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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

33rd meeting
Strasbourg, 3-6 December 2013

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Tuesday 3rd December 2013, Room 5

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I – OPENING

- 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Chairman's report and communications from the delegations and from the Secretariat**

PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS

- 3. Monitoring of the implementation of the legal aspects of the Convention**
 - 3.1 Biennial reports 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2012 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2009 - 2012*

***Items for information:**

- T-PVS (2013) 2 and 10 Reports of the meetings of the Bureau
- T-PVS/Inf (2013) 19, 29, 30 Biennial and General Reports

PART III - INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

- 4. Accession of Belarus to the Bern Convention**
 - 4.1 Report of the visit of representatives of the Secretariat to Republic of Belarus and Round Table dedicated to the accession of the country to the Convention
 - 4.2 Courtesy introductory report by the Government of Belarus

* These items will not be discussed, unless Parties request so at the adoption of the Agenda.

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats

5.1 Invasive Alien Species

- a. 10th Meeting of the Group of Experts on IAS (two draft recommendations)
- b. Communicating on Invasive Alien Species
- c. Monitoring of the European Strategy for the eradication of the ruddy duck (Side event)

5.2 Conservation of Birds – Draft Action Plan and draft recommendations

- a. 2nd Conference on Illegal killing of birds
- b. 4th Meeting of the Group of Experts on the conservation of Birds
- c. Wind-farms and birds – updated guidelines
- d. Presentation of the conclusions of the Workshop on recovery and reintroduction of the Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

5.3 Invertebrates

10th Meeting of the Group of Experts on Invertebrates (draft recommendation)

5.4 Conservation of Fungi

Final draft European Charter on gathering Fungi and Biodiversity (draft recommendation)

5.5 Habitats

- a. Protected Areas and Ecological Networks - Progress report, draft revised Standard Data Form of Annex 1 to resolution No. 5 (1998) and draft revised Criteria for the evaluation of proposed ASCIs
- b. Setting-up of ecological networks - Progress on the establishment of the Emerald Network
- c. European Diploma of Protected Areas – Adopted resolutions on the award and renewal of the European Diploma of protected areas

*Items for information:

- T-PVS/Inf (2013) 27 A manifesto for large carnivore conservation in Europe

PART V – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6. Specific sites and populations

6.1 Files opened

- Ukraine: Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta)
- Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- France: Habitats for the survival of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Alsace
- Italy: Eradication and trade of the American grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)
- Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias

6.2 Possible files

- France: Protection of the European green toad (*Bufo viridis*) in Alsace
- Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs (Turkey)

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- Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*)
- Possible spread of the American mink (*Neovison vison*) in Poland

6.3 On-the-spot appraisal

- France / Switzerland: threats to the Rhone streber (*Zingel asper*) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) – Draft recommendation

6.4 Follow-up of previous Recommendations

- Recommendation No. 162 (2012) on the conservation of large carnivores populations in Europe requesting special conservation action;
- Recommendation No. 154 (2011) on the European Code of Conduct on Pets and Invasive Alien Species;
- Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach (Turkey)

PART VI – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

7. Strategic development of the Convention

7.1 International coordination with other MEAs and organisations

7.2 Harmonising international reporting: possible adoption of the CMS Family Online Reporting System

7.3 Financing the Bern Convention

- a. Ad hoc Advisory Group of Experts on the long-term financing of the Bern Convention
- b. Draft decision

7.4 Draft Programme of Activities for 2014 - 2015

7.5 States to be invited as observers to the 34th meeting

PART VII - OTHER ITEMS

8. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members

9. Date and place of the 34th meeting

10. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting

11. Other business (items for information only)

DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

| MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.30 pm | AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 5.30 pm |
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| TUESDAY 3 December | |
| <p>1. Opening, adoption of agenda</p> <p>2. Report from Chairman & Communications</p> <p>3. Monitoring and implementation of the legal aspects of the Convention</p> <p>3.1 Biennial and quadrennial reports</p> <p>4. Accession of Belarus to the Bern Convention</p> <p>4.1 Report of the visit of representatives of the Secretariat to Republic of Belarus and Round Table dedicated to the accession of the country to the Convention</p> <p>4.2 Courtesy introductory report by the Government of Belarus</p> <p>5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats</p> <p>5.1 Invasive Alien Species (draft recommendations)</p> <p>5.4 Conservation of Fungi – Final draft European Charter on gathering Fungi and Biodiversity (draft recommendation)</p> <p>5.3 10th Meeting of the Group of Experts on Invertebrates</p> | <p>5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats</p> <p>5.2 Conservation of Birds – Draft Action Plan and draft recommendations</p> <p>a. 2nd Conference on Illegal killing of birds</p> <p>b. 4th Meeting of the Group of Experts on the conservation of Birds</p> <p>c. Wind-farms and birds – updated guidelines</p> <p>d. International Workshop on Osprey (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)</p> <p>5.5 Habitats:</p> <p>a. Protected Areas and Ecological Networks - Progress report, draft revised Standard Data Form of Annex 1 to resolution No. 5 (1998), and draft revised Criteria for the evaluation of proposed ASCIs - Progress on the establishment of the Emerald Network</p> <p>c. European Diploma of Protected Areas – Adopted resolutions on the award and renewal of the European Diploma of protected areas</p> <p>6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Side event: progress towards the eradication of the Ruddy Duck</p> |
| WEDNESDAY 4 December | |
| <p>6. Specific sites and populations</p> <p>6.1 Files opened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ukraine: Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta) ➤ Cyprus: Akamas peninsula ➤ Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica ➤ France: Habitats for the survival of the common hamster (<i>Cricetus cricetus</i>) in Alsace ➤ Italy: Eradication and trade of the American grey squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>) ➤ Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias <p>6.2 Possible files</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ France: Protection of the European green toad (<i>Bufo viridis</i>) in Alsace ➤ Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs (Turkey) ➤ Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (<i>Monachus monachus</i>) ➤ Possible spread of the American mink (<i>Neovison vison</i>) in Poland | <p>6.3 On-the-spot appraisal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ France / Switzerland: threats to the Rhone streber (<i>Zingel asper</i>) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) – Draft recommendation <p>6.4 Follow-up of previous Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendation No. 162 (2012) on the conservation of large carnivores populations in Europe requesting special conservation action; ➤ Recommendation No. 154 (2011) on the European Code of Conduct on Pets and Invasive Alien Species; ➤ Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanli beach (Turkey) <p>7. Strategic development of the Convention</p> <p>7.3 (Introduction to) Financing the Bern Convention</p> <p>Side event: INTERPOL' action on Illegal killing of birds</p> |
| THURSDAY 5 December | |
| <p>7. Strategic development of the Convention</p> <p>7.1 International coordination with other MEAs and organisations</p> <p>7.2 Harmonising international reporting: possible migration to the CMS Family Online Reporting System</p> <p>7.3 Financing the Bern Convention (continuation of unfinished work)</p> <p>7.4 Draft Programme of Activities for 2014-2015</p> <p>7.5 States to be invited as observers to the 34th meeting</p> | Continuation of unfinished work |
| FRIDAY 6 December | |
| <p>8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Bureau members</p> <p>9. Date and place of the 34th meeting</p> <p>10. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting</p> <p>11. Other business</p> | |

Note: Room 6 will be free for EU co-ordination meetings (without interpretation).