



Convention on Migratory Species  
United Nations Environment Programme

# **CMS FAMILY YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW**

**37<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee**

**CMS Secretariat**

**Tuesday, 23 November 2010**



# Introduction: CMS Family structure

## 7 Binding Agreements



Based in Bonn  
Administered by  
UNEP



Independent

## 18 Memoranda of Understanding

CMS Secretariat					IOSEA Secretariat Bangkok
Siberian Crane 1993	Slender-billed Curlew 1995	Marine Turtles Atlantic Coast of Africa 1999	Bukhara Deer 2002	Great Bustard 2000	Marine Turtles Ind. Ocean / S-E Asia 2000
Aquatic Warbler 2003	Western African Elephant 2005	Saiga Antelope 2006	South Pacific Island Cetaceans 2006	Western African Aquatic Mammals 2007	Dugong 2007
South American Grassland Birds 2007	Ruddy H Goose 2007	Sharks 2010	Monk Seal 2007	Andean Flamingos 2008	<b>Abu Dhabi Project Office</b> African-Eurasian Raptors 2008



## **Synergies within the CMS Family**

### ***Long-term practice***

- EUROBATS and AEWA and ASCOBANS Secretariats moved to Bonn and were integrated into UNEP. They share premises and common services e.g. logistics, procurement, administration.
- Merger of Secretariats: CMS and ASCOBANS
- Back-to-back meetings e.g. CMS COP9/Gorilla I/Sharks II/Central Asian mammals

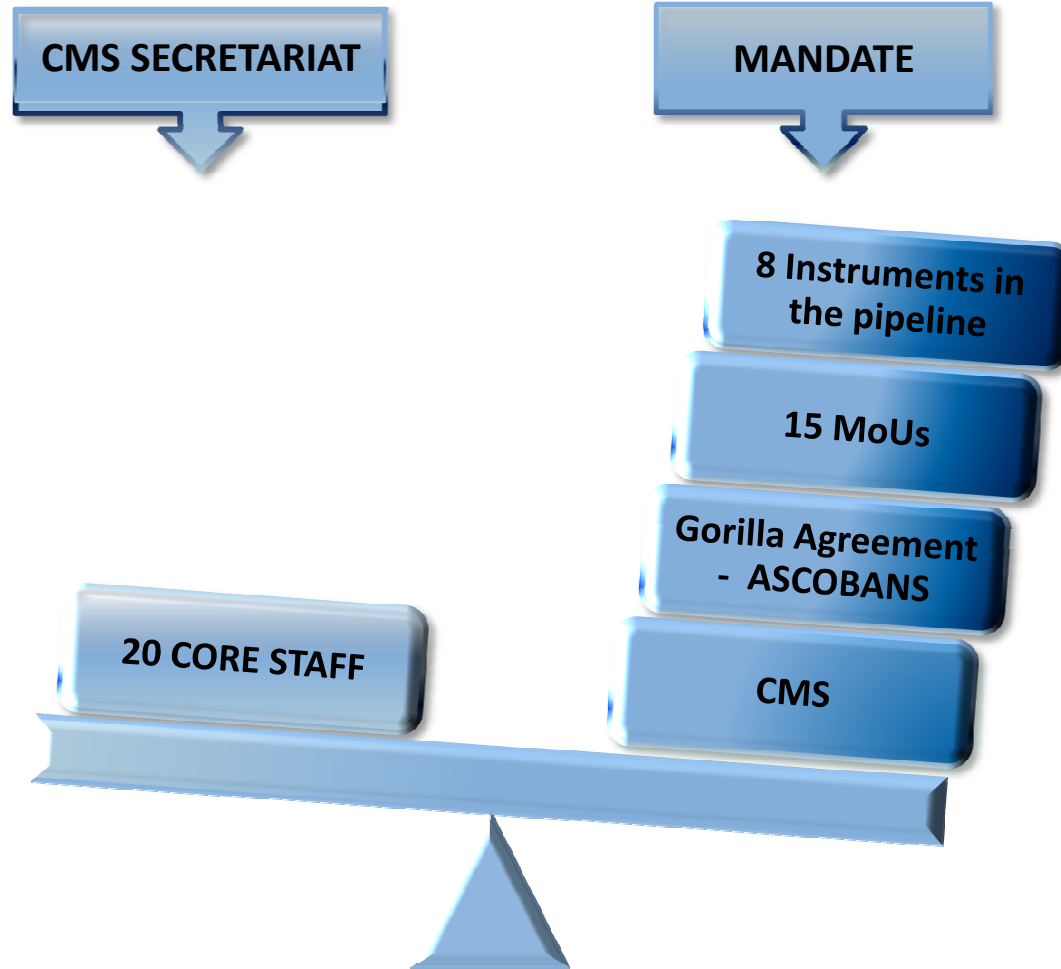


## Recent increased synergies

- Year of the Bat 2011-2012
- Representation at meeting
- Representation in missions e.g. RAM missions
- Recruitment of Parties e.g. Joint mission
- Joint capacity building activities

