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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

35th meeting
Strasbourg, 1-4 December 2015

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Tuesday 1st December 2015, Room 5

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 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2009 - 2012¹
 - 3.2 Report on the implementation of the Convention in Greece

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

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- a. Report of the 5th meeting of the Group of Experts on the Conservation of birds

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

- b. Report of the 2nd meeting of the Special Focal Points for illegal killing of birds
- c. Follow-up of the Tunis Action Plan 2020 - Draft recommendation

4.2 Biodiversity and Climate Change

- a. Report of the meeting of the ad hoc Select Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change
- b. Draft work-plan

4.3 Invasive Alien Species

- a. Meeting of the Group of Experts on IAS - Code of conduct and draft recommendation
- b. Workshop on the “Feral ungulates and their impact on Island Biodiversity in the Mediterranean and Macaronesian Regions” – Draft recommendation
- c. The Bern Convention and EU Regulation 1143/2014 on the Prevention and Management of the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Alien Species – Draft recommendation
- d. Monitoring of the European Strategy for the eradication of the ruddy duck

4.4 Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles

- a. Report of the 8th Meeting of the Group of Experts on Amphibians and Reptiles
- b. Prevention and control of *the Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (BS) chytrid fungus – Draft recommendation

4.5 Conservation of other threatened Species

- a. European Red List workshop
- b. Caucasus leopard and wildlife conference
- c. Conservation of European bison
- d. International Balkan Lynx symposium

4.6 Habitats

4.6.1 Protected Areas and Ecological Networks

- a. Report of the 7th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks and future work plan and mid-term review of progress in the implementation of the Emerald network Calendar 2011-2020
- b. Draft revised Calendar for the implementation of the Emerald network Calendar 2011-2020
- c. Draft updated lists of candidate Emerald sites and Emerald sites
- d. Conservation of natural areas outside protected areas proper – Report and Draft recommendation

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, follow-up of decisions, and adopted Resolutions
- b. Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the European Diploma for Protected Areas
- c. Workshop: “Protected Areas in Europe: the next 50 years” – Pisa Declaration and Draft recommendation

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

5. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

5.1 Files opened

- 2004/1: Ukraine: Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta)
- 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 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

5.2 Possible files

- 2011/4: Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*)
- 2012/3: Possible spread of the American mink (*Neovison vison*) in Poland

5.3 On-the-spot appraisals

- File open n° 2013/1: Hydropower development within the territory of Mavrovo National Park (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”) - Report of the on-the-spot appraisal and draft recommendation
- File open n° 2012/9: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs (Turkey) - Report of the on-the-spot appraisal and draft recommendations

5.4 Mediation

- Possible file n° 2013/5: Presumed impact of the construction of an Overhead Power Line in an environmentally sensitive area in the Lithuanian-Polish border - Draft recommendation

5.5 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations

- File closed n° 1998/3: France: Habitats for the survival of the common hamster (*Cricetus cricetus*) in Alsace
- Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach (Turkey)
- Recommendation No. 169 (2013) on the Rhone streber (*Zingel asper*) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland)
- Recommendation No. 98 (2002) on the project to build a motorway through the Kresna Gorge (Bulgaria)

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 2016-2017**
- 6.5 States to be invited as observers to the 36th meeting**

PART VI - OTHER ITEMS

- 7. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 8. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 36TH MEETING**
- 9. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.45 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 6.00 pm
TUESDAY 1 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 Report on the implementation of the Convention in Greece</p> <p>5. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS</p> <p>5.4. Mediation procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Possible file 2013/5: Presumed impact of the construction of an Overhead Power Line in an environmentally sensitive area in the Lithuanian-Polish border – Draft recommendation <p>4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>4.2 Biodiversity and climate change</p> <p>a. Meeting of the ad hoc Select Group of Experts - Report</p> <p>b. Draft work plan</p> <p>4.4 Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles</p> <p>a. Meeting of the Group of Experts – Report</p> <p>b. Prevention and control of the <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i> (BS) chytrid fungus – Draft recommendation</p> <p>4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>4.1 Conservation of birds</p> <p>4.1.1 Conservation of birds</p> <p>a. 5th meeting of Group of Experts - Report</p>	<p>4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>4.1 Conservation of birds</p> <p>4.1.2 Eradication of Illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Report of the 2nd Meeting of the Special Focal Points for illegal killing of birds c. Follow-up to the Tunis Action Plan 2020 - Draft recommendation <p>4.3 Invasive Alien Species</p> <p>a. Meeting of the Group of Experts – Report of the meeting</p> <p>b. Workshop on the Feral ungulates in the Mediterranean and Macaronesian Regions – Draft recommendation</p> <p>c. The Bern Convention and EU Regulation 1143/2014 – Draft recommendation</p> <p>d. Progress towards the eradication of the ruddy duck</p> <p>4.6 Habitats</p> <p>4.6.1 Protected Areas and Ecological Networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 7th meeting of the Group of Experts and mid-term review of progress b. Draft revised Calendar for the implementation of the Emerald network Calendar 2011-2020 c. Draft updated lists of candidate sites and Emerald sites d. Conservation of natural areas outside protected areas proper – Draft recommendation
WEDNESDAY 2 December	
<p>4.4 Invasive Alien Species</p> <p>a. Cont. – Code of conduct and draft recommendation</p> <p>4.6 Habitats</p> <p>4.6.2. European Diploma for Protected Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Group of Specialists on the European Diploma – Report, follow-up of decisions, and adopted resolutions b. Celebration of the 50th Anniversary c. Workshop “Protected Areas in Europe: the next 50 years” – Pisa Declaration and Draft recommendation <p>5. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS</p> <p>5.3 On-the-spot appraisal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2012/9: Turkey: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs – Report and draft recommendation ➤ 2013/1: “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”: Hydropower development within the territory of Mavrovo National Park – Report and draft recommendation <p>5.1 Files opened</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2004/1: Ukraine: Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta) ➤ 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula ➤ 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica ➤ 2007/1: Italy: Eradication and trade of the American grey squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>) ➤ 2010/5: Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias 	<p>5.2 Possible files</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2011/4: Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (<i>Monachus monachus</i>) ➤ 2012/3: Possible spread of the American mink (<i>Neovison vison</i>) in Poland <p>5.5 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ File close n° 1998/3: France: Habitats for the survival of the common hamster in Alsace ➤ Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach (Turkey) ➤ Recommendation No. 169 (2013) on the Rhone streber (<i>Zingel asper</i>) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) ➤ Recommendation No. 98 (2002) on the project to build a motorway through the Kresna Gorge (Bulgaria) <p>4. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS</p> <p>Sturgeon monitoring on the Lower Danube</p> <p>4.5 Conservation of other threatened Species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. European Red List workshop b. Caucasus leopard and wildlife conference c. New approaches towards biodiversity conservation (European bison) d. International Balkan Lynx symposium

THURSDAY 3 December**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 2016 – 2017
- 6.5 States to be invited as observers to the 36th meeting

Continuation of unfinished work

FRIDAY 5 December**7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Bureau members****8. Date and place of the 36th 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).