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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

34th meeting
Strasbourg, 2-5 December 2014

Opening of the meeting: 9:30 am Tuesday 2nd December 2014, Room 5

DRAFT 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**

PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS

- 3. MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION**
 - 3.1 Biennial reports 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2011-2012 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 and quadrennial reports 2009 - 2012¹

¹ For information only

PART III - INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

4. LAUNCH OF THE BERN CONVENTION ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM

- 4.1 Presentation of the ORS and reminder of its main features

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5. MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5.1 Invasive Alien Species

- a. Meeting of the Select Group of Experts on IAS
- b. Improving communication on Invasive Alien Plants: update on the co-operation with the EPPO
- c. Implementation of the Code of Conduct on Hunting and IAS: monitoring study prepared by the FACE and IAF
- d. Monitoring of the European Strategy for the eradication of the ruddy duck (Side event)

5.2 Conservation of Birds

5.2.1 *Eradication of illegal killing, trapping and trade of wild birds*

- a. Report of the 1st Meeting of the Special Focal Points for illegal killing of birds
- b. Follow-up to the Tunis Action Plan 2020 - Draft recommendation

5.2.2 *Conservation of threatened birds*

- a. Draft Action Plan for the recovery and reintroduction of the Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

5.3 Conservation of other threatened Species

- a. Caucasian Cat Summit: information on the outcomes of the meeting
- b. Conservation of the Leopard in the Caucasus: information on the outcomes of the meeting
- c. Marine Turtle conservation training
- d. Dealing with wolf-dog hybrids: Draft recommendation

5.4 8th Meeting of the Group of Experts on Climate Change and biodiversity

- a. Outcomes of the 8th Meeting of the Group of Experts and steps forward

5.5 Habitats

5.5.1 *Protected Areas and Ecological Networks*

- a. Report of the 6th meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks and future work plan
- b. Draft revised Annex 1 to Resolution No. 4 (1996) listing endangered natural habitats and draft Recommendation interpreting certain provisions of Resolution No. 6 (1998) listing species requiring habitat conservation

5.5.2 *European Diploma for Protected Areas*

- a. Report of the meeting of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas and adopted Resolutions
- b. Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the European Diploma for Protected Areas: progress report

PART V – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6. SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6.1 Preliminary considerations: pending complaints denouncing exclusively the possible impact of badgers culling policies

6.2 Files opened

- 2004/1: Ukraine: Proposed navigable waterway in the Bystroe Estuary (Danube delta)
- 1995/6: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
- 2004/2: Bulgaria: Wind farms in Balchik and Kaliakra –Via Pontica
- 2007/1: Italy: Eradication and trade of the American grey squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)
- 2012/9: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs (Turkey)

6.3 Possible files

- 2011/4: Turkey: threat to the Mediterranean monk seal (*Monachus monachus*)
- 2012/3: Possible spread of the American mink (*Neovison vison*) in Poland
- 2013/1: Hydropower development within the territory of Mavrovo National Park (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”)
- 2013/5: Presumed impact of the construction of an Overhead Power Line in an environmentally sensitive area in the Lithuanian-Polish border
- 2013/8: Abusive eradication of badgers (*Meles meles*) in France, in presumed violation of Appendix IV

6.4 On-the-spot appraisal

- 2010/5: Greece: threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias : report of the on-the-spot appraisal and draft recommendation

6.5 Follow-up of previous Recommendations

- Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach (Turkey)
- Recommendation No. 144 (2009) on the wind park in Smøla (Norway) and other wind farm developments in Norway
- Recommendation No. 96 (2002) on conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, especially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland
- Recommendation No. 110 (2004) on minimising adverse effects of above-ground electricity transmission facilities (power lines) on birds
- Recommendation No. 25 (1991) on the conservation of natural areas outside protected areas proper

PART VI – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

7. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONVENTION

7.1 International coordination with other MEAs and organisations

7.2 Implementation of the CBD Strategic Plan for biodiversity: the contribution of the Bern Convention

7.3 Draft Programme of Activities for 2015

7.4 States to be invited as observers to the 35th meeting

PART VII - OTHER ITEMS

- 8. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS**
- 9. DATE AND PLACE OF THE 35TH MEETING**
- 10. ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING**
- 11. OTHER BUSINESS (ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

DRAFT PLAN FOR DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA

MORNINGS 9.30 am - 12.30 pm	AFTERNOONS 2.30 - 5.30 pm
TUESDAY 2 December	
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WEDNESDAY 3 December	
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THURSDAY 4 December**7. Strategic development of the Convention**

- 7.1 International coordination with other MEAs and organisations
- 7.2 Implementation of the CBD Strategic Plan
- 7.3 Draft Programme of Activities for 2015
- 7.4 States to be invited as observers to the 35th meeting

Continuation of unfinished work

FRIDAY 5 December**8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and Bureau members****9. Date and place of the 35th meeting****10. Adoption of the main decisions of the meeting****11. Other business**

Note: Room 6 will be free for EU co-ordination meetings (without interpretation).