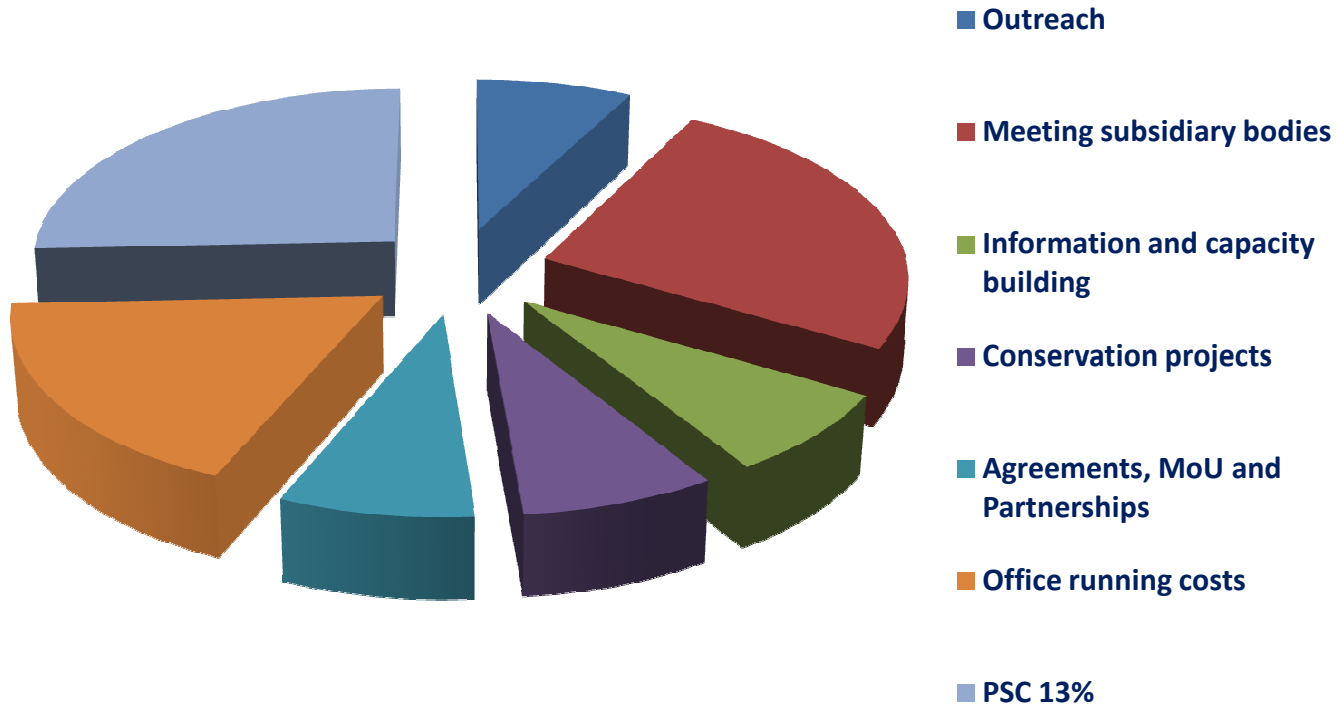
# Current challenges

## Staff *versus* workload



# Current challenges

## Available core budget





## Expectations

- Implementing of COP Resolutions and Recommendations
- Implementing the Convention Strategic Plan
- Servicing subsidiary bodies
- Supporting Parties to the implementation of the Convention
- Capacity building
- Information management
- Providing Secretariat services to 15 MoUs, the Gorilla Agreement and partially ASCOBANS
- Liaising with other MEAs/ IGOs/NGOs
- Fundraising



## What is needed

### What is desirable

- Increase of 25% of the CMS core budget to enable the Secretariat to better fulfil all activities mandated by the COP
- An additional amount of Euro 2 million extra annually is needed for a minimum implementation/ coordination of 15 MoUs and the Gorilla Agreement

### What is feasible....





## Proposals to increase resources

- Increase of the current core budget
- Increase of the minimum contribution to Euro 2000/annum
- Additional voluntary contributions
- Increase of Staff through secondment and/or provision of JPOs
- Increase cooperation with other MEAs
- In kind-support from NGOs for some activities
- Support from private sector for some activities



## **Proposals for possible savings and to enhance efficiency**

- Increase the period between COPs from 3-4 years and keep annual Standing Committee meetings
- Reconsidering the Scientific Council (e.g. Appointed Councillors on taxa/cross-cutting issues and regional representatives as per the Standing Committee (regional representatives))
- Reconsidering development of new instruments
- Promoting “Party Champion” approach while developing new instruments



