



18th Sharjah International Conservation Forum for Arabia's Biodiversity

Program



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Plants

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DAY 1 - Monday, 6 February 2017

<i>Bus departs from Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>					
0720		<i>Registration opens at Arabia's Wildlife Centre</i>			
0800		Opening & Welcome H.E. Ms Hana Al Suwaidi			
0845-0900		Introduction to 2017 Themes Drs. David Mallon, Philip Seddon, Mike Knight, Gerhard Steenkamp and Lyle Glowka			
0900-0915		Registration continues (BCEAW)			
0915-0945	Red List	Protected Areas	Vulture MsAP	Veterinary	
0945-1015	Introduction to IUCN Red List	Introduction to METT and R-METT	Vulture MsAP Nick P Williams (CMS Raptors Mou)	Introduction: nutrition and endoparasites of hoof stock	
1015-1100			Review of outcomes of African, European and Asian Regional Workshops André Botha (Vulture MsAP Overarching Coordinator)	Survey feedback and discussion	
1100-1130	TEA/COFFEE BREAK				
1130-1200	Review draft list of Tree Species	Review of 2008 and 2009 PA METT exercise	Purpose of the workshop. Introduction to methodology, contributions from participants and expected outcomes. José Tavares (VCF), Facilitator	Survey feedback and discussion	
1200-1300	Regional Red Listing		Regional reviews & updates José Tavares, André Botha [and tbc]		
1300-1400	LUNCH at Arabia's Wildlife Centre				
1400-1530	Assessment and Mapping Procedures	Working Groups	Presentations (20 min each) Egyptian Vulture conservation in Oman – Mike McGrady Egyptian Vultures in UAE – [tbc] Challenges of flyway conservation: The case for the Egyptian Vulture – Stoyan Nikolov (Bulgaria) Lappet-faced and Griffon Vultures in KSA – Prof. Mohammed Shobrak	Introduction to Endoparasites	
1530-1600	TEA/COFFEE BREAK				
1600-1700	Assessments In taxonomic groups (1)	Working Groups	Presentations (20 min each) cont. Key threats to soaring birds in the Middle East – Osama Al Nouri Threats to vultures in the Middle East – Jovan Andevski (VCF)	Introduction to Zootrition	
1700-1730			Review and categorization of threats, including definitions, root causes, drivers and stakeholders – problem trees.	Introduction to Zootrition	
1730-1750	Plenary and Closing Day 1				
1800	<i>Bus departs for Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>				

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 7 February 2017					
Red List	Protected Areas	Vulture MsAP	Veterinary		
0745	<i>Bus departs from Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>				
0830-0840	Introduction to Day 2 & Review progress on Day 1	Introduction to Day 2 & Review progress on Day 1	Introduction to Day 2 & Review progress on Day 1	Worm detection and Identification	
0840-1030	Assessments in taxonomic groups (2)	METT Scoring & Analysis	Group work 1: Prioritising threats in the Middle East. Developing problem trees: threats and root causes.	Worm detection and Identification	
1030-1100	TEA/COFFEE BREAK				
1100-1200	Assessments in taxonomic groups (3)	Working Groups	Group work 1 (cont.): Prioritising threats in the Middle East. Developing problem trees: threats and root causes.	Worm detection and Identification: case studies	
1200-1300			Report back to plenary and discussion		
1300-1400	LUNCH at Arabia's Wildlife Centre				
1400-1530	Assessments in taxonomic groups (4)	Working Groups	Group work 2: Finalising and validating the problem trees for the Middle East	Practical: Worm detection and Identification	
1530-1600	TEA/COFFEE BREAK				
1600-1730	Assessments in taxonomic groups (5)	Working Groups	Group work 2 (cont.): Finalising and validating the problem trees for the Middle East	Practical: Worm detection and Identification	
1730-1800	<i>Plenary and Day 2 Closing</i>				
1800-2030	Workshop Dinner				
2030	<i>Bus departs for Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>				

DAY 3 - Wednesday, 8 February 2017

Red List		Protected Areas		Culture MsAP		Veterinary	
<i>Bus departs from Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>							
0745							
0830-0840	Introduction to Day 3 & Review progress on Day 2	Introduction to Day 3 & Review progress on Day 2		Introduction to Day 3 & Review progress on Day 2			Introduction to Day 3 & Review progress on Day 2
0830-0900				Introduce priority actions identified for each group of threats			
	Review all groups, resolve final assessments	Country PA network review & updates		Group work 3: Review and validation of priority actions identified for each group of threats			Practical: Larval culture
0900-1030				Group work 3: Review and validation of priority actions identified for each group of threats			
1030-1100		TEA/COFFEE BREAK					
1100-1130	Threats to Trees and Aloes by taxonomic group			Group work 3 (cont.): Review and validation of priority actions identified for each group of threats			Practical: Larval culture
1130-1200		Review Regional PA networks		Report back to plenary and discussion			
1200		Field trip to Kalba Sharjah <i>Bus departs for Kalba, Sharjah</i>					
1330-1500		LUNCH and tour at Al Hefayah Mountain Conservation Centre					
1500-1600		Qurum Protected Area					
1600-1730		Bird Show at Kalba Bird of Prey Centre					
1730		<i>Bus departs for Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>					

DAY 4 - Thursday, 9 February 2017

Red List		Protected Areas		Vulture MsAP		Veterinary	
<i>Bus departs from Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>							
0745							
0830-0840	Introduction to Day 4 & Review progress on Day 3	Introduction to Day 4 & Review progress on Day 3		Introduction to Day 4 & Review progress on Day 3		Introduction to Day 4 & Review progress on Day 3	
0840-0930	Conservation measures in place	GAP analysis		Group work 4: Finalising priority actions identified for each group of threats		Feeding grazers	
0930-1030	Threats to trees by region group			Conclusions - José Tavares			
1030-1100 TEA/COFFEE BREAK							
1100-1200	GAP analysis and Conservation measures needed, including Transboundary issues	Data recording, storage		Implementation of the Vulture MsAP – process and opportunities		Feeding browsers	
1200-1300				Next steps & closing remarks – Nick P Williams (CMS Raptors MoU)			
1300-1400 LUNCH at Arabia's Wildlife Centre							
1400-1530	Final review	Final review		Final review		Regional trace element issues	
1530-1600 TEA/COFFEE BREAK							
1600-1700	Final review	Final review		Final review		Workshop overview	
1700-1730 <i>Plenary & Workshop Closing</i>							
<i>Bus departs from Sheraton Sharjah Beach Resort and Spa</i>							
1730							