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NINTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Rome, 1-5 December 2008
Agenda Item 5.0

**PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE
FOR CMS COP9 AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS**
(as at 30 November 2008)

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

The provisional timetable should be read in conjunction with the Provisional Agenda (UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.1/Rev.4) and the List of Documents (UNEP/CMS/Conf.9.3). The timetable is subject to amendment in order to take into account additional documents that may require consideration during the meeting.

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NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP9) AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS
FAO Headquarters in Rome

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS
(as at 25 November 2008)

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER

PARTICIPANTS' ARRIVAL (all day)

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

Registration for 15th CMS Scientific Council meeting (8:00)

15th CMS Scientific Council meeting - Opening & Session (9:30)

15th CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session (afternoon)

15th CMS Scientific Council meeting - Working groups

Turkish Registration Centre

Members and invited observers only

Green room

Members and invited observers only

Green room

Pakistan, Canada, India rooms

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

15th CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session (morning)

15th CMS Scientific Council meeting - Working groups

15th CMS Scientific Council meeting – Session (afternoon)

Members and invited observers only

Green room

Pakistan, Canada, India rooms

Members and invited observers only

Green room

7th UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane Wetlands Project Steering Committee meeting

Opening & Session (9:30)

Members and invited observers only

Hotel Lancelot, Rome

7th UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane Wetlands Project Steering Committee meeting

Session (afternoon)

Members and invited observers only

Hotel Lancelot, Rome

SATURDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

Registration for Gorilla Agreement MOP1 (9.00)
Gorilla Agreement MOP1 – Opening & Session (9:30)

Gorilla Agreement MOP1 – Session (afternoon)

7th UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane Wetlands Project Steering Committee meeting
Session (morning)

7th UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane Wetlands Project Steering Committee meeting
Session (afternoon)

SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

Registration for 34th CMS Standing Committee meeting (9:00)
34th CMS Standing Committee meeting (10:00)

7th UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane Wetlands Project Steering Committee meeting
Session (morning)

7th UNEP/GEF Siberian Crane Wetlands Project Steering Committee meeting
Session (afternoon)

Registration for the meeting on the development of Concerted Actions on
Aridland Mammals (9:00)
Meeting on the development of Concerted Actions on Aridland Mammals (14:00)

Registration for CMS COP9 (all day)

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER

Turkish Registration Centre
Range States representatives and invited observers only
Green room
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Green room

Members and invited observers only
Hotel Lancelot, Rome

Members and invited observers only
Hotel Lancelot, Rome

Turkish Registration Centre
Members and invited observers only
Green room

Members and invited observers only
Hotel Lancelot, Rome

Members and invited observers only
Hotel Lancelot, Rome

Turkish Registration Centre
Range States representatives and invited observers only
Iran room
Turkish Registration Centre

CMS COP9 High level Opening Ceremony (10:00)
Official event “CMS Champions” (evening)

Invitees only, Green room

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER – FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER

CMS COP9 meeting (See Timetable below)

Green room

SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER

Registration for 2nd CMS Sharks meeting (10:00)

2nd CMS Sharks meeting – Opening & Session (15:00)

Turkish Registration Centre

Range States representatives and invited observers only

Green room

SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER

2nd CMS Sharks meeting – Session (morning)

Members and invited observers only

Green room

2nd CMS Sharks meeting – Session (afternoon)

Range States representatives and invited observers only

Green room

MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER

2nd CMS Sharks meeting – Session (morning)

Range States representatives and invited observers only

Green room

2nd CMS Sharks meeting – Session (afternoon)

Range States representatives and invited observers only

Green room

DETAILED PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE 30 NOVEMBER - 5 DECEMBER (COP9)

