbird conservation along the flyway among the general public and stakeholders, including about how individual birds are shared across countries and act as indicators of the overall health of the environment, of people and all biodiversity</i>	As per mandate	Communication outputs, correspondence with relevant stakeholders, (side) events organized e.g. at UNCCD COP16; AEML WG meeting planned in Eastern Africa	Ongoing	Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI): Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)	ScC-SC8, COP15	EU Flynet: engagement of AEMLAP Coordination of SOI in 3 working groups; started process to reactivate FLAP; Organization of side event at UNCCD COP16
<i>Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP14), OP 11.</i>	<i>11. Further requests the Scientific Council and the Working Group, subject to the availability of resources, in liaison with FLAP, to disseminate evidence and information to decision makers and those formulating prescriptions for action;</i>	As per mandate	Communication outputs, correspondence with relevant stakeholders, (side) events organized e.g. at UNCCD COP16	Ongoing	Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI): Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing
<i>Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP14), OP 16.</i>	<i>16. Requests the Working Group and the CMS Scientific Council, subject to the availability of resources in liaison with the MLSG and FLAP, with the support of the CMS Secretariat, to support implementation of Action Plans for a set of</i>	As per mandate	Follow process of adaptive harvest management of Turtle Dove, and the population trends; Symposium on Yellow-breasted Bunting	Ongoing	Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI):	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing  Posts on European Roller through FLAP done; Bustards Without Borders

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	<i>species including the European Roller (Coracias garrulus) originally adopted through Resolution 12.12 Action Plans for Birds, the European Turtle Dove (Streptopelia turtur), adopted by the 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee in line with Decision 12.21 Action Plans for Birds, and the Yellow-breasted Bunting (Emberiza aureola), once endorsed; and to continue to develop Action Plans for declining migratory landbirds, particularly buntings;</i>		at Ornithological Congress in China		Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar			expert group created to develop Multi-species Action Plan for Bustards; Secretariat following process of adaptive harvest management of Turtle Dove; Yellow-breasted Bunting Action Plan adopted by CMS, discussion on landbirds incl. YBB supported at EAAFP MOP12
<i>Resolution 11.17 (Rev.COP14), OP 18.</i>	<i>18. Calls on Parties and the Scientific Council to report progress in implementing the Action Plan, including monitoring and efficacy of measures taken, to future meetings of the Conference of the Parties.</i>	As per mandate	Report to COP15	by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8	Olivier Biber (AEML WG Chair); Swiss Ornithological Institute (SOI); Alain Jacot, Reto Spaar	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez; Tilman Schneider)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing As described in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc. 26.5
<b>FLYWAYS</b>								
<i>14.140</i>	<i>The Flyways Working Group is requested to, subject to the availability of external resources:</i>							Mostly ongoing, see document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.1
	<i>a) act as a platform that ensures the exchange of best practices and the identification of global synergies and gaps across the different flyway-related initiatives, either developed within the framework of the CMS or outside, in alignment with the priorities identified in the CMS Samarkand Strategic Plan for</i>	As per mandate	Informal meeting of FWG members participating in ScC-SC7 to discuss task teams (seabirds, review global POW, work with other instruments, hub for information sharing, gaps and priorities)	Ongoing	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing, see document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.1; Online meetings of FWG organized in April 2024, February 2025; subgroups on

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	<i>Migratory Species (SPMS) and with those of other relevant MEAs working in the areas linked to migratory bird conservation, their habitats or threats associated with them;</i>							thematic areas created and relevant outputs produced
	<i>b) with the support of the Secretariat, and in coordination with regional flyway initiatives, develop guidance to aid Parties in identifying key priorities and major implementation gaps in their region to support implementation of Decision 14.137 (a);</i>	As per mandate	Guidance document on key priorities and major implementation gaps in CMS regions	by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG; Sec	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Secretariat to support  Secretariat supported organization of three FWG meetings; see document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.1
	<i>c) based on the information provided by the Parties, review the relevant elements of the Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways 2014-2023, and propose a way forward for an update or revision of this work programme, in alignment with the priorities and targets identified in the CMS SPMS;</i>	As per mandate	Concept for updated/revised Programme of Work on Flyways; task teams' process (see above)		Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed; new POW for 2026-2029 proposed for endorsement by ScC-SC8
	<i>d) review relevant scientific and technical issues, international initiatives and processes linked to migratory birds, their habitats and the threats associated with them;</i>	As per mandate	Reports, research papers	Ongoing	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing
	<i>e) help to ensure the coordination between various CMS Working Groups and Task Forces (e.g., Illegal Killing of Birds, Poisoning, Landbirds, Energy) on flyway-related actions and priorities, and enhance synergies in their implementation;</i>	As per mandate	Communication, correspondence, Flyways Working Group - FWG (online) meetings	Ongoing	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing through Secretariat activities, see document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.2

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	<i>f) facilitate a discussion amongst Parties, non-Party Range States, relevant regional mechanisms and stakeholders to explore opportunities for advancing a comprehensive seabird agenda, taking into account existing programmes of work;</i>	As per mandate	correspondence, FWG (online) meetings, task team on seabirds outputs	Ongoing	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed, see document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.2
	<i>g) with support from the Secretariat, develop guidance to help Parties raise awareness of the importance of migratory flyways and the ecosystem services they provide; and</i>	As per mandate	Guidance document; review of Americas Flyways Framework and Action Plan; potential development of MOU	by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing
	<i>h) report progress to the Scientific Council.</i>	As per mandate	Written and oral reports on Flyways to ScC-SC meetings and COP15, as appropriate.	by the documents deadline for ScC-SC8	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing
<i>Resolution 12.11 (Rev.COP14), OP 23.</i>	<i>23. Requests the Scientific Council to produce guidelines and/or case studies on mechanisms to enhance the conservation of migratory birds through site networks, including important oceanic ecosystems used by marine bird species</i>	As per mandate	Guidelines, case studies	Ongoing	Rob Clay, Chair Flyways WG	Narelle Montgomery, ScC Chair, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing  Recent meeting of BirdLife and IUCN on mapping exercise of key sites with inclusion of World Heritage sites, and Ramsar and other sites designations; for seabirds and marine flyways, see document UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.2

