

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

*Bonn, Germany, 17 – 20 September 2024*

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**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CMS SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON  
MULTIPLE SYSTEMS OF KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL AND INDIGENOUS  
KNOWLEDGE**

The Seventh Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC7) held from 17 to 20 September 2024, decided to establish a Working Group on the above subject.

**1. Purpose**

The Working Group shall have the mandate to support the Scientific Council in implementation of Decision 14.9, including by considering the following:

- a) assess the significance of multiple systems of knowledge, including traditional and Indigenous knowledge, for effective migratory species conservation;
- b) develop recommendations for ways in which CMS might facilitate the inclusion of additional systems of knowledge, including traditional and Indigenous knowledge, in Scientific Council activities and assessments, for enhanced implementation of the Convention.

**2. Membership**

- A. The Working Group shall be open to both Sessional Committee members and Scientific Councillors as well as interested Sessional Committee observers.
- B. The Working Group strives to maintain a balance of gender and regional representation.

**3. Organization of work**

- A. The Chair of the Working Group will be appointed from among the Sessional Committee / Scientific Council members of the Working Group.
- B. The Working Group will mainly operate electronically by communicating via email and possibly making use of a dedicated workspace or virtual meetings. In-person meetings may be held in the margins of Sessional Committee meetings.
- C. The Chair of the Working Group will report on progress to the Sessional Committee. The CMS Secretariat will call for members of the Working Group, keep the membership list, and will support and facilitate the coordination of the activities and the organization of meetings of the Working Group.

#### **4. Duration**

The Working Group is established for the intersessional period until COP15.