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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

37th meeting
Strasbourg, 5-8 December 2017

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Tuesday, 5 December 2017, Room 9

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 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2009 - 2012¹**
 - 3.2 Legal analysis of the draft Law on the conservation of natural habitats, biodiversity and landscape of Andorra**

¹ For information only, unless otherwise requested

3.3 Proposal for amendment of the Convention: Proposal for listing the Balkan lynx (*Lynx lynx ssp. balcanicus*) in the Appendix II of the Bern Convention

3.4 Gender mainstreaming and the Bern Convention

- a. Draft Recommendation on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective in the implementation of the Convention as well as in the work of the Convention Secretariat

PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

4.1 Biodiversity and Climate Change

- a. Report of the 1st meeting of the Select Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change

4.2 Invasive Alien Species

- a. Report of the Expert meeting on the implementation of the Action Plan for the eradication of ruddy duck in Europe meeting
- b. Report of the Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species and its back-to-back Seminar on the eradication of IAS in small European islands
- c. Draft recommendation of the European Code of Conduct on Invasive Alien Trees
- d. Draft Recommendation on the European Code of Conduct on International Travel and Invasive Alien Species
- e. Draft Recommendation on the control and eradication of IAS in islands

4.3 Conservation of Birds

4.3.1 Group of Experts on the Conservation of Birds

- a. Report of the 6th meeting of the Group of Experts on the Conservation of Wild Birds

4.3.2 Eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds

- a. Report of the Joint Meeting of the Bern Convention Network of Special Focal Points on Eradication of Illegal Killing, Trapping and Trade in Wild Birds (Bern SFPs Network) and the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)
- b. Draft Recommendation on the establishment of a Scoreboard for measuring progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds

4.4 Amphibians and reptiles

- a. Report of the 9th meeting of the Group of Experts on the Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles (including Marine Turtles)
- b. Draft Recommendation on biosafety measures for the prevention of the spread of amphibian and reptile species diseases

4.5 Conservation of other threatened Species

- a. Workshops on the revision of the Strategy for the Leopard Conservation in the Caucasus and coordinating the Monitoring of Leopard and Prey Species in the Ecoregion
- b. Action Plan for the conservation and restoration of the European sturgeon (*Acipenser sturio*) – state of implementation and future needs

4.6 Habitats

4.6.1 Protected Areas and Ecological Networks

- a. Report of the 2nd meeting of the Ad Hoc Restricted Group of Experts on reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)
- b. Report of the 8th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks
- c. Draft format on reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)
- d. Draft updated lists of candidate Emerald sites
- e. Draft updated lists of Emerald sites
- f. The concept of ecological character of sites in the context of the Emerald Network under the Bern Convention

4.6.2 European Diploma for Protected Areas

- a. Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas

4.6.3 Conference for protection of old growth forest in Europe

- a. Report of the Wild Europe Initiative Conference for protection of old growth forest in Europe

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

5. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

5.1 Files opened

- 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- 2010/5: Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias
- 2012/9: Turkey: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs
- 2013/1: “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: Hydro power development within the territory of the Mavrovo National Park

5.2 Possible files

- 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge
- 2017/01: Norway: Lack of legal protection for Northern goshawk and birds of prey

5.3 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations

- Closed case-file 1998/3: Habitats for the survival of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Alsace, France
- Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach (Turkey)
- Recommendation No. 176 (2015) on the prevention and control of the *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* chytrid fungus
- Recommendation No.190 (2016) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, specially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland
- Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of *Caretta Caretta* in Laganas bay, Zakynthos (Greece)

PART V – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

- 6. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION**
- 6.1 International coordination with other MEAs and organisations**
- 6.2 Implementation of the CBD Strategic Plan for biodiversity: the contribution of the Bern Convention**
- 6.3 Awareness and visibility**
- 6.4 Draft Programme of Activities and budget for 2018-2019**
- 6.5 States to be invited as observers to the 38th meeting**

PART VI - OTHER ITEMS

- 7. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 8. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 38TH MEETING**
- 9. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.45 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 6.00 pm
TUESDAY 5 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>3.2 Legal analysis - Draft biodiversity law of Andorra</p> <p>3.3 Proposal for amendment of Appendix II of the BC</p> <p>3.4 Gender mainstreaming and the Bern Convention</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Draft Recommendation on mainstreaming a gender equality perspective into the work of the Convention</p> <p>4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>4.1 Biodiversity and Climate change</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of the 1st Select Group of Experts meeting</p> <p>4.2 Invasive Alien Species</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of the Expert meeting on the Action Plan for the eradication of ruddy duck</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Report of the Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species and Seminar on the eradication of IAS in small European islands</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. Draft recommendation of the European Code of Conduct on Invasive Alien Trees</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. Draft Recommendation on the European Code of Conduct on International Travel and Invasive Alien Species</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">e. Draft Recommendation on the control and eradication of IAS in islands</p> <p>4.5 Conservation of other threatened Species</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Revision of the Strategy for the Leopard Conservation in the Caucasus</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Action Plan for the conservation and restoration of the European sturgeon – state of implementation</p>	<p>4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>4.3 Conservation of Birds</p> <p><i>4.3.1 Group of Experts on the Conservation of Birds</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of the 6th Group of Experts meeting</p> <p><i>4.3.2 Eradication of Illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of Joint Meeting Bern SFPs Network-CMS MIKT meeting</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Draft Recommendation on the establishment of a Scoreboard for measuring progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds</p> <p>4.4. Amphibians and Reptiles</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of the 9th meeting of the Group of Experts on the Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles (including Marine Turtles)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Draft Recommendation on biosafety measures for the prevention of the spread of amphibian and reptile species diseases</p> <p>4.6 Habitats</p> <p><i>4.6.1 Protected Areas and Ecological Networks</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of the 2nd meeting of the Ad Hoc Restricted Group of Experts on reporting</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. Report of the 8th meeting of the Group of Experts on protected Areas and Ecological Networks</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. Draft format for reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. Draft updated lists of candidate Emerald sites</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">e. Draft updated lists of Emerald sites</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">f. The concept of ecological character of sites in the context of the Emerald Network under the Bern Convention</p> <p><i>4.6.2 European Diploma for Protected Areas</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <p><i>4.6.3 Conference for protection of old growth forest in Europe</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Report of the Wild Europe Initiative Conference for protection of old growth forest in Europe</p>
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THURSDAY 7 December**6. Strategic development of the Convention**

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- 6.2 Implementation of the CBD Strategic Plan
- 6.3 Awareness and visibility
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*12.40-14.00 Side event: Screening of the movie Emptying the Skies
(Projection room of the Palais de l'Europe)*

Continuation of unfinished work

FRIDAY 8 December**7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Bureau members****8. Date and place of the 38th meeting****9. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting****10. Other business**

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