

**7th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the
CMS Scientific Council (ScC-SC7)**

Bonn, Germany, 17 – 20 September 2024

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

The Provisional Annotated Agenda should be read in conjunction with the Provisional Agenda and Documents (ScC-SC7/Doc.2.1).

ScC-SC7 PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Time	Tuesday 17 September	Wednesday 18 September	Thursday 19 September			Friday 20 September
08:00-09:00	Registration	Registration				
09:00-10:30	Plenary - Room AAH (upper floor)	Working Groups		Working Groups		Plenary - Room AAH
	<u>Agenda Items</u> 1 2.1 2.2 3 (introduction) 3. Part A (introduction) 5	Aquatic Room AAH 3. Part B 6.2.1	Avian Room 2112 3. Part C 6.3.1 6.3.2	Aquatic Room AAH <i>Continued</i>	Avian Room 2112 <i>Continued</i>	Terrestrial (tbc.) Room tbc. <i>Continued</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee/Tea Break - AAH	Coffee/Tea Break - AAH		Coffee/Tea Break - AAH		Coffee/Tea Break - AAH
11:00-12:30	Plenary	Aquatic	Avian	Aquatic	Avian	Plenary
	7.1 7.2 7.3	<i>Continued</i>	<i>Continued</i>	<i>Continued</i>	<i>Continued</i>	<i>Continued</i>
12:30-14:30	Lunch Break	Lunch Break		Lunch Break		Lunch Break
13:15-14:30	Informal Discussion – Petrels / 813					
14:30-16:00	Plenary	Aquatic	Terrestrial Room 2112	Plenary		Plenary
	4.1 4.2 6.1.1 6.1.2 6.1.3 6.1.4	<i>Continued</i>	3. Part D 6.4.1 6.4.2 6.4.3	3. Part A <i>Continued</i>		<i>Continued</i>
16:00-16:30	Coffee/Tea Break - AAH	Coffee/Tea Break - AAH		Coffee/Tea Break - AAH		Coffee/Tea Break - AAH
16:30-18:00	Plenary	Aquatic	Terrestrial	Plenary		Plenary
	6.1.5 6.1.6 6.1.7	<i>Continued</i>	<i>Continued</i>	3. Part A <i>Continued</i>		Closing Agenda Items 8 9 10

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
09:00-18:00 (Plenary)			
09:00-10:30	1. Opening of the Meeting	No Document	The chair of the Scientific Council and the Executive Secretary of CMS will welcome participants and make introductory remarks.
	2. Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule		
	2.1 Provisional Agenda and Documents	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.2.1/Rev.2	The meeting will be invited to review the provisional and annotated agendas (incl. schedule) and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agenda and schedule adopted
	2.2 Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule		
	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3	The Secretariat will introduce the document and explain the process for its further development and finalization during the meeting. It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the further development of the document will be undertaken in the plenary (Institutional, Legal and Crosscutting Documents) and in the working groups (Aquatic species, Avian Species, Terrestrial species). Each working group will consider the respective section of the POW and its chair will report to the final plenary sessions, which will finalise and adopt the POW, based on the input from the working groups. <i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting is briefed on the process for the further development, finalization and adoption of the POW. Working Groups are established.
	Annex to the Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15 - Part A: Strategic, Institutional and Legal matters and Crosscutting Conservation Issues	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3/Annex/Part A	The Secretariat will introduce the document which will be considered in the plenary. It is expected that the meeting will first consider those items of the POW for which a stand-alone agenda item is on the ScC-SC7 agenda, followed by the remaining content of the Annex - Part A. <i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting is briefed and agrees to the order for consideration of Annex Part A and related agenda items.
5. State of the World's Migratory Species - Implementation of Resolution 14.4 and Decisions	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.5	The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to provide comments on the next steps to follow in developing the scope and additional 'spotlight' sections on specific topics or issues of importance for the	

