



44th meeting of the Standing Committee to the Bern Convention

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Ad hoc Working Group on Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)

- **Key Purpose:**

- Provide recommendations on the objectives and scope of reporting under Resolution 8 (2012) in light of capacities and needs of the Parties, cost effectiveness, and feasibility of aligning with EU Nature Directives Article 12 and 17.

- **The *Ad hoc* Working Group met twice in 2024**

- April 30, 2024
- October 30, 2024

Checklists of Species and Habitats:

- By the 5th meeting, feedback was received from 12 out of the 18 non-EU Contracting Parties
- Seven parties required a second round of consultations, and six others were reminded to provide input additionally
- **Finalized checklists** were presented at the **6th meeting** in October 2024.
- Overall, **according to the final draft** checklists **1915 species** and **214 habitats** reports are expected
- **Reminder:** Marine species were excluded, as well as birds

Reporting Format

- **Part A:** General reporting format – everything is compulsory
- **Part B:** Reporting format on species, **except birds**, listed in Resolution No. 6 (1998)
- **Part C:** General evaluation matrix (per biogeographical region within a country) filled in according to Part B
- **Part D:** Reporting format on habitat types listed in Resolution No. 4 (1996) with a 1 to 1 relationship with habitats of Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive
- **Part E:** Assessing conservation status of a habitat type (Habitat type evaluation matrix).

Proposed compulsory field	Final decision
PART A: General reporting format	
1 Main achievements under Recommendation No. 16 (1986) and Resolution No. 5 (1998)	Compulsory
2.7 Measures taken to ensure the coherence of the Emerald Network	Compulsory
PART B: Reporting format on species, except birds, listed in Resolution No. 6 (1998)	
5.12 Favourable reference range	Compulsory
6.2 Population size	Compulsory
6.11 Short-term trend magnitude	Compulsory
6.12 Short-term trend Magnitude - Type of estimate	Compulsory
6.18 Favourable reference population	Compulsory
7.2 Sufficiency of area and quality of occupied habitat - Method used	Compulsory
8.1 Characterisation of pressures	Compulsory
9.2 Scope of measures taken	Optional
12.8 Short-term trend of habitat for the species within the network - Direction	Compulsory
12.9 Short-term trend of habitat for the species within the network - Method used	Compulsory
PART D: Reporting format on habitat types listed in Resolution No. 4 (1996) with a 1 to 1 relationship with habitats of Annex I of the EU Habitats Directive	
4.12 Favourable reference range	Compulsory
5.8 Short-term trend magnitude for area	Compulsory
5.9 Short-term trend Magnitude - Type of estimate	Compulsory
5.15 Favourable reference area	Compulsory
7.1 Characterisation of pressures	Compulsory
8.1 Status of measures	Compulsory
8.2 Scope of measures taken	Optional
8.3 Mean purpose of measures taken	Compulsory
11.4 Short-term trend of habitat area within the network - Direction	Compulsory
11.5 Short-term trend of habitat area within the network - Method used	Compulsory

Invasive Alien Species

- During the 5th meeting of the WG – the group discussed 4 options for reporting the IAS, and selected 2nd option.
- The WG on Reporting supported that non-EU Contracting Parties to the Bern Convention would:
 - mandatorily report on IAS of Union Concern that represent a threat for the species and habitats, for simplified reporting under **pressures/threats section**
 - voluntarily report on complementary short list of IAS selected from the GRIIS database or if relevant, on species from national lists of IAS.
- Shortlist was developed and shared with relevant Parties for double-check after the 6th meeting of WG - T-PVS/PA(2024)12 rev

Reporting Reference Portal

- Following documents for the Reporting Reference Portal are **updated** :
 - Reporting format
 - Guidelines on Explanatory notes
 - Guidelines on Concepts and Definitions
 - List of pressures and threats
 - List of conservation measures
 - Checklist for the habitat types listed in Resolution No. 4 (1996)
 - Checklist for the species listed in Resolution No. 6 (1998)
 - List of population units
 - Examples of conversion of population units
- In 2025 **excel templates** of the documents will be available

Reporting Guidelines

- **Explanatory notes:**
 - The guideline was aligned with the new reporting format and reflects the mandatory and optional fields
- **Concepts and definitions**
 - New document
 - Serves to define conservation status of species and habitats
 - Answers the technical questions possibly arising during reporting
 - Explains the questions to be answered in the reporting format
- **Both documents were circulated among the Parties for a review**

Next steps :

- *Ad-hoc* Working group reiterated the importance of **capacity building activities for the Parties during 2025**
- Organisation of the **joint meeting for *Ad hoc* Working Group on Reporting and the Working Group overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan**
- Continue working with EEA and thus finalise development of **Reportnet 3 and Validation Schema**

The Standing Committee is invited to:

- Take note of the outcomes of the two meetings (2024) of the *Ad hoc* Working Group on Reporting
- **Examine** and, if appropriate, **approve**:
 - the **Reporting Format** [T-PVS/PA\(2024\)14](#)
 - the **Checklists of species and habitats** [T-PVS/PA\(2024\)15](#)
 - the **Guidelines on Explanatory Notes** [T-PVS/PA\(2024\)13](#)
 - the **Guidelines on Concepts and Definitions** [T-PVS/PA\(2024\)16](#)
 - the **List of Invasive Alien Species** [T-PVS/PA\(2024\)12](#)