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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

Strasbourg, 27-30 November 2012
32nd meeting

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Tuesday 27th November 2012, 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 Report on the implementation of the Convention in one Contracting Party (Switzerland)
 - 3.2 Biennial reports 2005-2006, 2007-2008, 2009-2010 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2005 - 2008

PART III - INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

- 4. Request of amendment of Article 22 of the Bern Convention by Switzerland**

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

- 5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats**
 - 5.1 Select Group on Invasive Alien Species
 - a. Codes of conduct and draft recommendations
 - b. Monitoring of the European Strategy for the eradication of the ruddy duck (Side event)
 - 5.2 Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change - Draft recommendations and Guidance

- 5.3 Group of Experts on Large Carnivores – Draft recommendations
- 5.4 Conservation of Birds
 - a. State of preparation of the meeting of the Group of Experts on Birds
 - b. 2nd Conference on Illegal killing of birds
- 5.5 Conservation of Fungi – Draft European Charter on gathering fungi and biodiversity and draft recommendation
- 5.6 Habitats
 - a. Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks - Progress report and draft resolution
 - b. Setting-up of ecological networks - Progress on the establishment of the Emerald Network
 - c. European Diploma of Protected Areas – Adopted resolutions on the renewal of the European Diploma of protected areas

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*)

6.2 Possible files

- France: Protection of the European green toad (*Bufo viridis*) in Alsace
- Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias
- Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*)
- France / Switzerland: threats to the Rhone streber (*Zingel asper*) in the Doubs (France) and in the cantons of Jura and Neuchâtel (Switzerland)
- Sport and recreation facilities in Çıralı key turtle nesting beach (Turkey)

6.3 Follow-up of previous Recommendations

- Recommendation No. 119 (2006) on the conservation of certain endangered species of amphibians and reptiles in Europe
- Recommendation No. 128 (2007) on the European Charter on Hunting and biodiversity
- Recommendation No. 141 (2009) on potentially invasive alien plants being used as biofuel crops
- Recommendation No. 151 (2010) on protection of the Hermann tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*) in the Massif des Maures and Plaine des Maures localities (Var) in France
- Recommendation No. 66 (1998) on the conservation status of some nesting beaches for marine turtles in Turkey

PART VI – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

7. Strategic development of the Convention

- 7.1 Improving the case-file system by proposing mediation
- 7.2 Implementation of CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity: setting priorities for the Bern Convention
 - (Side event) Enhancing synergies among MEA's: the CMS family online reporting system (t.b.c.)
- 7.3 Financing the Bern Convention
- 7.4 Draft Programme of Activities for 2013
- 7.5 States to be invited as observers to the 33rd meeting

PART VII - OTHER ITEMS

- 8. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Bureau members**
- 9. Date and place of the 33rd 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
TUESDAY 27 November	
<p>1. Opening, adoption of agenda 2. Report from Chairman & Communications 3. Monitoring of the implementation of the legal aspects of the Convention 3.1 Monitoring of the Implementation of the Bern Convention in Switzerland 3.2 Biennial and quadrennial reports 4. Request amendment of Article 22 by Switzerland 5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats 5.1 Select Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species: codes of conduct and draft recommendations 5.2 Group of Experts on Biodiversity and Climate Change: draft recommendations and guidance</p> <p>13:30 – 14:30 p.m. Side event: preparation of the launching of the 2nd CoE/EU Emerald Network joint programme</p>	<p>5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats 5.3 Group of Experts on Large carnivores: draft recommendations 5.4 Conservation of Birds a. State of preparation of the meeting of the Group of Experts b. 2nd Conference on illegal killing of birds 5.5 Conservation of Fungi: draft European Charter and draft recommendation 5.6 Habitats: a. Group of Experts on Protected areas and Ecological networks: progress report and draft resolution</p> <p>5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Side event on the eradication of the ruddy duck</p>
WEDNESDAY 28 November	
<p>7. Strategic development of the Convention 7.3 Financing the Bern Convention 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 (<i>Cricetus cricetus</i>) in Alsace ➤ Italy: Eradication and trade of the American grey squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>) 6.2 Possible files ➤ France: Protection of the European green toad (<i>Bufo viridis</i>) in Alsace ➤ Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparisias ➤ Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (<i>Monachus monachus</i>) ➤ France/Switzerland: threats to the Rhone streber (<i>Zingel asper</i>) in the Doubs (France) and in the cantons of Jura and Neuchâtel (Switzerland) ➤ Sport and recreation facilities in Çıralı key turtle nesting beach (Turkey)</p>	<p>6.3 Follow-up of previous Recommendations ➤ Recommendation No. 119 (2006), on the conservation of certain endangered species of amphibians and reptiles in Europe ➤ Recommendation No. 128 (2007) on the European Charter on Hunting and biodiversity ➤ Recommendation No. 141 (2009) on potentially invasive alien plants being used as biofuel crops ➤ Recommendation No. 151 (2010) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 9 December 2010, on protection of the Hermann tortoise (<i>Testudo hermanni</i>) in the Massif des Maures and Plaine des Maures localities (Var) in France ➤ Recommendation No. 66 (1998) on the conservation status of some nesting beaches for marine turtles in Turkey</p> <p>5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Side event: Enhancing synergies among MEA's: the CMS family online reporting system (t.b.c.)</p>
THURSDAY 29 November	
<p>5. Monitoring of Species and Habitats 5.6 Habitats: b. Setting-up of ecological networks: progress on the establishment of the Emerald Network c. European Diploma of Protected Areas: adopted resolutions 7. Strategic development of the Convention 7.1 Improving the case-file system by proposing mediation 7.2 Implementation of CBD Strategic Plan for Biodiversity: setting priorities for the Bern Convention 7.3 Financing the Bern Convention (continuation of unfinished work) 7.4 Draft Programme of Activities for 2013 7.5 States to be invited as observers to the 33rd meeting</p>	Continuation of unfinished work
FRIDAY 30 November	
<p>8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Bureau members 9. Date and place of the 33rd meeting 10. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting 11. Other business</p>	

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