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	14.23 – 14.24		<p>second edition of the State of the World's Migratory Species report, on the development of additional case studies on individual CMS-listed species, on elements of a possible online CMS Data Dashboard, and on elements and an approach for identifying any major developments regarding the conservations status of migratory species, including emerging trends or threats, that could be presented to COP15.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> The ScC-SC7 provides its Guidance to the Secretariat on the 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 on the development of the online CMS Data Dashboard, as well as on any issues of relevance that could be presented to COP15.</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee/Tea Break		
11:00-12:30	7. CMS Appendices		
	7.1 Treatment of Species Included within Aggregated Families Listed under Appendix II and Potential Taxa for Listing	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.7.1	<p>The COP-appointed Co-Councillor for Birds will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to make any proposals regarding developing a process to review the Annexes to Resolutions 14.19 and 14.20, and to establish a Working Group to support the implementation of Decisions 14.233 and 14.236.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> The next steps are agreed to develop a process for prioritizing avian species and for applying it to the species listed in Annexes to Resolution 14.19 and 14.20, to develop equivalent lists for other taxonomic groups, and to develop advice to the Parties on a strategic approach to maximizing conservation of the priority taxa. An intersessional Working Group is established.</p>
7.2 Aligning the Nomenclature and taxonomic References for Species listed in the CMS Appendices with global Biodiversity Initiatives	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.7.2	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the agenda item. The document contributes to the ongoing effort to harmonise taxonomy and nomenclature between CMS and CITES. The meeting will be invited to consider the next steps to the evaluate the utility of the Catalogue of Life as a potential source for the taxonomic and nomenclatural information for CMS and to decide on next steps to draft a report for CMS COP15.</p>	

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			<i>Expected outcome:</i> ScC-SC7 decides on next steps to evaluate the relevance of the Catalogue of Life as a potential source for all taxonomic and nomenclatural information for CMS. An intersessional Working Group is established.
	7.3 Maintaining Lists of Species Listed in CMS Appendices	No document	The Secretariat will present to the ScC-SC7 the situation in the management of online databases of species listed in CMS Appendices and will seek its opinion on the scope and content of these databases and possible improvements. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Scientific Council is informed about and provides its opinion on management of online databases of CMS-listed species and provides its recommendations regarding next steps.
12:30-14:30	Lunch Break		

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14:30-16:00	4.1 Subject areas of COP-appointed councillors	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.4.1	The Secretariat will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to review the existing COP-Appointed Councillor subject areas and propose a way to develop a recommendation for COP15 on the matter. The ScC-SC7 will be invited to assess whether there are any additional subject areas that should be considered, and how to make a better use of the expertise among the Party-appointed Councillors, both those who are, and who are not members of the Sessional Committee, in particular for handing of topic which do not fall within a designated subject area. <i>Expected outcome:</i> A recommendation to COP15 on future subject areas of COP-appointed councillors is formulated, or a process established to develop such recommendation by ScC8. An agreement is reached on how to encourage greater involvement of Party-appointed Councillors in the work of the Scientific Council.
	4.2 Overview of the Working Groups and Task Forces established under	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.4.2	The Secretariat will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to review the list of existing and newly established Scientific Working Groups and

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	the CMS Scientific Council and its Sessional Committee		<p>Task Forces and finalise their Terms of Reference (ToR) where necessary.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> A list of the Scientific Working Groups and Task Forces is established. The ToR are amended as appropriate. A process is set up to amend the ToR where it cannot be finalised during the ScC-SC7 meeting.</p>
	6.1.1. Insect Decline and its Threats to Migratory Insectivorous Species	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.1.1	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to consider the report 'Insect Decline and its Threat to Migratory Insectivorous Animal Populations' and provide recommendations and guidelines for the consideration of the Scientific Council in line with Decision 14.216. It is proposed to consider establishing an intersessional working group on this matter.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> The ScC-SC7 agrees on its approach to ensure that the recommendations and guidance requested by COP14 are provided to the Secretariat. If a Working Group is established, its Terms of Reference is agreed.</p>
	6.1.2 Pastoralism and Migratory Species	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.1.2	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to to establish a multi-stakeholder Working Group and to review the draft Terms of Reference.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> A Working Group is established with agreed Terms of Reference.</p>
	6.1.3 Transfrontier conservation areas for migratory species	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.1.3	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to review the Tool for Identifying opportunities for transboundary conservation in Africa and to make recommendations on its further use, identify improvements and inform the future expansion of the Tool.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Recommendations on the future of the Tool are provided.</p>
	6.1.4 Infrastructure and Migratory Species	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.1.4	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to to establish a Working Group and to review the draft Terms of Reference.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> A Working Group is established with agreed Terms of Reference.</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee/Tea Break		

