
Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)



Consultative Group Meeting

26 January 2022, 14.00-15.30hrs (CET), online via MS Teams

Meeting notes

Participants:

MIKT members

- Cyprus: Panicos Panayides (PP; Game and Fauna Service, Cyprus)
- Italy: Marco Valentini (MV; Chair MIKT, Ministry of Environment), Fernando Spina (FS; Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA), Italy)
- Israel: Simon Nemtsov (SN; Israel Nature and Parks Authority)
- Malta: Jessica Fenech (JF; Wild Birds Regulation Unit, Malta)
- Spain: Rubén Moreno-Opo (RMO; Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), Spain)
- UK: Kate Brickett (KB; Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), UK)

MIKT Observers

- Bern Convention: Ursula Sticker (US; Bern Convention Secretariat), Nadia Saporito (NS; Bern Convention Secretariat),
- BirdLife International: Nicola Crockford (NC; BirdLife International), Vicky Jones (VJ; BirdLife International)
- European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE): Cy Griffin (CG; FACE Senior Conservation Manager)
- Landbirds Working Group: Alain Jacot (AJ; Coordinator)
- Raptors MoU: Umberto Gallo Orsi (UGO; Head of Raptors MoU Coordinating Unit),
- CMS Secretariat: Iván Ramírez (IR; Head of Avian Team, CMS Secretariat); Claire Papazoglou (CP; MIKT Coordinator), Tilman Schneider (TS; Associate Programme Officer, CMS Secretariat), Nora Weyer (NW; Associate Programme Officer, CMS Secretariat)



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1. Update on next Joint MIKT and Bern Convention SFP meeting, Mr Ivan Ramirez, CMS Secretariat and Mr Rubén Moreno-Opo, Government of Spain

Clairie Papazoglou (CP) opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. She then handed over to Iván Ramírez (IR) who made some introductory remarks regarding the upcoming meeting in Spain, and presented the initial planning ideas and dates. He announced to the group that the 4th Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean is expected to take place from 7-9 June 2022 in Valencia in Spain, as a hybrid event, i.e., allowing online participation also.

Rubén Moreno-Opo (RMO), on behalf of the organisers in Spain, confirmed that Spain would like to host the Joint Meeting in Valencia and that the organisers have already moved to book the venue in the city centre, as part of the City Hall. The organisers are also exploring options for the field trip in nearby wetlands, which should have several breeding birds in June. Finally, RMO confirmed that the Spanish organisers as meeting hosts would be happy to chair the meeting.

2. Discussion on Agenda, speakers and documentation of next Joint MIKT and Bern Convention SFPs meeting

Then followed a discussion on the draft agenda and speakers for the meeting planned in June 2022. Various members and observers made interventions based on an initial draft prepared by the CMS Secretariat. Various members also offered presentations to be delivered at the meeting. Based on the interventions and suggestions, the draft agenda was amended and is presented as an annex to these minutes.

Action point: *If you would like to make a suggestion or an offer in relation to the draft agenda and/or the format of any discussions to take place at the Joint Meeting, please e-mail your suggestions to the MIKT Coordinator Clairie Papazoglou foteini.papazoglou@cms.int and Nadia Saporito bern.convention@coe.int by 28 February 2022.*

3. Update on Bern Convention Group of Experts on the Conservation of Birds, Nadia Saporito, Bern Convention

Nadia Saporito (NS) took the floor and explained that Bern Convention plans to organise a Meeting of the Experts on the Conservation of Birds on 10 June 2022, the day after the end of the Joint Meeting in the same venue. She explained that the group had not met since 2017 and that having the Joint Meeting in Spain presented an opportunity. She invited ideas and suggestions for the issues to be included in the agenda of the meeting.

4. Any other business

IR informed the group that CP's contract ends on 31 January 2022, but that CMS Secretariat expects to have her back in March 2022, so that she can continue work on planning for the Joint Meeting. He introduced Nora Weyer (NW), a member of the CMS Secretariat's Avian Team, who will be helping to support MIKT during February and thereafter.

Responding to a question by Vicky Jones (VJ) about interpretation, RMO explained that the organisers in Spain are working to offer interpretation from and to, English, French and Spanish. They have enquired about Arabic but do not have a reply on that yet.

IR invited participants to make suggestions about the format of discussions at the Joint meeting, i.e., in plenary vs breakout groups, to make them more participatory and asked participants to send any suggestions as with any suggestions on the agenda.

Annex

Final Agenda Joint Meeting, as amended after the comments at the meeting on 26 January 2022