28th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Bonn, 21-22 April 2005

CMS/StC28/4-E

PROGRESS REPORT (Follow-up from StC27)

ACTION POINTS - StC27 OUTCOMES

Authority	Subject	Actors	Action Points	Period	Target	Progress/Comments
StC27 Ag Item 2	StC Report	Sec	SCMS to circulate draft decision/action points of the StC meeting to StC Regional Reps for comment/input; StC		StC28	Solicit input at StC28 as to whether this new approach works.
Para.10			Regional Reps only to circulate action points within their regions when there is a significant issue of regional importance.			approud monde.
StC27 Ag Item 3 Para.13	CMS Brochure	StC Parties Sec	Parties to translate and print the new CMS brochure into local languages.		StC28	
StC27 Ag Item 4 Para.15	Monk Seal	Sec	Follow-up on UK report where Spain is mentioned as offering to develop an Agreement on Monk Seal.	Ong		Contact made with Spain and options for developing an agreement provided.
StC27 Ag Item 4 Para.20	Andean Flamingo	Sec	Follow-up on Peru report that Andean Flamingo Agreement finalised.	Ong		Sent information request information to CMS focal point for Peru (Ms. Rosario Acero) on 07/10/04. No reply received to date.
StC Ag. Item 4	Mountain Gorilla	Sec	Follow-up on UNEP suggestion for CMS Agreement on Mountain gorilla.	Ong		CMS and earmarked contributions from UK secured to hire consultant to develop action plan.
StC27 Ag Item 5.2 Annex 1 Paras.20, 24 & 26	Improve Trust Fund Situation	Sec UK	SCMS to implement 2004 programme while carefully monitoring trust fund's situation and re-examining the situation at the beginning of 2005; SCMS may explore operating reserve issue; UK to develop Budget Working Group terms of reference. SCMS to prepare letter for regional reps to send to parties seeking voluntary contributions, payment of arrears etc.		StC28	In progress. Details can be found in Document 7 (Report of the Budget Working Group for next triennium (2006-2008))
StC27 Ag Annex 1 Item 5.2.1 Para.28	Delegate Funding	StC Sec	The StC representative from Central and Eastern Europe to consult and compile comments on the delegate funding issue; Western Europe representative to consult EC; delegate funding issue to be considered again by StC by correspondence in light of comments from Eastern and Western Europe on the points mentioned above so COP can take a decision.	Ong	StC28 COP8	In progress. Details can be found in Document 12 (Funding for Delegates and Observers)
StC27 Ag Item 5.3 Annex 1 Para.34&35	Development of Budget (2006-08)	UK Sec StC	UK to lead an informal working group whose terms of reference would draw on revised CRP5/Rev; SCMS to create budgetary options for WG consideration that take account of the Strategic Plan/Implementation Plan.		StC28 COP8	In progress. Details can be found in Document 7 (Report of the Budget Working Group for next triennium (2006-2008))
StC27 Ag Item 5.4/12 Para.116	COP8 (Finance and venue)	Sec	StC agreed COP8 could come as late as mid-October (conclusion reached under Agenda item 13); SCMS to make final contact with candidate countries, including Ireland, and with Ramsar about back-to-back CoPs in Uganda, with request	Ong	StC28 COP8	COP8 scheduled for 20-25 November 2005 at UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi. Financial agreement with UNEP as host organisation under negotiation.

