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**NEW PROPOSALS FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2021-2023**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

Summary:

This document summarizes proposals for the designation of species for Concerted Actions submitted for consideration by the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13). The full text of all supporting statements is being made available to COP13 as separate documents.

The Conference of the Parties is expected to review the proposals and make decisions regarding their approval or rejection.

## NEW PROPOSALS FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2021-2023

### Background

1. [Resolution 12.28](#) on Concerted Actions encourages the submission of proposals for Concerted Actions by Parties, the Scientific Council, the Secretariat and other stakeholders using the format provided in Annex 2 to the Resolution.
2. By the deadline of 19 September 2019, twelve new proposals concerning a total of 21 species were received by the Secretariat. The supporting statements are being made available as separate documents (UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.2.x).
3. Three of the proposals submitted concern nine species (Scimitar-horned Oryx, Addax, Dama Gazelle, Slender-horned Gazelle, Dorcas Gazelle, Red-fronted Gazelle, Barbary Sheep, Irrawaddy Dolphin, South Asian River Dolphin) which had been designated for Concerted Actions before COP12, but for which details concerning the objectives and proposed conservation action were not provided when they were designated (see document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28 for details). For these species, the proposals aim therefore to confirm the designation for the triennium 2021-2023 and to define the conservation action to be undertaken under the designation, as prescribed by Resolution 12.28.
4. Nine proposals concern thirteen species (Chimpanzee, Asian Elephant, Giraffe, Cuvier's Gazelle, Harbour Porpoise, Polar Bear, Great Indian Bustard, Bengal Florican, Antipodean Albatross, Common Guitarfish, Largetooth Sawfish, Smalltooth Sawfish, Bottlenose Wedgefish) presently not designated for Concerted Actions.
5. In the case of the Asian Elephant, Great Indian Bustard and Bengal Florican, the species are currently not listed on the CMS Appendices, while proposals for their inclusion in Appendix I have been submitted to COP13 for consideration. A possible designation of these species for Concerted Actions is therefore subject to a COP13 decision to include the species in the Appendices.
6. The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC4) is expected to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on the merit of the designation of the species for Concerted Action and on the proposed conservation actions. ScC-SC4 recommendations concerning each proposal will be appended to the respective COP13 document as addendums.
7. COP13 is expected to decide on the designation of the species for Concerted Actions and the endorsement of the proposed conservation activities. Species not already included will be added to the list of species designated for Concerted Actions included in Annex 3 to Resolution 12.28.

### Recommended actions

8. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
  - a) review the proposals for Concerted Actions included in documents UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.2.1 to UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.28.2.12;
  - b) make decisions regarding the approval or rejection of each of the proposals.