# Further proposals to enhance synergies and efficiency

## Short-term:

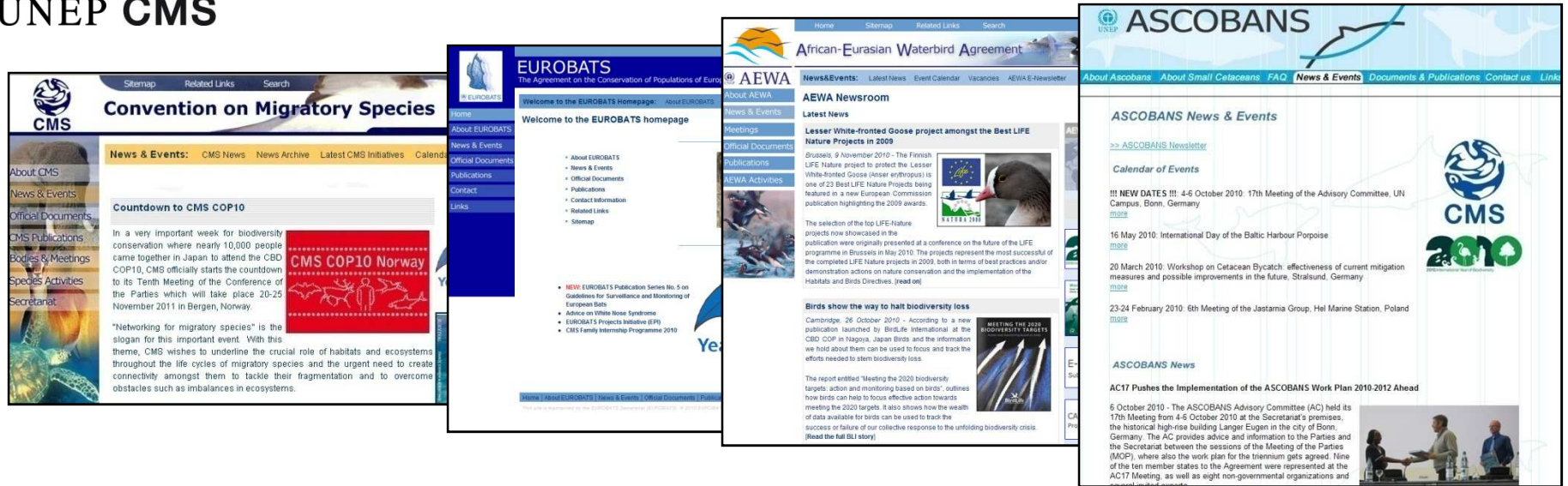
- Creating a common website for the CMS Family
- Further improving the cooperation within the CMS Family to avoid duplication of efforts
- Further improving the cooperation especially with other MEAs e.g. NBSAPs

## Medium Term

- Establishing a common Information and Capacity Building Unit



# Website - Current Situation in Bonn



- CMS and all Bonn-based Agreements have their own websites
- Each website is maintained individually, predominantly by non-IT/Web specialist staff and the capacity is unevenly spread amongst the Secretariats
- All websites are technologically "outdated" (not upgraded since 2003)
- All current websites are HTML based and do not have a Web Content Management System (WebCMS)
- No dedicated budget or officer for website maintenance and development

**The CMS Website and those of its Bonn-based Agreements are amongst the least developed websites, when compared to other MEAs (IKM Project has clearly confirmed this!)**



# Proposal for a Common CMS Family Website

***To create a CMS Family Website which will be technologically “state of the art” and can better serve the web communication needs of CMS and its Agreements and MoUs, without compromising the unique status of each!***

## **Some initial ideas for such a common website:**

- Would be a “one stop-shop” for information, news and resources
- Would be color coded so as to reflect and preserve the unique status and identity of each CMS Agreement and MoU
- Would be maintained by a website team, which could include existing staff in Bonn, Abu Dhabi or elsewhere for writing, digital editing, design/graphics
- Could contain interesting features such as an integrated online reporting tool, country profiles, species by country information, online meeting registration, a dedicated „work space“ for meetings and discussion areas for Scientific and Advisory Bodies etc.
- Would contain main information in all three languages (EN, FR & SP), but could (funding permitting) also be developed into a full multi-lingual site ...

Estimated 80,000 - 150,000 Euros one-time VolyCon for the initial design & development (e.g the Ramsar Convention)



## Latest News

- > Countdown to CMS COP10 in Norway
- > EUROBATS and CMS launch Year of the Bat
- > CMS & AEWA sign cooperation agreement with RWE
- > International Efforts Save Dugongs

## CMS Agreements

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## MoUs

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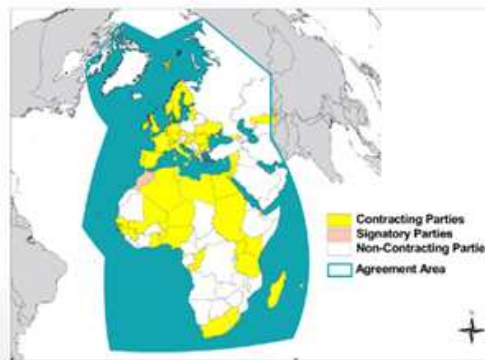
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### ABOUT AEWA



The Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) is the largest of its kind developed so far under CMS. It was concluded on 16 June 1995 in the Hague, the Netherlands and entered into force on 1 November 1999 after the required number of at least fourteen Range States, comprising seven from Africa and seven from Eurasia had ratified.

### PARTIES TO AEWA



### COUNTRY PROFILE



Norway is Party to: CMS / AEWA ...  
 The following species occur in Norway ...

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