Time	Mode/Meeting room	Activity	Side Events
SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER			
All day	Turkish Registration Centre	Registration for CMS COP9	
MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER			
1000 - 1100	Green room	High level Opening Ceremony	
1100 - 1230	Plenary/Green room	<p>Opening Statements</p> <p>Agenda items 1-7: Administrative matters (rules of procedure, elections, agenda/timetable, establishment of committees, admission of observers etc.)</p> <p>Agenda item 8: Overview of Implementation including 2010 Biodiversity Targets (Strategic Assessment of Implementation – Secretariat paper)</p> <p>Agenda item 9: Reports from Convention and Agreements Bodies (Depositary & Host Country, Standing Committee, Scientific Council, Article IV Agreements)</p> <p>Agenda item 10: Reports from States (Party States (including REIOs), Non-Party States)</p> <p>Agenda item 11: Reports from UNEP and Partners (UNEP, Biodiversity Liaison Group, Other IGO Bodies, Civil Society)</p>	
1230 – 1430	Slovak room Iran room	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Meeting of the Credentials Committee</p> <p>Launch of the “Year of the Gorilla” campaign - Press Conference</p>	
1430 – 1800	Committee of the Whole/Green room	<p>Key Policy Issues (including relevant draft Resolutions and Recommendations)</p> <p>Agenda item 18a: Climate Change and Migratory Species</p> <p>Agenda item 18b: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza</p> <p>Agenda item 18c: Migratory Marine Species</p> <p>Agenda item 18e: Migratory Terrestrial Species</p>	

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1800 – 1830	Slovak room	Meeting of the Bureau	
1830 – 2000	Green room	Official COP event “CMS Champions”	
2000	Cafeteria 8 th floor	Italian Government Welcoming Reception	
TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER			
0900- 1230	Plenary/Green room	<p>Agenda item 25: Interim Report of the Credentials Committee</p> <p>Budget and Administration</p> <p>Agenda item 21: Secretariat Manpower and Organisation</p> <p>Agenda item 22: Strategic Plan – roll forward 2012-2017</p> <p>Agenda item 23a: Outcome of CMS Budget 2006-2008 (budget presentation)</p> <p>Agenda item 23b: CMS budget 2009-2011 and Medium Term Plan (budget presentation)</p> <p>Agenda item 23c: Other administrative issues</p> <p>Agenda item 23d: Fundraising</p>	
1230 – 1430	Slovak room	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Meeting of the Credentials Committee</p>	<p>Conserving Tigers and other Asian Big Cats: discussing the role of the CMS. IFAW</p> <p>Bats in Africa. EUROBATS</p> <p>Wildlife Disease: a cross-cutting issue for the conservation of migratory species. CMS/FAO Avian Influenza Scientific Task Force</p>

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			Measuring Progress: The 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, the 2010 Target and their applicability to CMS and its Parties. 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership
1430 – 1800	Committee of the Whole/Green room	<p>Agenda item 12a: Major (concerted action) projects</p> <p>Agenda item 18d: Flyways Flyway session/Siberian Crane Wetland Project</p> <p>Agenda item 12b: Other measures to promote the conservation of Appendix I species</p> <p>Agenda item 13a: Development of new and future Agreements</p> <p>Agenda item 13b: Other measures to promote conservation and sustainable management of Appendix II species</p> <p>Agenda item 28: Other Resolutions and Recommendations submitted by Parties</p>	
1800 – 1830	Slovak room	Meeting of the Bureau	
1830 - 1930		CMS Thesis Award and Friends of CMS Event	
1930	Cafeteria 8 th floor	Reception hosted by the French Government for the Presidency of the EU	
Evening		Resources and other Working group meetings	
WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER			
0900 - 1230	Plenary/Green room	<p>Agenda item 25: Interim Report of the Credentials Committee</p> <p>CMS Outreach and Communications</p> <p>Agenda item 16a: "Year of the ..." campaigns</p>	

