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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

38th meeting
Strasbourg, 27-30 November 2018

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am on Tuesday, 27 November 2018, Room Agora G3

PRELIMINARY 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**
 - 3. FINANCING OF THE BERN CONVENTION AND ITS FUTURE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT**
 - 3.1 Future financing and development of the Bern Convention**
 - 3.2 40th anniversary of the signature of the Bern Convention - 2019**
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PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS

- 4. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION**
- 4.1 Biennial reports 2013-2014 and 2015-2016 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2009 - 2012¹ and 2013 - 2016**
- 4.2 Proposal for amendment of the Convention's Appendices: Proposal for moving the wolf (*Canis lupus*) from Appendix II to Appendix III of the Bern Convention**
- 4.3 Proposal for amendment of the Convention's Appendices: Proposal for moving the Barnacle Goose (*Branta leucopsis*) from Appendix II to Appendix III of the Bern Convention**

PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5.1 Invasive Alien Species

- a. Report of the Expert meeting on the implementation of the Action Plan for the eradication of ruddy duck in Europe meeting
- b. Report of the meeting of the Select Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species

5.2 Biodiversity and Climate Change

- a. Analysis of the needs and opportunities for future work of the Bern Convention on management of protected areas from climate change perspective
- b. Opportunities for cooperation between the Bern Convention and EUR-OPA on climate related issues

5.3 Conservation of large carnivores

- a. Report of the 2018 meeting of the Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe
- b. Draft Recommendation on artificial feeding of large carnivores

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

- a. 1st reporting under the Scoreboard for measuring progress in combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds
- b. Shaping up the post-2020 strategic priorities of the Bern Convention on combating illegal killing, taking and trade of wild birds

5.5 Conservation of the sturgeon

- a. Draft Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon
- b. Draft Recommendation on the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon

5.6 Habitats

5.6.1 Protected Areas and Ecological Networks

- a. Report of the 9th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks
- b. Progress in the constitution of the Emerald Network
- c. Draft revised Annex 1 to Resolution No. 4 (1996)
- d. Delineation of marine regions in the framework of the Bern Convention
- e. Draft updated lists of Emerald sites and draft updated lists of candidate Emerald sites

¹ For information only, unless otherwise requested

- f. The concept of ecological character of sites in the context of the Emerald Network under the Bern Convention

5.6.2 European Diploma for Protected Areas

- a. Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas
- b. Diploma holding areas requiring specific attention

5.6.3 Protection Strategy for old growth forest in Europe

5.7 Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) of the Standing Committee

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6.1 Files opened

- 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- 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

6.2 Possible files

- 2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge
- 2017/01: Norway: Lack of legal protection for Northern goshawk and birds of prey
- 2016/4: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site (Montenegro)
- 2016/5: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river in Albania

6.3 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations

- Closed file No. 2011/4: Threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*) in Turkey
- Recommendation No. 169 (2013) on the Rhone streber (*Zingel asper*) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) in the frame of a case-file on stand-by 2011/5: France / Switzerland
- Recommendation No. 175 (2015) of the Standing Committee, adopted on 4 December 2015, on the monitoring of the agreement concluded in the frame of complaint No. 2013/5 (Lithuania)
- Recommendation No.190 (2016) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, specially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland

PART V – COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMME OF WORK 2019

7. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAs AND ORGANISATIONS

8. AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY

9. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2019

10. STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 39TH MEETING

PART VI – OTHER ITEMS

- 11. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 39TH MEETING**
- 13. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 14. OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.45 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 6.00 pm
TUESDAY 27 November	
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THURSDAY 29 November

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FRIDAY 30 November

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Note: Room G4 (Agora building) will be free for EU co-ordination meetings (without interpretation).