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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

36th meeting
Strasbourg, 15-18 November 2016

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Tuesday 15 November 2016, 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 2011-2012, 2013-2014 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2009 - 2012¹

¹ For information only, unless otherwise requested

PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

4.1 Conservation of Birds

4.1.1 *Eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds*

- a. Report of the 3rd Meeting of the Special Focal Points for illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds
- b. Mid-Term Review of the Implementation by Parties of the Tunis Action Plan 2020

4.1.2 *Select Group of Experts on the European Action Plan for the Osprey*

- a. Conclusions of the meeting of the Select Group of Experts on the European action Plan for the Osprey
- b. Draft Recommendation on the conservation and recovery of the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) in Europe

4.2 Biodiversity and Climate Change

- a. Report of the 9th meeting of the Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change
- b. Draft Recommendation on communicating on climate change and biodiversity

4.3 Invasive Alien Species

- a. Report of the meeting on the Select Group of Experts on IAS
- b. Code of Conduct on Planted Forest and Invasive Alien Trees
- c. European Code of Conduct on Recreational Boating and Invasive Alien Species
- d. Guidance for governments concerning invasive alien species pathways action plans
- e. Eradication of the ruddy duck
- f. Draft Recommendation on the control of the American mink (*Neovison vison*) in Europe

4.4 Conservation of other threatened Species

- a. LCIE Conference

4.5 Habitats

4.5.1 *Protected Areas and Ecological Networks*

- a. Report of the Ad Hoc Restricted Group of Experts on reporting on the Emerald Network
- b. Report and outcomes of the Conference “Reaching concerted site conservation at pan-European level: progress, challenges and future of the Emerald Network”
- c. Emerald biogeographical evaluations in 2016 and consolidated evaluation conclusions’ database
- d. Draft updated lists of candidate sites and Emerald sites

4.5.2 *European Diploma for Protected Areas*

- a. Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas, follow-up of decisions
- b. Draft proposed amendments to the revised Regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas (CM/ResDip (2008)1)

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

5. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

5.1 Files opened

- 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 2004/1: Ukraine: Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta)
- 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- 2007/1: Italy: Eradication and trade of the American grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)
- 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

- 2011/4: Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*)
- 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge
- 2012/3: Poland: Possible spread of the American mink (*Neovison vison*)

5.3 On-the-spot appraisal

- Recommendation No. 96 (2002) on conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, especially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland

5.4 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations

- Recommendation No. 175 (2015) on the monitoring of the agreement concluded in the frame of complaint n° 2013/5
- Recommendation No. 169 (2013) on the Rhone streber (*Zingel asper*) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland)
- Recommendation No. 144 (2009) on the wind park in Smøla (Norway) and other wind farm developments in Norway
- Recommendation No. 110 (2004) on minimising adverse effects of above-ground electricity transmission facilities (power lines) on birds
- Recommendation No. 176 (2015) on the prevention and control of the *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* chytrid fungus

PART V – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

6. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

6.1 International coordination with other MEAs and organisations

- a. Revision of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the EEA

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 2017

6.5 States to be invited as observers to the 37th meeting

PART VI - OTHER ITEMS

- 7. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 8. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 37TH MEETING**
- 9. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

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DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.45 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 6.00 pm
TUESDAY 15 November	
<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. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>4.5 Habitats</p> <p>4.5.1 Protected Areas and Ecological Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report of the Ad Hoc Restricted Group of Experts on reporting on the Emerald Network b. Report and outcomes of the Conference “Reaching concerted site conservation at pan-European level: progress, challenges and future of the Emerald Network” c. Emerald biogeographical evaluations in 2016 and consolidated evaluation conclusions’ database d. Draft updated lists of candidate sites and Emerald sites <p>4.5.2 European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas, follow-up of decisions b. Draft proposed amendments to the revised Regulations for the European Diploma for Protected Areas <p>4.2 Biodiversity and Climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report of the 9th meeting of the Group of Experts b. Draft Recommendation on communicating on Climate Change and Biodiversity <p>4.4 Conservation of other threatened Species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Large Carnivores – LCIE Conference 	<p>4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>4.1 Conservation of birds</p> <p>4.1.1 Eradication of Illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report of the 3rd Meeting of the Special Focal Points for Illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds b. Mid-Term Review of the Implementation by Parties of the Tunis Action Plan 2020 <p>4.1.2 Select Group of Experts on the European action Plan for the Osprey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conclusions of the meeting of the Select Group of Experts on the European action Plan for the Osprey b. Draft Recommendation on the conservation and recovery of the osprey (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>) in Europe <p>4.3 Invasive Alien Species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report of the meeting on the Select Group of Experts on IAS c. European Code of Conduct on Recreational Boating and Invasive Alien Species d. Guidance for governments concerning invasive alien species pathways action plans e. Eradication of the ruddy duck f. Draft Recommendation on the control of American mink (<i>Neovison vison</i>) in Europe
WEDNESDAY 16 November	
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THURSDAY 17 November

6. Strategic development of the Convention 6.1 International coordination with other MEAs and organisations 6.2 Implementation of the CBD Strategic Plan 6.3 Awareness and visibility 6.4 Draft Programme of Activities and budget for 2017 6.5 States to be invited as observers to the 37 th meeting 12.45 – 14.00 Side event: Screening of the movie Cowspiracy (Projection room of the Palais de l'Europe)	Continuation of unfinished work
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FRIDAY 18 November

7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Bureau members 8. Date and place of the 37th meeting 9. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting 10. Other business	
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Note: Room 6 will be free for EU co-ordination meetings (without interpretation).

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