



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



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PROGRAMME OF WORK: TERRESTRIAL SPECIES CONSERVATION ISSUES

	Mandate	Activity	Expected Output	Timeframe	Lead	Contributors	Report to	Status
<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>
Terrestrial Species Conservation Issues								
JOINT CITES-CMS AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE								
<i>Dec.14.165</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i> <i>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		
	<i>b) provide recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 56th or 57th meeting.</i>		Recommendations communicated	2024 - 2026		(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	StC56	
CENTRAL ASIAN MAMMALS INITIATIVE								
<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 Orlinskiy)	ScC-SC7	
<i>Dec. 14.169</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i> <i>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 Orlinskiy)	COP15	

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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>		Forums and dissemination mechanisms identified	2024		(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)	COP15	
Res. 11.24 (Rev.COP13) OP 11	<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>		International forums identified	2024-2026		(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)	COP15	
Res. 11.24 (Rev.COP13) POW 8.1	<i>8.1 The CMS Scientific Council to support and contribute to an analysis of knowledge gaps based on scientific evidence, specifically</i>		Gap analysis	2024-2026		(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)	COP15	
	<i>a) Highlight and explain current limitations of scientific knowledge;</i>							
	<i>b) Identify key questions and where appropriate construct hypotheses to advance knowledge;</i>		Questions identified	2024-2026		(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)	COP15	
	<i>c) Provide robust evidence and information to stakeholders, particularly regarding status, distribution and threats.</i>		Information provided	2024-2026		(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)	COP15	
Res. 11.24 (Rev.COP13) POW 29.12	<i>29.12 Nominate a mammal expert for the Scientific Council.</i>		Expert nominated	2024-2026		(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)	COP15	
TIGERS AND OTHER ASIAN BIG CATS								
Res. 9.22 (Rev.COP12) OP 2	<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		(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC7 COP15	

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CMS JAGUAR INITIATIVE								
Dec. 14.177	The Scientific Council is requested to: a) review and advise on the Joint CITES-CMS Programme of Work proposed for the Jaguar;		Review and advice	2024		(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)		
	b) provide available information to the Initiative in support of the coordinated approach to improve knowledge; and		Information provided	2024-2025		(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)		
	c) report to the Standing Committee at its 56th meeting on progress towards implementation of this decision.		Report	2025		(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	StC56	
TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREAS FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES								
Dec. 14.198	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.	Four webinars on the usefulness and functionality of the Tool; Survey to Parties to gauge interest in using the Tool.	Review of usefulness; Recommendations on further use.	June-July 2024		UNEP-WCMC (Sec FP: Clara Nobbe, Amie Figueiredo)	ScC-SC7 COP15	