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		<p>Agenda item 16b: Implementation of outreach and communication Plan</p> <p>Cooperation with other Conventions and Partners</p> <p>Agenda item 17a: Integration of Migratory Species into NBSAP's and into On-going and Future Programmes of Work under the CBD</p> <p>Agenda item 17b: Enhanced collaboration between CMS and FAO</p> <p>Agenda item 17c: Biodiversity Liaison Group activities</p> <p>Agenda item 17d: Cooperation with Non Governmental Organizations</p> <p>Agenda item 17e: Cooperation with the Private Sector</p> <p>Agenda item 20: CMS Capacity Building Activities</p>	
1230 - 1430	Slovak room Iran room	<p>Lunch break</p> <p>Meeting of the Credentials Committee Daily Press Conference</p> <p>Daily Press Conference</p>	<p>Year of the Dolphin CMS and YoD partners</p> <p>Migratory species and people – a mutually beneficial future. WWF</p> <p>The zoos involvement in species conversion and the endeavours to rescue the Cross River Gorilla. WAZA/WCS</p> <p>TEMATEA: synergies in practice at national level. Federal Public Service of the Environment Belgium - IUCN</p>
1430 - 1600	Committee of the Whole/Green room	<p>CMS Information Management</p> <p>Agenda item 15a: Information Management System (IMS)</p> <p>Agenda item 15b: Party Reports</p>	

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1600 - 1800	Plenary/Green room	Institutional Issues Agenda item 24a: Elections to Scientific Council and Standing Committee Agenda item 24b: Experimental Merger of CMS & ASCOBANS Secretariat functions Agenda item 24c: Coordinating Unit for Agreements in Abu Dhabi, UAE Agenda item 19: Proposals submitted by Parties to amend Appendices of the Convention	
1800 - 1830	Slovak room	Meeting of the Bureau	
Evening		Resources and other Working Group Meetings (if needed)	<p>The bycatch in cetacean populations: its impacts and their mitigation in the ACCOBAMS area. ACCOBAMS</p> <p>Conservation and management of migratory sharks. IUCN.</p> <p>IBAs approach for completing SPAs network in the marine offshore environment. Italian Ministry For Environment, Land & Sea – LIPU.</p> <p>Creating incentives for the conservation of migratory species. CMS/FACE</p>
THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER			
0930 - 1000	Plenary/Green room	Agenda item 25: Interim Report of the Credentials Committee	
1000- 1230	Committee of the	Reports of Committee Working Groups	

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	Whole/Green room	Completion of Committee's Work	
1230 - 1430	Iran room	Lunch break Daily Press Conference	<p>Flyway conservation at work – the Wings Over Wetlands (WOW) UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project. Wings Over Wetlands Project Partnership</p> <p>Climate change and cetaceans – new findings and international solutions. WWF/WDCS</p> <p>Initiatives to support migratory Species. Italian Ministry For Environment, Land and Sea</p>
1430 - 1730	Plenary/Green room	Report of the Committee of the Whole, and Resources Working Group	
1730 - 1830	Slovak room	Meeting of the Bureau	
Evening	Green room	Pending items (only if needed)	<p>Ship Strikes with Cetaceans: Solutions for a Global Issue. Belgian Federal Ministry of the Environment, Government of Australia and IFAW</p> <p>Slender Billed Curlew: Re-launch of Concerted Action. BLI/ FACE/CMS/AEWA</p>

Time	Mode/Meeting room	Activity	Side Events
FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER			
0900 - 1230	Plenary/Green room	Completion of the Plenary's work including: Agenda item 25: Final Report of the Credentials Committee Agenda item 26: Reports of sessional committees Agenda item 27: Adoption of Amendments to Appendices Agenda item 28: Adoption of resolutions and recommendations Agenda item 29: Date and venue of 10th COP (2011) Agenda item 30: Any other business	
1230	Plenary/Green room	Distribution of draft Meeting Report to all participants	
1230 - 1430	Iran room	Lunch break Daily Press Conference	Nordic projects on the conservation of seabirds in the Nordic sea-regions. Nordic Council of Ministers
1430 - 1700	Plenary/Green room	Agenda item 31: Adoption of the report of the meeting Agenda item 32: Closure of the meeting	
1700 - 1800	Green room	35 th CMS Standing Committee Meeting (members only)	