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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS FOR THE
PAN-EUROPEAN ACTION PLAN FOR STURGEONS**

Strasbourg, 5 - 6 October 2022

Agora building, Room G06

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		Documents	Expected results
Wednesday 5 October			
9.30	1. Opening of the meeting	<p>List of National Focal Points for the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons T-PVS/Inf(2022)</p> <p>Recommendation No. 199 (2018) of the Standing Committee on the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon T-PVS(2018)09</p>	
	2. Adoption of the agenda	<p>Meeting agenda T-PVS/Agenda(2022)22 bis</p> <p>For adoption</p>	National Focal Points are informed of the aims of the meeting and adopt the agenda.
	3. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Focal Points for the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons	<p>For decision</p>	
	<p>4. The new IUCN Red list assessment – what changes for Europe?</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Arne Ludwig (Chair of the IUCN Sturgeon Specialist Group)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the results of the IUCN Red list assessment.</p>	<p>IUCN Red list assessment</p> <p>For information</p>	National Focal Points take note of the results of the IUCN Red list assessment.

	<p>5. Outcomes of the survey on the implementation of Recommendation No. 199 (2018) on the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Ralf Reinartz (consultant)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the outcomes of the survey carried out among range Contracting Parties on the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons and exchange views on possible follow up work.</p>	<p>Link to the online survey https://forms.gle/wEi5Q6KMj667Ws dE9</p> <p>Outcomes of the survey T-PVS/Inf(2022)49</p> <p>For information</p>	<p>National Focal Points take note of the outcomes of the survey and agree on a way forward for building on the findings.</p>
	<p>6. Oral report on the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the sturgeon by the National Focal Points of the range countries which did not reply to the survey</p> <p>National Focal Points report orally (5 minutes maximum) on the actions undertaken to implement the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons since its adoptions by the Standing Committee in 2018.</p>	<p>For information</p>	<p>National Focal Points take note of the state of implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons in range Contracting Parties.</p>
	<p>7. Gaps identified through the survey</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Ralf Reinartz (consultant)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the gaps in and obstacles to the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons reported by range Contracting Parties and exchange views on how fill them in and overcome them.</p>	<p>For information and discussion</p>	<p>National Focal Points agree on ways for addressing gaps in or overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons.</p>

	<p>8. Good practices identified through the survey</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Ralf Reinartz (consultant)</i></p> <p>Good practices reported by range Contracting Parties are showcased and National Focal Points exchange views on whether they could be replicated in other contexts.</p>	For information and discussion	National Focal Points consider the good practices showcased as a source of inspiration for stepping up the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons in their own national context.
	<p>9. Strengthening the role of International River and Regional Sea Conventions – fostering partnerships</p>		
	<p>9.a. Helcom Baltic Sea sturgeon Action Plan and its implementation</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Jörn Gessner, (Leibniz-Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the state of implementation of the Helcom Action Plan and exchange views on the extent to which lessons can be learned/drawn for the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons.</p>	For information and discussion	National Focal Points take note of the implementation of the Helcom Baltic Sea Sturgeon Action Plan and discuss how it could inspire new partnerships and regional initiatives.
	<p>9.b. Transboundary cooperation in the Danube: Sturgeon Strategy of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms Birgit Vogel (ICPDR)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the Sturgeon Strategy of the ICPDR and exchange views on the extent to which lessons can be learned/drawn for the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons.</p>	For information and discussion	National Focal Points take note of the Sturgeon Strategy of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River and discuss how it could inspire new partnerships and regional initiatives.

	<p>10. EU Policies Related to Sturgeon Conservation: Recent Developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Bringing nature back into our lives ✓ Proposal for a Nature Restoration Law ✓ Proposal for a revised Environmental Crime Directive ✓ Planned contract on supporting sturgeon conservation actions ✓ Feasibility study on making the Iron Gates dams passable for Danube sturgeon (WePass2) <p><i>Presentation by Mr Andras Bartal (DG ENVIRONMENT)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the EU policies contributing to the protection and conservation of sturgeons and of the call for project proposals launched by DG ENV.</p>	<p>For information</p>	<p>National Focal Points take note of the existing EU policies contributing to the protection and conservation of sturgeons and of the call for project proposals.</p>
	<p>11. LIFE projects for the conservation of Sturgeons</p>		
	<p>11.a. Boat to rescue four Danube sturgeon species from extinction (LIFE-Boat 4 Sturgeon)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Jakob Neuburg (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the implementation of the LIFE-Boat 4 Sturgeon project and exchange views on the extent to which lessons can be learned/drawn for the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons.</p>	<p>For information and discussion</p>	<p>National Focal Points take note of the objectives, expected results and methodology of the LIFE project “Boat to rescue four Danube sturgeon species from extinction” and discuss the extent to which they could contribute to / benefit from it.</p>
	<p>11.b. Sustainable protection of lower Danube sturgeons by preventing and counteracting poaching</p>		<p>National Focal Points take note of the objectives, expected results and methodology of the LIFE project</p>

	<p>and illegal wildlife trade (LIFE for Danube Sturgeons)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Ms Jutta Jahrl (WWF Austria)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the implementation of the LIFE for Danube Sturgeons project and exchange views on the extent to which lessons can be learned/drawn for the implementation of the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons.</p>	For information and discussion	<p>“Sustainable protection of lower Danube sturgeons by preventing and counteracting poaching and illegal wildlife trade” and discuss the extent to which they could contribute to / benefit from it.</p>
	<p>12. The French National Action Plan for Sturgeons (2020 – 2029)</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr Eric Rochard (INRAe)</i></p> <p>National Focal Points are informed of the implementation of the French National Action Plan for Sturgeons and exchange views on the extent to which it can inspire the elaboration of national action plans in other Contracting Parties.</p>	For information and discussion	<p>National Focal Points take note of the objectives, expected results and methodology of the French National Action Plan for Sturgeons (2020 – 2029) and discuss how it could inspire their own management practices.</p>
	<p>13. Possible next steps and identification of priority areas requiring specific attention</p>		
	<p>13.a. Break-out groups</p> <p>National Focal Points discuss in parallel working groups how to address the challenges faced by Contracting Parties with the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons and possible solutions to overcome them are proposed.</p>	For discussion	<p>Challenges refraining the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons and possible solutions at local, national and regional level are identified.</p>
	<p>13.b Feedback from the break-out groups</p> <p>Rapporteurs from the break-out groups report in the plenary on the outcomes of discussion.</p>		<p>National Focal Points take note of the conclusions of the parallel working groups and discuss the extent to which the Bern Convention could foster and support</p>

		For discussion and decision	the implementation local, national and regional solutions identified.
	13.c. Recommendations and next steps The general rapporteur wraps up the results of the discussions. National Focal Points exchange views on possible follow up work.	For discussion and decision	National Focal Points agree on and are committed to a timebound roadmap for the implementation of the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons.
	14. Date and place of the next meeting <i>Presentation by the Secretariat</i> Contracting Parties wishing to host the next meeting of the National Focal Points for the Pan-European Action Plan for Sturgeons are invited to inform the Secretariat.	For decision	The provisional venue and date of the next meeting are agreed on.
	15. Any other business		
	16. Conclusions of the meeting		
17.00	Thursday 6 October End of the meeting		