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16:30-18:00	6.1.5 Implementation of Resolution 13.5 (Rev.Cop14) CMS International Light Pollution Guidelines for Migratory Species	ScC-SC7/Doc.6.1.5	<p>The COP-appointed Councillor for Marine Pollution will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to consider the recommendations relating to the dissemination of the new light pollution guidelines and the facilitation of an expert consultation related to possible future guidelines.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting provides recommendations related to dissemination of the Light Pollution guidelines, and identifies a member or members of the Scientific Council to take this topic forward.</p>
	6.1.6 Climate Change and Migratory Species	ScC-SC7/Doc.6.1.6	<p>The COP-Appointed Councillor for Climate Change will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to re-establish the working group on Climate Change and consider implementation of the relevant Decisions adopted by COP14. The meeting will be informed about an international expert workshop implementing Decision 14.214, which is planned for 12-13 February 2025 in Edinburgh, UK.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> The working group on climate change is re-established, and the meeting is informed about the preparations of the workshop as per Decision 14.214.</p>
	6.1.7 Incorporating Indigenous and local knowledge to support effective migratory species conservation	ScC-SC7/Doc.6.1.7	<p>A Sessional Committee member for Oceania will introduce the agenda item. The meeting will be invited to consider enhancing the inclusion of Indigenous and local knowledge in Scientific Council activities and assessment, and as a first step to establish a working group.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Intersessional working group is established and its terms of reference agreed.</p>

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
09:00-18:00 (Working Groups)	Meeting of the Taxonomic Working Groups		
	<i>Aquatic Species Working Group</i>		
09:00-18:00	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3 Annex Programme of Work for the ScC: Aquatic Species Conservation Issues ScC-SC7/Inf.14 ScC-SC7/Inf.15 ScC-SC7/Inf.16	The Secretariat will introduce the document and explain its use throughout the meeting. <i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting is expected to finalize the POW 2024-2026.
	6.2.1 Role of Cetaceans in Ecosystem Functioning	ScC-SC7/Doc.6.2.1	The Secretariat will report on the outcomes of the Second Joint IWC-CMS Workshop on Cetacean Ecosystem Functioning. Any proposed further actions could be reflected in the POW.
	<i>Avian Species Working Group</i>		
09:00-12:30	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15	Part C	The Secretariat will introduce the document and explain its use throughout the meeting. <i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting is expected to finalize the POW 2024-2026.
	6.3.1 International Single Species Action Plan for The Sooty Falcon 2024-2036	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.3.1	The Secretariat will introduce the document and present the International Single Species Action Plan for The Sooty Falcon 2024-2036. <i>Expected outcome:</i> ScC-SC7 develops its recommendations, as appropriate, for the consideration of the Standing Committee.

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	6.3.2 West African Vulture Conservation Action Plan 2023 - 2043	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.3.2	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document and present the West African Vulture Conservation Action Plan 2023-2043.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> ScC-SC7 develops its recommendations, as appropriate, for the consideration of the Standing Committee.</p>
Terrestrial Species Working Group			
14:30-18:00	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP14 and COP15	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3/Annex/Part D</p>	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document and explain its use throughout the meeting.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting is expected to finalize the POW 2024-2026.</p>
	6.4.1 Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.4.1	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document. A representative of Zimbabwe will be invited to present the report <i>Status of the African cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus) in Zimbabwe</i>.</p>
	6.4.2 CMS Jaguar Initiative	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.4.2</p> <p>SC7/Inf.6.4.2</p>	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document and inform about the process of implementation of the Initiative to date.</p>
	6.4.3 Central Asian Mammals Initiative	<p>UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.6.4.3</p> <p>UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Inf.6.4.3</p>	<p>A Party-appointed Councillor from the CAMI Region will present the study 'Transboundary Conservation Hotspots for the Central Asian Mammals Initiative' and actions taken to promote conservation of selected transboundary hotspots.</p>

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
09:00-12.30 <i>(Working Groups)</i>	Meeting of the Taxonomic Working Groups		
	<i>Aquatic Species Working Group</i>		
09:00-12:30	<i>Continued</i>		
	<i>Avian Species Working Group</i>		
09:00-12:30	<i>Continued</i>		
	<i>Terrestrial Species Working Group (tbc.)</i>		
09:00-10:30	<i>Continued</i>		
12:30-14:30	Lunch Break		
14:30-18:00 <i>(Plenary)</i>			
14.30-18.00	Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council: Institutional, Legal and Crosscutting	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3/Annex/Part A	The meeting will continue the consideration of the Institutional, Legal and Crosscutting POW of Work as listed in Part A to document UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3.

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
09:00-18:00 <i>(Plenary)</i>			
09:00-18:00	Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council: Institutional, Legal and Crosscutting	UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC7/Doc.3/Annex/Part A	<i>Continued</i>
	Report of the Working Groups	Conference Room Papers (CRPs)	
	8. Date and venue of the 8th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC8)	No document	
	9. Any Other Business	No document	
	10. Closure of the Meeting	No document	