

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

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**PROGRAMME OF WORK: TERRESTRIAL SPECIES CONSERVATION ISSUES**

	<b>Mandate</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Expected Output</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Contributors</b>	<b>Report to</b>	<b>Status</b>
<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>
<b>Terrestrial Species Conservation Issues</b>								
<b>JOINT CITES-CMS AFRICAN CARNIVORES INITIATIVE</b>								
<i>Dec.14.165</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>		<i>Recommendations agreed</i>	<i>2024</i>		<i>(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)</i>		<i>Completed</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>					<i>IUCN Cat Specialist Group</i>		
	<i>b) provide recommendations to the Standing Committee at its 56th or 57th meeting.</i>		<i>Recommendations communicated</i>	<i>2024 - 2026</i>	<i>Secretariat</i>	<i>(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)</i>	<i>StC56</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
<b>CENTRAL ASIAN MAMMALS INITIATIVE</b>								
<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>		<i>Presentation and discussion</i>	<i>2024</i>		<i>(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)</i>	<i>ScC-SC7</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>Dec. 14.169</i>	<i>The Scientific Council is requested to:</i>		<i>Evaluation of methodology and findings</i>	<i>2024</i>		<i>(Sec FP: Polina Orlinkiy)</i>	<i>COP15</i>	<i>Completed</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>							

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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>	Organize a webinar for CMS parties seeking specialists attendance.	Forums and dissemination mechanisms identified	2024	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	COP15	Ongoing
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>	Presentation at the upcoming TFCA network meeting (Zimbabwe). Uganda will present a report at the next working group meeting.	International forums identified	2024-2026	Zimbabwe and Uganda	(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	COP15	Ongoing
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>  <i>a) Highlight and explain current limitations of scientific knowledge;</i>	This action point will be included in the webinar (14.169).	Gap analysis	2024-2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	COP15	Ongoing
	<i>b) Identify key questions and where appropriate construct hypotheses to advance knowledge;</i>	This action point will be included in the webinar (14.169).	Questions identified	2024-2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	COP15	Ongoing
	<i>c) Provide robust evidence and information to stakeholders, particularly regarding status, distribution and threats.</i>		Information provided	2024-2026		(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	COP15	Completed
Res. 11.24 (Rev.COP13) POW 29.12	<i>29.12 Nominate a mammal expert for the Scientific Council.</i>	Inform the CAMI range states about the current terrestrial mammal expert whose area of work covers mammals across the globe.	Expert nominated	2024-2026	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Polina Orinskiy)	COP15	Ongoing

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<b>TIGERS AND OTHER ASIAN BIG CATS</b>								
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	Secretariat	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	ScC-SC7 COP15	Ongoing
<b>CMS JAGUAR INITIATIVE</b>								
Dec. 14.177	The Scientific Council is requested to: a) <i>review and advise on the Joint CITES-CMS Programme of Work proposed for the Jaguar;</i>		Review and advice	2024	tbc	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)		Ongoing
	<i>b) provide available information to the Initiative in support of the coordinated approach to improve knowledge; and</i>		Information provided	2024-2025	tbc	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)		Ongoing
	<i>c) report to the Standing Committee at its 56th meeting on progress towards implementation of this decision.</i>		Report	2025	tbc	(Sec FP: Clara Nobbe)	StC56	Ongoing