

Global Workshop on CMS Legislation

Bonn, Germany, 3 – 5 June 2025

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PROVISIONAL WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

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TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2025
 Upper Meeting Room, AAH, UN Campus
 Registration opens at 08:00
NB: all times quoted are CET

| Time | Sessions | Supporting Documents |
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| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration | |
| Plenary | | |
| 09:00 – 09:20 | Opening of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks by the CMS Secretariat • Election of Officers: Appointment of a Chair [and a Vice-Chair] for the workshop • Adoption of the Provisional Workshop Schedule • Discussion of workshop objectives and organization of work | |
| 09:20 – 10:30 | Session 1: Article III.5 – “Take Prohibition” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of the CMS prohibition on taking • Article III.5 - “Take Prohibition” • Geographical Scope of Application of the “Take Prohibition” • Covering CMS Appendix I species in national legislation • National Legislation Programme Findings Report • Q&A, including Parties’ reports on legislative development or practices at the national level to implement Article III.5 | <i>Doc.2. - Legislative Guidance Relating to Implementation of CMS Article III.5</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Tea/Coffee Break – Group Photo | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Session 2: Article III.5 – Exceptions to the “Take Prohibition” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four exceptions of CMS Article III.5 • Limitations on the use of exceptions • CMS Article III.7 Obligation • Q&A, including Parties’ reports on legislative development or practices at the national level to implement Article III.5 | <i>Doc.3 - Legislative Guidance Document: Exceptions to the Prohibition on Taking of Appendix I-listed Species under CMS Article III.5</i> |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch Break | |
| Breakout Groups | | |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | Session 3: Breakout Group – Implementation of Article III.5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two breakout groups to identify gaps and needs, share best practices and lessons learned | <i>Doc.4 - Session 3 Facilitation questions – Implementation of CMS Article III.5</i> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Tea/Coffee Break | |

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| Plenary | | |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Session 4: Rapporteurs Report Back and Plenary Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from the breakout groups • Discussion | |
| 17:00 | <i>End of Day 1</i> | |

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025
Upper Meeting Room, AAH, UN Campus

| Time | Sessions | Supporting Documents |
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| 09:00 – 09:15 | Brief Summary of Day 1 | |
| Plenary | | |
| 09:15 – 10:30 | Session 5 – Article III.4 a) and b) – Habitats, Activities and Obstacles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of addressing habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation • <i>Draft Legislative Guidance for Maintaining, Improving and Restoring Ecological Connectivity</i> • Q&A, including Parties' reports on national approaches to reflect ecological connectivity in legislation | <i>Doc.5 - Draft Legislative Guidance for Maintaining, Improving and Restoring Ecological Connectivity</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Tea/Coffee Break | |
| Breakout Groups | | |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | Session 6 – Breakout Group – Implementation of Article III.4 a) and b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two breakout groups to identify gaps and needs, share best practices and lessons learned, and give input to the <i>Draft Legislative Guidance for Maintaining, Improving and Restoring Ecological Connectivity</i> | <i>Doc.6/Rev.1 - Session 6 Facilitation questions – Addressing Ecological Connectivity and Input to the Draft Legislative Guidance for Maintaining, Improving and Restoring Ecological Connectivity</i> |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break | |
| Plenary | | |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Session 7 - Rapporteur Report Back and Plenary Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from the breakout groups • Discussion | |
| 15:30 – 16:15 | Session 8 – Other Relevant CMS Work & Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations of other relevant CMS work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Global Partnership on Ecological Connectivity ○ Global Initiative on Illegal and Unsustainable Taking of Migratory Species ○ Intergovernmental Task Forces on Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds ○ CMS Energy Task Force | |
| 16:15 – 16:45 | Tea/Coffee Break | |

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| 16:45 – 17:15 | Session 8 – Other Relevant CMS Work & Partnerships (cont.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UNEP - Montevideo Environmental Law Programme ○ CITES National Legislation Project ○ Sustainable Wildlife Management Programme (FAO) | |
| 17:15 | <i>End of Day 2</i> | |

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2025
Upper Meeting Room, AAH, UN Campus

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| Plenary | | |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Brief Summary of Day 2 | |
| 09:15 – 10:30 | Session 9 – Known & Emerging Threats to Migratory Species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Posed to CMS Appendix I-listed Species by International Trade • Lead Poisoning • Unsustainable Use of CMS Appendix II-listed Species • Effective and Deterrent Penalties for the Implementation of the Taking Prohibition • Q&A, including Parties' reports on legislative development or practices at the national level to address threats to migratory species | |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Tea/Coffee Break | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Session 10 – Identification of Priorities for the National Legislation Programme and other areas of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying next steps and priorities for COP15 and the next intersessional period • Financial matters | |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | AOB | |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Closing of the Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by the CMS Secretariat and the Chair | |
| 12:30 | <i>End of Workshop</i> | |