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AND NATURAL HABITATS

5th Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Conservation of Birds

12-13 October 2015
Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
(Room 11, opening: 9:30 am)

AGENDA

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DAY 1 - MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2015
9H30 – 17H30

9h30 – 11h00

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE CHAIR

Mr Rastislav Rybanic, Chair of the Group of Experts

2. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

3. INTRODUCTION TO THE MEETING

Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Secretary of the Bern Convention

4. UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITIES RELATED TO THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS IN OTHER FORA

NB. The EU will intervene in the afternoon

➤ **AEWA**

Mr Sergey Dereliev, Technical Officer, AEWA

Questions and answers

➤ **BirdLife International**

Mr Willem van den Bossche, European Nature Conservation Officer, BirdLife International

Questions and answers

➤ **Euronatur**

Dr Stefan Ferger, Project Manager, Euronatur

Questions and answers

Discussion

5. UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF SPECIFIC SPECIES AND POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP ACTION

- **Second draft Action plan for the recovery and reintroduction of the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) – Draft Recommendation**

Discussion

Coffee break

11h00 – 12h30

6. CURRENT CHALLENGES AND AVAILABLE TOOLS

➤ **Developments in adaptive harvest management in Europe**

Mr Cy Griffin, Director of conservation, FACE

Questions and answers

➤ **The European Red List of Birds, implications for Species Action Plans and next steps**

Dr Christina Ieronymidou, BirdLife International

Questions and answers

➤ **Euro Bird Portal (EBP): online data sharing tools**

Mr Gabriel Gargallo, Coordinator of the EBP project

Questions and answers

Discussion

12h30 – 14h00 - LUNCH

14h00 – 16h00

CONT.: UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITIES RELATED TO THE CONSERVATION OF BIRDS IN OTHER FORA

➤ **Most recent EU initiatives for the conservation of birds**

Ms Marita Arvela, European Commission, DG ENV

Questions and answers

7. ILLEGAL KILLING OF BIRDS: PROGRESS TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TUNIS ACTION PLAN 2020 AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

➤ **Outcomes of the 2nd meeting of the Special Focal Points for Illegal Killing of birds**

Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Secretary of the Bern Convention

➤ **Update on the setting-up of the Pan-Mediterranean Task Force for illegal killing of birds**

Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Secretary of the Bern Convention

Discussion

➤ **Presentation of the conclusions of the BirdLife review of illegal killing and taking of birds in the Mediterranean**

Ms Anne-Laure Brochet, BirdLife International

Discussion

Coffee break

16h00 – 17h30

➤ **Proposals for informing the process for the imposition of sanctions in wildlife crime cases**

Mr Nicholas Crampton, consultant

Discussion on the future dissemination of the sentencing principles

- **Analysis of gravity factors to be used to evaluate offences and draft list of standardized/harmonized gravity factors**
Mr Nicholas Crampton, consultant
- **Draft Recommendation on the gravity factors and sentencing principles for the evaluation of offences against birds, and in particular the illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds**
Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Secretary of the Bern Convention

Discussion on proposals to ensure the enforcement of the draft Recommendation at national level

DAY 2 - TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2015
9H30 – 12H30

Continuation of unfinished work

- **2nd draft Methodology document to identify black-spots of illegal killing of birds**
Mr Willem van den Bossche, BirdLife International

Discussion on the format for presenting the document to the Standing Committee

8. FOLLOW-UP OF COMPLAINTS CONCERNING BIRD CONSERVATION IN EUROPE

- **2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica**
[T-PVS/Files (2015) 22 – Government report]
[T-PVS/Files (2015) 35 - Report of the NGO]
[T-PVS/Files (2015) 28 –EU report]
- **2012/7: Presumed illegal killing of birds in Malta**
[T-PVS/Files (2015) 9 – Government report]
[T-PVS/Files (2015) 15 – NGO report]

Coffee break

- **2014/3: Presumed deliberate killing of birds in Serbia**
[T-PVS/Files (2015) 14 – Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files (2014) 29– Complainant report]
- **Recommendation No. 96 (2002) on conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, especially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland**

9. NEXT STEPS BEFORE THE STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS