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Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on the conservation status of species and habitats

Webinar on Favourable Reference Values, Habitat Condition and Future Prospects

7 May 2025 (10.00 – 14.30 CEST)
(*online meeting*)

- ABRIDGED MEETING REPORT -

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1. Opening of the webinar by the Secretariat

Mr Mikaël Poutiers, Secretary of the Bern Convention, opened the webinar, welcoming participants.

He highlighted that some gaps and lack of data were identified in the previous reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) of the Bern Standing Committee. After analysis of the data gaps, experts detected that most of them reflected the difficulty to interpret difficult concepts such as FRV, habitats condition and future trends. In fact, many countries didn't have a clear view of what was expected from them. The webinar was therefore organised to help participants in this exercise, and share practical views from countries with more experience.

2. Favourable Reference Values

As a general introduction to the issue, Mr Otars Opermanis, Independent Expert, informed participants of the concept of Favourable Reference Values (FRV): theory, observations and examples from Latvia to illustrate a reference-based approach, a mode-based approach and an alternative approach for species.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Ms. Jem Powell, Biodiversity Data Coordinator (UK) presented her country's approach on setting FRV for habitats.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Ms Tamara Kirin, Senior Advisor, presented Croatia's approach on setting FRV for habitats.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

3. Habitat Condition

As a general introduction to the issue, Ms Laura Gavilan, Independent Expert, informed participants of the concept of Habitat Condition, and in the variables to be considered to evaluate this parameter, with particular attention to mires & fens, grasslands, heaths and scrubs and forests.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Ms Zelmira Gaudillat, Project manager, made a presentation on the evaluation structure and functions of forests habitats in France using data from national forest inventory.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Ms Tamara Kirin, Senior Advisor, presented the condition of the habitat in Croatia.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Mr Mario Gómez Llorente, Head of the Technical Section in the Protected Areas Unit, presented the Spanish methodological approach on habitat condition, with a special focus on lentic ecosystems (Inland Standing waters).

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Mr Scott Hardy, Senior Biodiversity Advisor, presented the UK's approach to Habitat Condition.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

4. Future Prospects

Ms Laura Gavilan, Independent Expert, made a general presentation of the issue of future prospects, in particular future trends for each parameter, future prospects of each parameter, and an overall assessment of future prospects, with the example of *Eryngium alpinum* L.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Mr Mario Gómez Llorente, Head of the Technical Section in the Protected Areas Unit, presented, as future prospects, the Spanish methodological approach on pressures and threats on lentic habitat types.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

Ms Tamara Kirin, Senior Advisor, presented future prospects for habitats in Croatia.

The slides of the expert's presentation are available [here](#).

5. Any other business

Ms Laura Gavilan, Independent Expert, explained that she is finalising the templates to be used for uploading information to Reportnet 3. They should be ready for publication online before the summer.

She also recalled that the 8th meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Reporting will be held early November (date and place to be confirmed), back-to-back with a training course on the new EEA's reporting platform Reportnet 3 for non-EU Contracting Parties.

6. Conclusions of the webinar

Mr Mikaël Poutiers, Secretary of the Bern Convention, thanked all speakers and the participants for their active contribution to the webinar, and closed the meeting.

Annex I: Draft agenda

		Documents	Expected results
Wednesday 7 May 2025			
10.00	1. Opening of the webinar by the Secretariat		
10.10 – 11.20	2. Favourable Reference Values <i>Presentation by Mr Otars Opermanis</i> <i>Participants are informed of the concept of Favourable Reference Values and presented examples of Latvia to illustrate a reference-based approach, a mode-based approach and an alternative approach. The UK's approach on setting FRV. Croatia approach on setting FRV for habitat types.</i>	For discussion	Participants become more familiar with the concept of Favourable Reference Values and take note of the approach and examples from Latvia, the UK and Croatia.
11.20 – 12.30	3. Habitat Condition <i>Presentation by Ms Laura Gavilan</i> <i>Participants are informed of the concept of Habitat Condition, with particular attention to mires & fens, grasslands, heaths and scrubs and forests. Presentation of the approach and examples of Spain, France (Forested habitats), Croatia and the UK.</i>	For discussion	Participants become more familiar with the concept of Habitat Condition and take note of the approach and examples from Spain, France, Croatia and the UK.
12.30 – 13.00	Break		

13.00 – 14.10	4. Future Prospects <i>Presentation by Ms Laura Gavilan</i> <i>Participants are informed of the concept of Future Prospects.</i> <i>Presentations of the approach and examples of Spain and Croatia.</i>	For discussion	Participants become more familiar with the concept of Future Trends and take note of the approach and examples from Spain and Croatia.
	5. Any other business		
	6. Conclusions of the webinar		
14.30	Wednesday 7 May 2025 End of the webinar		

Annex II: List of Participants

EXPERTS	
Armenia	Mr Hakob MATEVOSYAN Deputy head of the Department of specially protected areas and biodiversity department, Ministry of Environment
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mr Dejan RADOSEVIC Bern Convention National Focal Point for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Head of department for biodiversity, Republic Institute for Protection of cultural, historical and nature heritage of Republic of Srpska
Croatia	Ms Tamara KIRIN Senior Advisor
France	Ms Zelmira GAUDILLAT Project manager
Georgia	Ms Salome NOZADZE Chief Biodiversity Specialist, National Focal point
Liechtenstein	Mr Oliver MÜLLER National Focal Point
Republic of Moldova	Ms Elisaveta ALEXANDROV Senior Consultant Mr Vasile BÎRSAN Senior Consultant, Nature Conservation and Biosafety Policies Department, Ministry of Environment Ms Veronica JOSU National Focal Point for Bern Convention, Main Advisory Officer, Department on Biodiversity Policy, Ministry of Environment Dr Ion MARIN Environmental consultant
Monaco	Ms Astrid CLAUDEL RUSIN Head of Section, Environment Department, Department of Public Works, the Environment and Town Planning, Ministry of State
Morocco	Dr Latifa SIKLI Ecology and Conservation of Fauna and Flora Service at ANEF
Norway	Mr Balint CZUCZ Senior Researcher / Norwegian Institute for Nature Research Mr Tomas HOLMERN Senior advisor
Serbia	Mr Ivan MEDENICA Head of section for Ecological Network Ms Snezana PROKIC Head of Department for Ecological Network and Appropriate Assessment, Ministry of Environmental Protection
Spain	Mr Mario GÓMEZ LLORENTE Head of Technical Section - Protected Areas Unit
Switzerland	Dr Raymond DELARZE Consultant Dr Ilya DZIOMBER Data Scientist

	<p>Dr Heike HOFMANN Responsible for bryophyte database of Switzerland</p> <p>Dr Hubert KRÄTTLI Director bat foundation Switzerland</p> <p>Mr Adrian MÖHL Responsible conservation</p> <p>Ms Lara VOLERY Coordinator of the reporting for Switzerland</p>
Türkiye	<p>Dr Burak TATAR Senior Specialist Directorate General of Nature Conservation and National Parks Department of Wildlife Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry</p>
United Kingdom	<p>Mr Scott HARDY Senior Biodiversity Advisor</p> <p>Ms. Jem POWELL Biodiversity Data Coordinator</p>

INVITED SPEAKERS	
	<p>Ms Laura GAVILAN IGLESIAS Independent Expert</p>
	<p>Mr Otars OPERMANIS Independent Expert</p>
	<p>Mr Marc ROEKAERTS Independent Expert</p>

COUNCIL OF EUROPE SECRETARIAT	
<p>Directorate of Social Rights, Health and Environment</p> <p>Bern Convention</p>	<p>Mr Mikaël POUTIERS Secretary of the Bern Convention</p>