



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

Secretariat provided by the United Nations Environment Programme



45th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Bonn, 9 - 10 November 2016

UNEP/CMS/StC45/Doc.16.2

DRAFT TEMPLATE FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK 2018-2020

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary

The present report provides a draft of the revised template of the Programme of Work (POW).

It will be used for developing the POW 2018-2020 to be submitted to COP12 for adoption.

DRAFT TEMPLATE FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK 2018-2020

(prepared by the Secretariat)

1. Since its adoption by COP11 in 2014, the Programme of Work (POW) for 2015-2017 has proven to be an important tool guiding the work of the Secretariat and allowing for more streamlined annual reports on progress on implementation.
2. On the basis of the experience gained over the last two years, the Secretariat would however propose making slight adjustments to the template which will be used for the POW 2018-2020 to be submitted to COP12 for adoption.
3. The revised template contains the same programme areas as the current POW and indicates both human and financial resources (from the core budget and those to be raised through voluntary contributions) contributing to each area. It also retains the activity priority ranking to be determined by the COP.
4. The main difference consists in grouping regular activities and core responsibilities under clusters (e.g. coordination of instruments, organizations of related meetings) in the tabular section with a separate explanatory text. The revised template aims to provide an accurate account of the mandate given for each area with related financial estimates while retaining more flexibility in the implementation of individual activities. This implementation relies on numerous factors including availability of voluntary contributions, capacity of the Secretariat and stakeholder engagement. The very detailed list of activities contained in the current POW did not prove to be particularly useful for planning purposes while creating excessive reporting burdens for the Secretariat. The revised template is intended to be as informative as the previous one but to ease reporting.
5. The revised template now includes activities of the CMS Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) on Dugongs, Birds of Prey, Sharks and IOSEA in addition to the MOUs administered directly from Bonn, as well as details of Resolutions to be adopted by the upcoming COP, which are not taken into account in the current POW.
6. The Secretariat will continue to provide regular reports on the status of implementation of the POW to the Standing Committee and eventually to the COP both as comprehensive narratives highlighting achievements, challenges and next steps, and in tabular form where all activities concluded will be listed.
7. An example of the revised draft template, for the Implementation Support Area on Avian Species, is provided in the Annex of the present document.

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to take note of the document and to give comments and guidance, as necessary, to the Secretariat.

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT - AVIAN SPECIES

No.	Activities	Priority ranking	2018			2019			2020		
			Source of Funding		Total funding	Source of Funding		Total funding	Source of Funding		Total funding
			TF	VC		TF	VC		TF	VC	
1	Coordination of related MOUs, standalone Action Plans, WGs and MIKT (*)	Core	0	440,000	440,000	0	440,000	440,000	0	440,000	440,000
2	Organization and support to meetings of related to MOUs, standalone Action Plans, WGs and MIKT (**)	Core	0	600,000	600,000	0	600,000	600,000	0	600,000	600,000
3	Implementation of key activities of related MOUs, standalone Action Plans, Concerted Actions, WGs and MIKT (***)	tbd	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
4	Implementation of relevant COP12 Resolutions and key conservation measures for newly listed species - <i>to be determined at a later stage when Resolutions and species proposals have been submitted</i>	tbd	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
	Total		0	3,040,000	3,040,000	0	3,040,000	3,040,000	0	3,040,000	3,040,000
	Staff Costs - Trust Fund: P4(1), G4(1/3)		200,000	0	200,000	205,000	0	205,000	210,000	0	210,000
	Staff Costs covered by VC: P2/JPO(1), Abu Dhabi Office: P5(1/3), P4(1) and P2(1)		465,000	0	465,000	470,000	0	470,000	480,000	0	480,000
	Grand Total		665,000	3,040,000	3,705,000	675,000	3,040,000	3,715,000	690,000	3,040,000	3,730,000

TF: Trust Fund, VC: Voluntary Contributions

(*) The overall responsibility of coordinating these instruments remains with the Secretariat while external and dedicated assistance is necessary. With regard to MOUs, depending on their administrative complexity, arrangements with NGOs are made to provide some technical coordination services as part of their own programme of work. Furthermore, selected organizations/institutions are contracted for part-time or full-time coordination of WGs and Action Plans and the MIKT. This estimate is based on estimates of past or existing arrangements.

(**) Each MOU requires the organization of a meeting of its governing body once every three or four years depending on the agreed cycle. This means that during the triennium, at least one meeting of the Signatories of each MOU will take place. Technical as well as capacity-building workshops may also be required depending on the availability of funding. Equally the MIKT, each WG and standalone Action Plan would require the organization of at least one meeting of their constituency during the triennium. This estimate is indicative but aims to cover expenses for a minimum number of meetings required.

(***) The implementation of any instrument requires considerable resources which cannot be easily determined as they depend on a variety of factors beyond the availability of funding, these being e.g. complexity of action, stakeholder engagement etc. Furthermore, the responsibility of implementing these tools lies with Parties and partners. This estimate is therefore indicative but intends to ensure a minimum but sustainable amount for small- to medium-scale actions.

SCOPE: 8 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs): Aquatic Warbler MOU, Birds of Prey MOU, High Andean Flamingos MOU, Middle-European Great Bustard MOU, Ruddy-headed Goose MOU, Siberian Crane MOU, Slender-billed Curlew MOU, Southern South American Grassland Birds MOU

10 Standalone Action Plans: African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds AP; Central Asian Flyway AP; Saker Falcon Global AP; International Single Species Action Plans for the Chinese Crested Tern; Blacked-faced Spoonbill; Spoon-billed Sandpiper; Lesser Flamingo; White-winged Flufftail and Madagascar Pond-heron.

Working Groups (WGs): Flyways Working Group, Preventing Bird Poisoning Working Group

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