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SCENARIOS FOR 2009-11

- 1. The budget scenarios table has been prepared to support the Discussion Paper by the Executive Secretary "Towards the Future Shape of CMS".
- 2. Six scenarios are presented, reflecting the Secretariats two options for future change to the way CMS is organized;
 - (i) Ramsar Model to centre manpower resources exclusively in Bonn and to appoint officers at HQ who can relate to the regions
 - (ii) Decentralized CMS an integrated flexible network through the establishment of regional nodes
- 3. All scenarios assume that the cost of implementing the Strategic Plan will be covered by voluntary contributions.
- 4. Scenarios 1 and 2 assume a 0% increase in budget over the 2006-2008 figure of 6 618 659 Euros for the Ramsar and Decentralized options, and demonstrate that these scenarios result in a shortfall in staff costs (regular staff, consultants, operating expenses, travel) of 191 984 USD and 2 166 306 USD respectively, and provide no financial resources for COP and Committees, or for conservation and related (capacity building, outreach, information) activities.
- 5. Scenarios 3 and 4 assume that the 2009-2011 budget will be set at the approved medium term plan level of 7 284 952 Euros.
- 6. Scenario 3 under the Decentralized option provides sufficient financial resources to cover staff costs and cost of COP and Committees, but leaves a shortfall of over 250,000 USD for conservation and related activities (746 550 USD are required).
- 7- Scenario 4 under the Ramsar option results in a shortfall of over 1.3 million USD in staff costs (which are 10 474 420 USD under this model), and provides no financial resources for COP and committees or for conservation and related activities.
- 8. Scenario 5 gives the budgetary requirements to implement fully the Secretariat's preferred option of an integrated flexible network through the establishment of regional nodes. A total budget of 7 490 978 Euros would be required, representing a 2.83% increase over the approved medium term plan budget.
- 9. Scenario 6 gives the budgetary requirements to implement the Ramsar model fully. The total budget for this option represents a 24.42% increase over the approved medium term plan budget.

10. The applied rate of exchange is the UN rate for October 2007. A 5% increase over the 2006-08 approved budget was applied for COP and committees, and for conservation and related activities.

Action requested

The Standing Committee may wish to

- (a) consider the budget scenarios
- (b) advise the Secretariat accordingly

	2006-2008 approved budget in USD	2009-2011 approved Medium Term Plan in USD	2006-2008 Expenditures	Scenario 1 - 0% increase over 2006- 2008 budget - Decentralized CMS -	Scenario 2 - 0% increase over 2006- 2008 budget - RAMSAR MODEL-	Scenario 3 - 0% increase over 2006- 2008 Medium Term Plan - Decentralized CMS	Scenario 4 - 0% increase over 2006- 2008 Medium Term Plan - RAMSAR MODEL -	Scenario 5 - Required funding for a Decentralized CMS	Scenario 6 - Required funding for the RAMSAR MODEL
Staff Resources	6 046 281	6 730 929	6 142 613	8 308 114	8 308 114	8 500 098	9 144 482	8 500 098	10 474 420
COP & Committees	149 000	156 450	304 057	-	-	156 450	-	156 450	156 450
Activities	711 000	715 050	963 378	-	-	487 934	-	746 550	746 550
Strategic Plan /2010	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	6 906 281	7 602 429	7 410 048	8 308 114	8 308 114	9 144 482	9 144 482	9 403 098	11 377 420
13% Overhead	897 817	988 316	963 306	1 080 055	1 080 055	1 188 783	1 188 783	1 222 403	1 479 065
GrandTotal in Dollars	7 804 098	<u>8 590 745</u>	<u>8 373 354</u>	9 388 169	9 388 169	10 333 265	10 333 265	10 625 501	12 856 485
Exchange rate	0,848	0,848	0,705	0,705	0,705	0,705	0,705	0,705	0,705
GrandTotal in Euros	6 618 659	7 284 952	5 903 215	6 618 659	6 618 659	7 284 952	7 284 952	7 490 978	9 063 822
Increase over 2006-2008 Budget			<u>-10,81%</u>	0,00%	0,00%	10,07%	<u>10,07%</u>	13,18%	<u>36,94%</u>
Increase over 2009-2011 Medium Term Plan			<u>-18,97%</u>	<u>-9,15%</u>	<u>-9,15%</u>	0,00%	<u>0,00%</u>	<u>2,83%</u>	<u>24,42%</u>