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CMS Scientific Council (ScC-SC7)**

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(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document reports on the implementation of Decisions 14.177 – 14.178 *CMS Jaguar Initiative* and related processes under CITES and recommends to the Sessional Committee the approval of the Joint CITES-CMS Programme of Work by electronic means, once available.

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Background

1. The 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) adopted Resolution 14.14, by which it established the *CMS Jaguar Initiative* as the framework to foster coordination and cooperation between all CMS Jaguar Range States, in order to enable joint action for conservation of the species and its habitat. Through the same Resolution it agreed that the Initiative shall be implemented through a Programme of Work considering concrete actions framed by clear objectives and quantifiable goals.
2. Decisions 14.173 – 14.178 provide further details on how the Programme of Work should be developed.

Decision 14.178 directs the Secretariat, subject to funding availability, to:

- a) *prepare, in close collaboration with the CITES Secretariat and the 2030 Jaguar Roadmap's Coordination Committee, along with the Jaguar Range State Parties, and other relevant actors, a draft Joint CITES-CMS Programme of Work, aligned with the 2030 Jaguar Roadmap and all National Jaguar Action Plans;*

Decision 14.177 requests the Scientific Council to:

- a) *review and advise on the Joint CITES-CMS Programme of Work proposed for the Jaguar;*
- b) *provide available information to the Initiative in support of the coordinated approach to improve knowledge; and*
- c) *report to the Standing Committee at its 56th meeting on progress towards implementation of this decision.*

3. Based on the outcomes of the Jaguar Range State meeting, which was convened by the CITES Secretariat in September 2023 in Cuiaba, Brazil in accordance with CITES Decisions 19.110 to 19.114, the 77th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee recommended that

[...] in line with activity B10 of the CMS-CITES Joint Work Programme 2021-2025 (Annex 2, SC73 Doc. 13), which establishes that the Secretariats of both Conventions should “collaborate on the conservation of the jaguar, taking into account existing mandates and ongoing efforts and initiatives in the region”, both Secretariats jointly develop, in close consultation with jaguar range States and inviting contributions from the Convention on Biological Diversity and other relevant organizations, a joint working programme establishing specific priorities for jaguar conservation throughout the region, activities to promote coexistence, and necessary actions for preventing and combating illegal killing and illegal trade of jaguars, their parts and derivatives for consideration by the 33rd meeting of the Animals Committee and the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee.

4. The CITES Standing Committee requested the CITES Secretariat (see summary record [SC77 SR](#)) to

prepare terms of reference for the creation of an intergovernmental platform as specified in paragraph 21 of document SC77 Doc. 43, including the option of a joint CITES-CMS jaguar initiative. The terms of reference should be presented to the next meeting of the Standing Committee (SC78);

5. In May 2024, the CITES Secretariat informed the CMS Secretariat that funding was made available by the Government of Switzerland for a consultant to implement the CITES SC77 recommendations mentioned above. The CITES and CMS Secretariats subsequently cooperated in drafting Terms of Reference for that consultancy, as set out in CITES Document [AC33 Doc. 37](#) and submitted to the 33rd meeting of the CITES Animals Committee.

6. In conclusion, late availability of funding has resulted in the delay of the preparation of the Joint Programme of Work. Hence, there is no draft to be reviewed by the Sessional Committee at this meeting. The Secretariat proposes to circulate the draft Programme of Work, once consulted with Jaguar Range States and other stakeholders as mandated by CMS COP14, to the Sessional Committee for review and advice.

Recommended actions

7. The Sessional Committee is recommended to review and advise on the Draft Joint Programme of Work by electronic means, once available.