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### Overview of the status of Small-scale Projects Financed by the CMS Trust Fund

1. The table attached to this note have been prepared to inform the Scientific Council about progress made with respect to small-scale projects funded by the Convention Trust Fund. Part I of the table presents the status of projects currently ongoing, or which were in progress at the time of the eleventh Meeting of the Scientific Council (Bonn, September 2002). The table provides *inter alia* a description of the expected outputs, the use that was made of them, and the status of each project with regard to completion of the *substantive* outputs. Part II lists new projects recommended by the Scientific Council for which definite plans and/or concrete expectations exist as regards their implementation in 2004-2005.
2. The Conference of the Parties at its Seventh Meeting (COP7, Bonn, September 2002) decided to withdraw \$500,000 from the CMS Trust Fund for implementation of conservation projects in 2003-2005.
3. Since ScC11/COP7, about US\$ 428,595<sup>1</sup> was obligated to a total of 14 projects<sup>2</sup>. Of these, US\$ 211,690 concern nine<sup>3</sup> projects approved by the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Council, and their funding draws on unspent resources allocated by COP6 to support conservation measures. Approximately US\$ 216,905 has been obligated to support five<sup>4</sup> projects recommended for funding by ScC11 (report of the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CMS Scientific Council, Annex X, document CMS/ScC12/Inf.1). Expenditure of this money has been against the amounts set by COP7 in support of conservation measures.

The table below summarizes the allocation of funds for projects already started in 2003, and the estimated allocation of funds for projects recommended by ScC11 and already expected to materialize in 2004-2005 (part II of the attached table).

<sup>1</sup> It is not possible to provide an exact figure in US dollars, as part of the funds has been obligated in Euros, and their equivalent in dollars is subject to the fluctuating exchange rate.

<sup>2</sup> These fourteen projects actually correspond to eighteen projects recommended by the CMS Scientific Council. Six different projects singled out by the Council have been merged down to two projects with a view to enhancing co-ordination and administrative efficiency.

<sup>3</sup> Formerly ten projects before the merging of projects mentioned in note 2.

<sup>4</sup> Formerly eight projects before the merging of projects mentioned in note 2.

	Amount (USD)
<b>1/ Funds already committed for project activities started in 2003</b>	216,905
<b>2/ Funds allocated to projects expected to be implemented in 2004-2005</b>	157,000
TOTAL 1 + 2	373,905
<b>3/ Total amount allocated by COP7 for conservation projects in 2003-2005</b>	500,000
BALANCE (3 - (1 + 2))	126,095

**Action Requested:**

The Scientific Council is invited to take note of the report by the Secretariat and to provide further guidance on the use of remaining resources, considering the new project proposals received (CMS/ScC12/Doc.16) and taking into account its relevant recommendations at ScC11 (as reflected in Annex X of ScC11 report).

**PART I: Status of projects currently ongoing or which were already underway at the time of ScC11 (as at 18 March 2004)**

(English only)

	Project title	Original budget (US\$)	Main Expected activities/outputs/results	Use of outputs	Implementing Agency / Consultant	Timetable			Comments
						Actual [Expected] Start	Expected End	Status of substantive outputs	
<b>BIRDS</b>									
1	Drafting of an Action Plan for Houbara Bustard XW/1200-98-04-1220	13,500	<b>Activities</b> - Elaboration of a draft Action plan - Review of existing draft - Organization of a Range State	- Draft Agreement and AP expected to be the working basis of the negotiation meeting	- IUCN/ELC - NCWCD	07/1997	Following Range State meeting	Open	Range State meeting has yet to be convened by NCWCD.
2	Research on the effects of near-surface and deep-sea fishing on albatross mortality and their mitigation in Uruguayan waters MS/6105-84-03-2201	10,000	<b>Activities</b> - Assessment of Albatross by-catch in fisheries - Study of methods to minimize by-catch - Advice to Uruguayan authorities on mitigation measures <b>Outputs</b> - Report		DGRN - Uruguay	04/1998	04/1999	Final report outstanding	Activities completed.
3	Secretariat services to the Slender-billed Curlew working group (2001-2002) MS/6020-01-01-2202	20,000	<b>Activities</b> - Update and distribute BLI database on the S-bC - Organize a meeting of the WG - Produce draft revised Action Plan - Cooperate in organizing the MoU Range State meeting <b>Outputs</b> - Revised Dbase and AP - Report of Working Group meeting; Final report	- Dbase to be made available to interested persons - Recommendation of the WG submitted to the Sc. Council for advice	BirdLife International	02/2001	Beg. 2002	Completed	
4	Survey for the Slender-billed Curlew in coastal areas along the Black Sea in Ukraine MS/6020-01-01-2203	14,820	<b>Activities</b> - Observer training workshop - Site monitoring - Translation/publication in Russian of the S-BC observation protocol <b>Outputs</b> - Trained observers; report; translated protocol	Translated observation protocol to be distributed in Russia and neighbouring countries	BirdLife International	02/2001	12/2001	Completed	
5	Promotion of the conservation of the Eastern Sarus Crane and the habitats on which they depend in Cambodia MS/6020-01-01-2208	19,500	<b>Activities</b> - Obtain relevant geographic information - Conduct aerial and ground surveys - Liaise with conservation persons in Cambodia <b>Outputs</b> - Digital database and map of resources found during aerial survey - List of recommended areas where conservation action is needed - Final report		International Crane Foundation (ICF)	02/2001	04/2002	Completed	

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6	Support to Range States in the implementation of activities identified under the CMS MoU concerning Conservation Measures for the Siberian Crane MS/6020-01-01-2208	8,000	<b>Activities</b> - Establishment of e-mail distribution list - Exchange of newsletters and publications - Publication of Siberian Crane newsletter (annual) - Development of database and Website - Satellite tracking of 2 cranes <b>Results</b> - Improved coordination of flyway activities - Improved awareness among stakeholders - Improved data collection and dissemination - Improved information on Siberian crane migration		International Crane Foundation (ICF)	02/2002	03/2003	Final report outstanding	
7	Threatened migratory Grassland birds in Argentina: an approach to habitat use at local and landscape scales MS/6020-01-01-2216	11,700	<b>Activities</b> - Compilation of existing data - Field survey - Data analysis - Drafting of Action Plan for grassland birds <b>Outputs</b> - Report on the status of considered species - Action Plan - Scientific papers		Aves Argentinas / Asociación Ornitológica del Plata	05/2002	05/2003	- Activities completed - Draft final report received	Project recommended by ScC10
8	Status overview and recommendations for <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i> Central Asian population MS/6020-01-01-2221	25,000	<b>Activities</b> - Field survey for the species - Compilation of existing information on the status of the population <b>Outputs</b> - Report - Elements of an action plan for the species		Wetlands International - Asia Pacific	02/2002	12/2002	Completed	Project recommended by ScC10
9	Conservation of the Ferruginous Duck <i>Aythya nyroca</i> MSL-2236-2226-2661-223000	14,525	<b>Activities</b> - Survey of the species in Bulgaria - Compilation of review report - Updating and geographic extension of existing Action Plan - Organization of international workshop - Development of a website <b>Outputs</b> - Report - Status report of world population - Action Plan - Web site		- BirdLife International - BSPB	05/2002	05/2003	- Draft Status report produced - Web site established - Proceeding of International Workshop published - Action Plan pending	Project co-funded by AEWA in co-ordination with CMS. Recommended by ScC10

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10	Concerted actions for the conservation and management of <i>C. rubidiceps</i> in Argentina and Chile MSL-2236-2226-2661-221700	23,900	<b>Activities</b> - Surveys of breeding and wintering areas - Regional networking and support to development of MoU - Development of Water Management Plan for critical nesting site (San Gregorio) - Fencing of nesting area - Information and education <b>Outputs/results</b> - Improved population estimate for the species - Water Management Plan for San Gregorio - Protection of critical nesting sites		Wetlands International	11/2002	12/2003	Final report received	Recommended by ScC10
11	Studies of waterbirds, water levels, and aquatic food plants as a basis for conservation of threatened wetlands at Poyang Lake, China MSD/6020-01-01-2220	14,500	<b>Activities</b> - Field sampling and monitoring - Establishment of database - Capacity building for project staff <b>Outputs/results</b> - Database + user manual - Interim and final reports		International Crane foundation	03/2003	12/2003	Final report received	Recommended by ScC11
12	Conservation of the Saffron-cowled Blackbird <i>Xanthopsas flavus</i> MSL-2236-2226-2661-222200	12,840	<b>Activities</b> - Survey of breeding areas - Study of seasonal movements by banding and marking techniques - Information and awareness <b>Outputs/results</b> - Information brochure - Report		Asociacion Guyra Paraguay	04/2003	12/2003	Draft final report received	Recommended by ScC10
13	Support to development of a MoU and Action Plan for the Aquatic Warbler <i>A. paludicola</i> MSL-2236-2226-2661-223100	10,000	<b>Activities</b> - Organization of a Meeting of Range States aimed at finalizing the existing draft MoU and Action Plan, including * Preparation of meeting documents * Development and maintenance of mailing list * Assistance to Secretariat during the meeting and in the finalization of its outputs <b>Outputs/results</b> - Meeting documents - Mailing list - Finalized MoU and Action Plan - Final report	Working docs to provide input to meeting. MoU and AP to provide framework for transboundary cooperation in the conservation of the species	BLI, RSPB	12/2002	07/2003	Working docs prepared and submitted to the meeting. MoU and AP finalized and adopted.	Meeting successfully held 29-30 April 2003 in Minsk, Belarus. MoU signed and entered into effect. Recommended by ScC10

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14	Implementing Priority Actions for the conservation of the High Andes flamingos	25,000	<b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Satellite tracking of Andean flamingos</li> <li>- Site identification and mapping</li> <li>- Design and implementation of a monitoring plan at key sites</li> <li>- Meeting with Peruvian authorities</li> </ul> <b>Outputs/results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report</li> <li>- Improved knowledge of migratory pattern and habitat use of AF</li> <li>- Peru to join transboundary initiatives for conservation AF</li> </ul>		Corporation National Forestal (CONAF), Chile	07/2003	06/2004	Interim report received	Recommended by ScC10
15	Catching operation for locating wintering areas for Lesser White-fronted Geese ( <i>Anser erythropus</i> ) migrating through Kazakhstan by means of satellite telemetry	22,000	<b>Activites</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catching of LwfG in Kazakhstan, and deployment of satellite transmitters</li> <li>- Elaboration and analysis of satellite transmitter data</li> </ul> <b>Outputs/Results</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report</li> <li>- Scientific papers</li> <li>- Identification of stopover and wintering sites of LwfG south of Kazakhstan</li> </ul>		Norwegian Ornithological Society	06/2003	08/2005	Interim report received	Catching operations in Kazakhstan failed; to be repeted in autumn 2004 in Norway.  Recommended by ScC10
<b>MAMMALS</b>									
16	Building of an observatory for the study and observation of the Huelmul Deer ( <i>Hippocamelus bisulcus</i> ) MS/1200-98-04-2225	27,430	<b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EIA</li> <li>- Design, building and equipment of the observatory</li> <li>- Training of personnel</li> </ul> <b>Outputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Observatory in place</li> <li>- Report</li> </ul>		Fundacion Vida Silvestre Argentina	11/1999	4/2000	Final report and terminal financial report pending.	Building of the observatory completed.
17	Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes survey in Chad MS/6020-01-01-2207	25,000	<b>Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vehicle surveys to estimate antelope presence and abundance</li> <li>- Evaluate habitat quality and impacts</li> <li>- Disseminate information to stakeholders</li> <li>- Develop plans for <i>in situ</i> conservation and re-introduction</li> </ul> <b>Outputs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report</li> <li>- Conservation and re-introduction plans</li> </ul>		CRCF	09/2001	01/2002	Completed	Recommended by ScC10

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18	Development of Concerted Actions for the conservation of Sahelo-Saharan antelopes MSL-2236-2459-2661-220600	89,000 –	<b>Activities</b> - Coordination of actions in the framework of CMS/FFEM project - Establishment of geographical dbase, information system and web site - Plan development for <i>in situ</i> conservation and reintroduction in Chad, Libya and Senegal <b>Outputs</b> - Database, Information System and website - Conservation and re-introduction plans - Interim and final reports		Royal Institute of Natural Sciences Belgium (IRSNB)	01/2003	12/2003	Final report and final financial report expected	Originating from the merging of 4 different projects recommended for funding by ScC11.
<b>AQUATIC MAMMALS &amp; LARGE FISHES</b>									
19	Survey of dolphin population in Timor and Arafura Seas (Australia - Indonesia) MS/1200-98-04-2231	70,000	<b>Activities</b> - Observer training workshop - Ship based survey - Biopsy sampling and Analysis <b>Outputs</b> - Report - Locational Dbase and GIS		Contractor: Environment Australia Implementation: WWF	[07/2000]	09/2003	Report pending	First survey and workshop undertaken. Second survey carried out in June 2003.
20	Survey of the Exploitation, Distribution and Natural History of Cetaceans in Ghana and Togo MS/6020-01-01-2205	26,250	<b>Activities</b> - Monitor fish landings in selected harbours in Ghana and Togo - Training sessions for observers - Conduct necropsies and collect biological samples - Explore potential for the establishment of a specialized NGO <b>Outputs</b> - Final report, including original scientific results - Scientific papers to be presented in specialized scientific fora and magazines - Setting-up of Cetacean reference collections in Ghana and Togo		Marine Education and Research (Principal investigator: K. Van Waerebeek)	09/2001	04/2002	Final report received	
21	Second International Conference on Marine Mammals in South-East Asia MS/6020-01-01-2225	40,000	<b>Activities</b> - Organization of * 2-days Symposium * 3-days workshop - Preparation of working documents <b>Outputs</b> - Symposium Proceedings - Workshop report - Draft Action Plan for the conservation of marine mammals in South-East Asia - Draft regional Agreement		Silliman University (Philippines) in collaboration with SWFSC - USA	01/2002	11/2002	Completed. Report being published in the CMS technical series	Recommended by ScC10

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22	Workshop on the conservation status and research priorities of Aquatic Mammals in Latin America MSL-2236-2226-2661-222700	10,000	<b>Activities</b> - Organization of the workshop - Preparation of working documents - Preparation of the Proceedings of the Workshop <b>Outputs</b> - Working documents - Workshop proceeding - Interim and final reports	Working documents provided input to the workshop	Universidad Austral de Chile	09/2002	04/2003	Report of the workshop received	Workshop held in Valdivia, Chile, 18-19 Oct. 2002.
23	Abundance estimation, habitat use and stock identity of the franciscana, <i>P. blainvillei</i> MSL-2236-2226-2661-221400	34,500	<b>Activities</b> - Aerial survey to obtain abundance estimates - Study of habitat use and behaviour - Genetic analysis for stock determination - Workshop with authorities and press release <b>Outputs</b> - New data on the species - Report		Fundacion Vida Silvestre Argentina (FVSA)	11/2002	01/2005	Interim report received	Recommended by ScC10
24	Survey of the marine otter <i>Lontra felina</i> and Humboldt penguin <i>Spheniscus humboldti</i> populations in the Peruvian Southern coast MSL-2236-2226-2661-221800 MSL-2236-2226-2661-221900	20,000	<b>Activities</b> - Survey of southern Peruvian coast for presence and abundance of the species - Workshop with Chilean and Peruvian scientists <b>Outputs/results</b> - Population estimate for the species - Basis for establishment of a monitoring programme and of a network of protected areas - Basis for a possible Agreement under CMS for the species		Peruvian Association for conservation of Nature (APECO)	01/2003	05/2003	Final report pending	Originating from the merging of two separate project proposals recommended by ScC10.
25	Training Course for South Asian Scientists and Assessment of Coastal Cetacean Populations in the Bay of Bengal	38,000	<b>Activities</b> - training course on cetacean population and catch assessment techniques - vessel-based surveys in Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka - Investigations on incidental and direct catches <b>Outputs/Results</b> - Reports and peer-reviewed publications - Popular publications - Establishment of a network of well-trained scientists in the Bay of Bengal - Increased awareness on cetaceans issues among government officials and NGOs		- Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCCS) - Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)	09/2003	12/2005	Ongoing	Survey in Bangladesh undertaken

MARINE TURTLES									
26	Marine turtle by-catch survey and Olive ridley tagging programme (Sri Lanka)  MS/1200-98-04-2230 (LoA)	24,000	<b>Activities</b> - Train monitors to collect turtle entanglement data - Carry out tagging program in Gulf of Mannar <b>Outputs</b> - Action plan to minimize by-catch in Sri Lankan waters - New data on species distribution and habitat - Report	Starting point for implementation of activities at national level to minimize by-catch	Turtle Conservation Project (TCP) (Principal Investigator: T. Kapurusinghe)	07/1999	10/2000	Completed	
27	Studies to elucidate migration and genetics of Indo-Pacific marine turtles MS/1200-98-04-2231 (LoA)	40,000	<b>Activities</b> - Sample tissue from major rookeries, analyse genetic data <b>Outputs</b> - Genetic characterisation of major regional rookeries - Report	In combination with other data (eg from tagging), outputs should allow an estimate of which stocks may be adversely affected by human activities	University of Queensland (Principal Investigator: C. Moritz)	03/2000	01/2001	Completed	
28	Study of the distribution and migration pattern of the Green turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> ) population nesting at Poilão, Guinea Bissau MS/6020-01-01-2212	15,000	<b>Activities</b> - Apply satellite transmitters on nesting females - Data processing - Setting up of a website of the project <b>Outputs</b> - Technical report - Scientific publications - Website - Communications to scientific symposia - Press releases	Identification of the migration pattern and foraging ground of the nesting population of Poilão is expected to allow the identification and implementation of a co-ordinated management of the population	Marine turtle Research Group, University of Wales, Swansea (MTRG-UWS)	07/2001	12/2002	Completed	CMS contribution was matched by other sponsors.  Recommended by ScC10
29	Marine Turtle Information Mapping System: Indian Ocean - Australasian region (Phase II) MSL/2236-2226-2661-221300	53,450	<b>Activities</b> - Database development and management - Development of GIS Internet Map Server and browser - Development of Web site interface <b>Outputs</b> - Database - Internet Map Server and browser - Web page - Reports		UNEP-WCMC	02/2003	12/2003	Information mapping system available online from the IOSEA website	Constitutes the second phase of a previous CMS-sponsored project  Recommended by ScC10.
30	Conservation of Sea Turtles along the coast of Peru MSL-2236-2459-2661-220200	29,905	<b>Activities</b> - By-catch monitoring through on-board observers - Training of observers - Public awareness campaign - DNA analysis <b>Outputs</b> - Interim and final reports - Scientific publications		Peruvian Association for conservation of Nature (APECO)	05/2003	08/2004	Ongoing	Recommended by ScC11

31	Tracing the migrations of Indian Marine Turtles: towards an integrated and collaborative conservation programme	34,500	<b>Activities</b> - Monitoring of marine Turtle nesting at selected beaches - Marine turtle tagging <b>Outputs/Results</b> - Reports and peer-reviewed publications - Improved knowledge of status of populations		Centre for Herpetology, Madras - Crocodile Bank Trust - Wildlife Institute of India	11/2003	01/2005	Ongoing	Recommended by ScC11
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## PART II: Projects expected to be implemented in 2004/2005

	Project title	Original budget (US\$)	Main expected activities/outputs/results	Implementing Agency / Consultant	Timetable		Comments
					Expected Start	Expected End	
<b>BIRDS</b>							
1	Workshop on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European population of the Great Bustard ( <i>Otis tarda</i> )	10,000	<b>Activities</b> - Organization of technical workshop - Production of working documents - Finalization of workshop outputs <b>Outputs/results</b> - Working documents - Workshop proceeding - Interim and final reports	To be defined	2004	2004	Project approved in principle by ScC11.
2	Conservation action for <i>Platalea minor</i> , <i>Eurynorhynchus pygmeus</i> , and <i>Sterna bernsteini</i>	40,000	To be defined	BirdLife Int., Wetlands Int.	2004		Project approved in principle by ScC11
3	Secretariat services to the Slender-billed curlew Working Group	22,000	To be defined	BirdLife Int.	2004	2005	Project approved in principle by ScC11
<b>MARINE MAMMALS AND LARGE FISHES</b>							
4	Workshop to review the distribution, abundance, population structure, habitat status, directed catches, bycatches, and research and conservation needs of marine mammals in South Asia	40,000	<b>Activities</b> - Organization of technical workshop - Production of working documents - Finalization of workshop outputs <b>Outputs/results</b> - Working documents - Workshop proceeding - Interim and final reports	- Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS) - Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)	2005	2005	Project approved in principle by ScC11.
5	Workshop on Whale Shark Fisheries and International Traffic in Whale Shark Meat	30,000	<b>Activities</b> - Organization of the workshop - Preparation of working documents <b>Outputs</b> - Compiled information on several issues relevant to whale shark fisheries and trade Workshop report	SWFSC – USA Host organization to be identified	2004		Project approved in principle by ScC10.  Some review of the workshop's scope, objectives and expected outputs necessary
<b>MAMMALS</b>							
6	Meeting on the development of an MoU on West African Elephant	15,000	<b>Activities</b> - Organization of meeting - Production of working documents - Finalization of meeting outputs <b>Outputs/results</b> - Working documents - Report of the meeting	To be defined	2004		Project approved in principle by ScC11.