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**REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONCERTED ACTION FOR THE GIRAFFE (*Giraffa camelopardalis*)***

Summary:

The Government of Niger has submitted the attached report on the implementation of the Concerted Action for the Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*), 13.3.

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1. CONCERTED ACTION

Title: Giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*)

Document number: 13.3

2. REPORTING GOVERNMENT or ORGANIZATION

Government of Niger

3. TARGET SPECIES/POPULATION

Class: Mammalia

Order: Artiodactyla

Family: Giraffidae

Species: *Giraffa camelopardalis*

4. PROGRESS IN ACTIVITIES

The activities planned under the Concerted Action were not implemented due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and a lack of funding.

5. CHANGES TO THE CONCERTED ACTION

It is proposed to adjust the timelines in the Concerted Action implementation table below, adopted by COP13, for the next intersessional period and beyond (2023-2028), while respecting the durations set out in the original timetable for each activity.

Target/Result	Activity ¹	Measurable Indicators	Site (Country/Range)	Responsibility		Funding (Est. Cost in US\$)	Time
				Implementor	Who Funds		
1. Develop an Africa wide giraffe conservation strategy in consultation with Range States on the basis of the <i>Africa-wide Giraffe Conservation Strategic Framework: Road Map 2016</i> (Appendix 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and consensus on taxonomy to guide giraffe conservation and feed into Africa-wide strategy - Host a consultative workshop including all Range State representatives and relevant stakeholders (refer to Appendix 2 the Africa-wide giraffe conservation framework, which was reviewed and approved by the proponents of this Concerted Action) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consensus on taxonomy - Produce draft strategy - Share draft of strategy with stakeholder participants - Collate feedback and finalise strategy 	Africa-wide (21 Range States)	Range States CMS Secretariat	CMS International Donors Range States NGOs	60 people, 5 days, Venue (Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania), \$120,000	2023-2024
2. Develop regional/taxon strategies in consultation with Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host consultative workshops including all Range State representatives and relevant stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Produce draft strategies - Share draft with stakeholder participants - Collate feedback and finalise strategies 	Eastern Africa Southern Africa Central and West Africa	Range States CMS Secretariat	CMS International Donors Range States NGOs	2 reps/country, stakeholders East 25 people Central/West 25 people Southern 30 people \$150,000 for all	2024-2025
3. Develop new national strategies in consultation with Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host consultative workshops including national representatives and stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Produce draft strategies - Share drafts with stakeholder participants - Collate feedback and finalise strategies 	Ethiopia Zimbabwe (If interested insert country here)	Range States CMS	International Donors Range States NGOs	Per workshop: 30-40 participants, avg \$1,000 USD, 4 days \$50,000	2023-2028

¹ In light of the difficulty to raise funds for meetings, the various Range State Meetings, although listed independently, are being merged wherever possible.

Target/Result	Activity ¹	Measurable Indicators	Site (Country/Range)	Responsibility		Funding (Est. Cost in US\$)	Time
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4. Implement current/existing national strategies in consultation with Range States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host annual national working group meetings to review and evaluate strategies - Review National Strategy and update every 5 years - Develop online international giraffe database (G.I.D.) - Designate giraffe specific representative for each country - Perform range wide surveys to prioritize areas where knowledge gaps are identified, standardize methodologies, address data gaps and establish consistency - Greater understanding of movements/corridors and habitat use to guide land use/corridor protection/infrastructure development - Inclusion of community livelihoods and education/awareness for coexistence/ conflict management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated reports on annual action plans - National strategy updated every 5 years - G.I.D developed - Survey data input into G.I.D. - Giraffe representative for each country nominated - Assess and harmonize protocols where feasible; complementary data analysis; surveys performed consistently - Corridors identified/mapped - Materials developed for education and awareness, aligned to country curriculum where appropriate 	DRC Kenya Niger Tanzania Uganda	Range States/NGOs	International Donors Range States NGOs	Funding dependent as per country strategies	2023-
5. Development of Africa-wide giraffe translocation guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collate and harmonize existing giraffe translocation protocols - Share and review by Range States and partners for input 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Produce draft translocation guidelines - Share draft with stakeholder participants - Collate feedback and finalise translocation guidelines 	Africa wide Range States (21)	Range States GCF/IUCN SSC GOSG CMS Secretariat	Range States GCF	In Kind	2024-2025

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6. Africa-wide bi-annual update of giraffe conservation science and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collate annual reports on giraffe conservation science and management - Synthesising reports for policy decisions - Host invitation only giraffe conservation science and management forum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Produce annual summary report on giraffe conservation science and management and sent to country coordinators - Adapt annual reports for policy decisions - Country members share population and distribution reports to be incorporated into Red List assessments 	Africa Wide Range States (21)	Range States SDZG/Smithsonian/Senckenberg/GCF CMS	International Donors Range States NGOs	Annual review: In Kind Forum: 30-40 people, 4 days \$70,000	Forum biannually
7. Engage with IUCN SSC GOSG and contribute to Global Red List reassessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement with IUCN SSC GOSG established, and scientific information provided to support reassessment of giraffe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data input into Red List assessments 	Africa wide Range States	Range States CMS IUCN SSC GOSG	In Kind	None	2025
8. Assess feasibility of establishing a giraffe fund for sustainable financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct feasibility study and identify possible partners - Contact with African Elephant Fund for guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feasibility report generated 	International	CMS Secretariat Range States NGOs	International Donors	\$15,000	2024
9. Increase profile and awareness of giraffe conservation across different levels of management and within the public sphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate incorporation of giraffe conservation into education curriculum at all levels - Assess policy/legislation in each Range State for giraffe; promote listing of giraffe in relevant Range States - Promote giraffe on relevant international days e.g. World Giraffe Day/World Wildlife Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Giraffe materials incorporated into national education curriculum - Policies/legislation adapted to changing giraffe populations where appropriate - Activities celebrated across Range States and internationally 	Range States International	Range States NGOs	Range States International Donors NGOs	variable	2023-

N.B: Eastern Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Somalia, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan) - Central Africa (CAR, Chad, Cameroon, DRC) - Western Africa (Niger, *Senegal, *Nigeria) Southern Africa (South Africa, Namibia, eSwatini, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana, Angola)

6. ACTION

As the activities have not yet been completed, the Concerted Action as adopted by COP13 should be renewed for the following three-year period with the proposed changes to the timelines.