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			for response by end of September; SCMS may distribute content of CRP7 to other countries as an example of possible costs of COP8 to a host country.			
StC27 Ag Item 6.3 Para.40	2010 Target	Sec StC ScC	Secretariat requested to work with WCMC, ScC and others in drawing up graphical information on population trends of Appendix 1 species from each taxonomic group with time-line data. Secretariat requested to present refined concept at next StC. SCMS to check with CBD on timetable and approach for 2010.	Ong	StC28 ScC13 COP8	Secretariat is developing a concept to be provided to ScC13. Secretariat has been monitoring CBD processes. WCMC participated in CBD Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group meeting (November 2004) on behalf of CMS. CMS participated in SBSTTA10.
StC27 Ag Item 7.1 Para.57	Strategic Plan Review Report (2000-05)	Sec StC	Secretariat requested to work with WCMC to produce draft review report for StC28 taking into consideration national reports for COP8 (if available).		StC28 COP8	Internal Strategic Plan review report being contemplated in lieu of securing WCMC as contractor.
StC27 Ag. Item 7.2 Para.64	Draft Strategic Plan (2006-11)	Sec WG Chair	StC's specific comments/suggestions to be sent to WG Chair within 2 weeks of the StC27; implementation plan to reflect actors, priority setting; implementation plan to be time bound; review tone of draft Strategic Plan introduction.		StC28 COP8	Will now be incorporated in WCMC's review of new style national reports for COP8. Other Strategic Plan activities now focussed on 2006-11.
StC27 Ag. Item 7.2 Para.66	Draft Strategic Plan (2006-11): Implementation Plan	UK Sec WG Chair	Establish email group (CMS, UK, WG Chair) within two weeks of StC27 to consider next steps to develop implementation plan, taking into consideration how to organise process (including timeline/milestones); consultant; funding; workshop in UK; concept to include role of Performance Working Group.		StC28 COP8	Workshop hosted by UK executed. Revised Strategic Plan produced and circulated to the StC28. Outstanding issues presented to StC28.
StC27 Ag. Item 7.3 Para.69	ScC Implementation Plan	Sec StC	StC approved ScC work undertaken to date; considered the ScC approach a useful model for the development of the CMS Strategic Plan's Implementation Plan for other components. StC27 participants to transmit possible comments on the ScC draft Implementation Plan to the SCMS within two weeks.		StC28 COP8	No comments were received.
StC27 Ag. Item 8.1 Para.73	ScC matters	Sec	SCMS to consider feasibility of an extra day for ScC13.	Ong	StC28 ScC13	Financial constraints prevent CMS exceeding time allocation for previous meetings. (3 days)
StC27 Ag. Item 8.2 Para.75	Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes	Sec	StC27 approved an allocation of funds based on existing past commitments; SCMS to review existing commitments to avoid this problem repeating itself in the future.			Funds allocated.
StC27 Ag. Item 8.2 Para.78	ScC Projects	Sec ScC	StC approved list of projects recommended by ScC12, and acknowledged priority to be given to the implementation of projects for Corncrake and White-headed duck; SCMS given the mandate to proceed with the funding and management of projects in line with general decisions on use of funds and level of priority; SCMS and ScC chair to liaise periodically to examine development of situation and priority setting; project proposal guidelines to be made well-known and promulgated		ScC13 COP8	Project funds for Corncrake and White-headed duck obligated and projects are in progress. Support to other projects granted on the basis of fund availability and availability of project proposals.

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StC27 Ag. Item 9.0 Para.84, 85 & 86	IWC	Sec StC	SCMS to provide to StC a copy of letter to German authorities regarding IWC.	Q3		Done.
StC27 Ag. Item 9.0 Para.87	Small cetaceans and Sirenians in West Africa		SCMS to continue supporting the initiative on small cetaceans and sirenians in West Africa with existing earmarked resources, and by actively seeking additional funding through voluntary contributions.		ScC13 COP8	Liaison made with other organizations active on Marine Mammals in the region with the aim of identifying synergies and collaborations. These include UNEP/DEC, WWF and Wetlands International. Agreement on co-funding of project on African Manatee among UNEP, WWF and CMS. Monaco agreed support of 5,000 EUR, contacts made also with Belgium. Contacts maintained with the expert who lead previous CMS initiatives on MM in the region (Koen Van Waerebeek).
StC27 Ag. Item 9.0 Para.93	Agreement Development and Servicing	Sec	SCMS requested to look at each proposal for new MoUs and determine if it is the best tool, including financial implications; review existing and future MoU implications; StC noted that partnerships are important.		ScC13 COP8	On-going.
StC27 Ag. Item 10.0 Para.97	Information Management Plan	Sec WCMC	SCMS to arrange with WCMC COP8 report processing; existing work is valuable and remaining IMP activities should be undertaken taking into consideration financial and personnel constraints; explore subdividing remaining IMP activities to raise additional voluntary contributions in addition to using COP budgeted funds.	Ong	COP8	COP8 National reports requested.
StC27 Ag. Item 10.0 Para.101	GROMS	Germany Sec ScC	Germany, SCMS and ScC Chair to consult on Res 7.8 para 6(d) to determine next steps for an evaluation process.	Q3 Ong	StC28 ScC13 COP8	ToR for evaluation process discussed with German Government and finalized. Consultant for the evaluation process selected, and schedule of the evaluation defined. Wider consultation group being established.
StC27 Ag. Item 17.0 Para 116	COP8	Sec	SCMS to make contingency plans to hold meeting in Nairobi; SCMS to make African countries aware of COP financial implications; Explore possibility of joint meeting with Ramsar.		StC28 COP8	ScC13 and COP8 will take place in Nairobi at UNEP Headquarters 16-25 November 2005.
StC27 Ag. Item 13.0 Para.118	Next StC Meeting	Sec StC	StC28 in 2005 in Bonn. Date to be determined.	Ong	StC28 COP8	Meeting scheduled for 21-22 April 2005.