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<b>CONSERVATION OF AFRICAN-EURASIAN VULTURES</b>								
14.153	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to consider the West African Vultures Action Plan, if provided to the Scientific Council at the 7th meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council and recommend it to the Standing Committee for adoption.</i>	As per mandate, review Action Plan and give recommendation to the Standing Committee	Recommendation to the Standing Committee	ScC-SC7		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, Sec FP: Umberto Gallo-Orsi	StC56	Draft action plan recommended to StC for endorsement UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.6
<b>SAKER FALCON (FALCO CHERRUG) GLOBAL ACTION PLAN (SAKERGAP)</b>								
14.158	<i>The Scientific Council shall keep under review the work to implement the Saker Falcon Global Action Plan and to advise on the scientific principles and precedents involved, notably in relation to the adaptive management of the species and on the significance of data and information gaps in assessing the impact of electrocution on the viability of populations across the global range of the species.</i>	As per mandate	Draft Adaptive Management Framework; report on electrocution of Saker Falcons	Ongoing	Raptors MOU CU	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, Sec FP: Umberto Gallo-Orsi	ScC-SC8, COP15	Draft Decision-Making System developed, revised TOR and membership developed. Other modules of the Adaptive Management Framework concept under development UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.7
<b>ENDORSEMENT OF ACTION PLANS FOR SELECTED APPENDIX I AND II MIGRATORY BIRDS</b>								
<i>Resolution 5.9 (Rev.COP12), OP 3.</i>	<i>3. Requests the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to provide the necessary support for these activities [NB: see operative para 1. and 2.: 1. Encourages Parties that are Range States for the above species to support the implementation of these action plans; 2. Encourages the AEWA Range States which have not yet signed this important Agreement to do so, in order to ensure a more appropriate management of their shared waterbirds;</i>	As per mandate	Communication, correspondence to Parties/Range States	Ongoing		Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett (Sec FP: Tilman Schneider, Iván Ramírez, Umberto Gallo-Orsi)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing.  Since COP14, activities to support the implementation of existing action plans for bird species as well as the development of new ones have been undertaken.

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<b>POWER LINES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS</b>								
<i>Resolution 10.11 (Rev.COP13), OP 5.</i>	<i>5. Requests the Scientific Council, specifically the Working Groups on birds and flyways, to monitor the implementation of this Resolution and to provide further guidance when relevant new developments on reducing the impact of power lines on birds become available, such as improved mitigation techniques and standardized monitoring protocols;</i>	Monitor development of the issue of power lines, as per mandate; studies on seasonality of activation of wind farms and related infrastructure encouraged	Correspondence; production of specific guidance under the ETF e.g. cumulative impacts, mitigation of risk to bats etc.;	Ongoing	Energy Task Force members	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, ETF Coordinator (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez, Umberto Gallo-Orsi)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing.  Part of 2025 – 2032 ETF Workplan. Working groups (established at ETF7) tasks include developing guidance, guiding private sector engagement, assessing impacts, mitigating impacts, and defining new POW. As described in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.11
<b>PROMOTING CONSERVATION OF CRITICAL INTERTIDAL AND OTHER COASTAL HABITATS FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES</b>								
<i>Resolution 12.25, OP 3.</i>	<i>3. Requests the Scientific Council, funding permitting, to seek input from the scientific subsidiary bodies of other multi-lateral environment agreements, to establish a multi-stakeholder working group, under the proposed Coastal Forum, to develop global guidance on the conservation, wise use and management of sustainable 'Working Coastal Habitats', in particular elaborating strategies and models for economic development, that maintain the ecological character and functionality of such habitats to the benefit of local communities and</i>	As per mandate	Dissemination of information on guidelines and seminars from WCF; Draft motion for IUCN Congress by BirdLife International	Ongoing	BirdLife International	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing.  The secretariat has continued to participate as an observer, in the activities developed by the World Coastal Forum, and continues to monitor how their expected outputs can deliver the mandate.

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<i>Resolution / Decision number</i>	<i>Text of Resolution / Decision</i>	<i>Further short description of activity (if necessary)</i>	<i>List of outputs</i>	<i>Timeframe (year and/or meeting) (as per Res / Dec, if provided)</i>	<i>Name of lead person(s)</i>	<i>Names of other people involved</i>	<i>ScC, StC, COP (including session number)</i>	<i>Status of the activity</i>
	<i>migratory species, and to submit this draft guidance for consideration at COP13;</i>							As described in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.2
<i>Resolution 12.25, OP 4.</i>	<i>4. Urges Parties and the Scientific Council, funding permitting, to support and engage in the establishment, under the Coastal Forum, of a "Caring for Coasts" initiative to promote restoration of coastal wetlands and other relevant habitats;</i>	As per mandate	Dissemination of information on guidelines and seminars from WCF; Draft motion for IUCN Congress by BirdLife International	Ongoing	BirdLife International	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Completed.
<i>Resolution 12.25, OP 16.</i>	<i>16. Calls on Parties and the Scientific Council to report progress in implementing this Resolution, including assessments of the efficacy of measures taken, to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties including through their National Reports</i>	As per mandate	Reports	Ongoing	BirdLife International	Rob Clay, Stephen Garnett, (Sec FP: Iván Ramírez)	ScC-SC8, COP15	Ongoing. As described in UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.26.3.2