Strasbourg, 11th September 2020

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

Bureau meeting

15-16 September 2020
(Virtual meeting, opening: 9:00 am on 15th September)

DRAFT AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

   [T-PVS/2020/1 - Report of the 1st annual meeting of the Bureau, 7-8 April 2020]
   [T-PVS/2020/3 - Report of the extraordinary meeting of the Bureau, 22 June 2020]

2. FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION

   2.1. Inter-sessional working group on financing: state of play of the preparation of the proposals of funding the Convention and next steps

   [T-PVS/Inf(2020)03 - Proposals on financing the implementation of the work programme of the Bern Convention]
   [T-PVS/Inf(2020)04 – Explanatory notes]
   [T-PVS/Inf(2020)05 – Financial scenarios]

   2.2. State of play of the voluntary contributions received in 2020

   [Follow up table of the voluntary contributions received]

   2.3. Report on the use of the resources from the Special Account of the Bern Convention

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2020

   [T-PVS/Inf(2019)20 – Calendar of 2020 meetings]
   [T-PVS(2019)18 - Programme of Activities and budget for 2020]

   3.1. European Diploma for Protected Areas: state of play of appraisal visits

   [T-PVS/DE(2020)19 – List of the 2020 on-the-spot appraisal visits planned]
   [T-PVS/DE(2020)20 – List of the 2021 on-the-spot appraisal visits]

   3.2. Illegal killing of birds: state of play (IKB Scoreboard and Rome Strategic Plan)

   3.3. Invasive Alien Species: state of play (Communication and IAS, E-Commerce and IAS, Study on Alien Pathogens)

   3.4. Setting-up of the Emerald Network: state of play and ongoing activities in 2020
a. Meeting of the Group of experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks, October 2020

b. Emerald Network Viewer
c. Sufficiency index and online barometer
d. Comparative legal studies on Emerald Network candidate and adopted sites
e. Belarus Action Plan

3.5. Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on conservation status of species and habitats: state of play of the assessment of the reports submitted

3.6. Review of the European Plant Conservation Strategy

3.7. Pan-European Action Plan for the conservation of the Sturgeon

4. 40TH STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

4.1. Draft Agenda

4.2. Draft Programme of Activities 2020-2021

5. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND VISIBILITY OF THE CONVENTION

5.1. World Forum for Democracy, 16-18 November – state of play

5.2. Communication Campaign

6. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION

6.1. Biennial reporting request and submissions

6.2. Online reporting system (ORS)

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION: CASE-FILES

7.1. Open files

- 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: North Macedonia: Hydro power development within the territory of Mavrovo National Park

2016/5: Albania: Presumed negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Vjosa river

2016/4: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site

7.2. Possible files

2001/4: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge

2017/01: Norway: Lack of legal protection for Northern goshawk and birds of prey

1986/8: Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of Caretta Caretta in Laganas bay, Zakynthos

7.3. Complaints on stand-by

2011/5: Switzerland/France: Threats to the Rhone streber (Zingel asper) in the Doubs (France) and in the canton of Jura (Switzerland) and follow-up of Recommendation No. 169 (2013)

2014/3: Serbia: Presumed deliberate killing of birds & 2016/3: Alleged deliberate killing of birds of prey
2014/8: Greece: Presumed large-scale exploitation and marketing of protected marine shelled molluscs

2017/3: Serbia: Possible negative impact of a harbor’s construction on the confluence of the Sava into the Danube

2017/6: Iceland: Possible negative impact on Breiðafjörður Nature Reserve’s authentic birch woods from new road infrastructure

2018/1: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site “Polonina Borzhava” (UA0000263) from wind energy development

7.4. Other complaints

2018/5: Ukraine: Alleged threats to the Emerald Network sites Skhidnyi Svydovets, Marmaroski ta Chvyychyno-Hryniavski Hory and Carpathian biosphere Reserve

2018/6: Belarus: Presumed threats to Emerald Network sites Olmansiye bolota (BY0000012) and Topila Bog (BY0000083)

2019/01: Ukraine: Possible negative effects of hydrocarbons extraction in four Emerald sites in Donetsk-Kharkiv region

2019/02: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald site Zatoky (UA0000214) from windfarm developments

2019/03: Ukraine: Presumed threats to Emerald site Cholhynskyi (UA0000178) from windfarm developments

2019/04: United Kingdom: Badger Culling Policy in England

2019/05: Turkey: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach
2019/07: Turkey: Alleged negative impact from the construction of Ilisu Dam HPP

[TPVS/files(2020)44 - Government Report]
[TPVS/files(2020)25 - Complainant Report]

2020/01: Ukraine: Recognising Horbachykha as a protected area to save it from residential developments

[TPVS/files(2020)27 – Complaint Form]

2020/02: Ukraine: Logging threats to the Black Tysa River in Emerald Network site "Marmaroski ta Chyvchyno-Hryniavski Hory" (UA0000117)

[TPVS/files(2020)28 – Complaint Form]

2020/03: Ukraine: Presumed threat to Emerald Network site “Bugzkyi Gard National Nature Park” (UA0000040)

[TPVS/files(2020)29 – Complaint Form]

2020/04: Armenia: The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on Emerald Network sites

[TPVS/files(2020)32 - Complaint Form]
[TPVS/files(2020)50 - Complainant Report]

2020/05: United Kingdom: Lack of protection of the Scottish Wildcat (Felis silvestris)

[TPVS/files(2020)35 – Complaint Form]

8. FOLLOW UP ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS AND CASE-FILES

Closed file 2013/5: presumed impact of a construction of overhead power line (ohl) in an environmentally sensitive area in the Lithuanian – Polish borderland


Closed file No. 2011/4: Threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (Monachus monachus) in Turkey

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS