

**5th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the
CMS Scientific Council (ScC-SC5)**

Online, 28 June – 9 July 2021

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

The Provisional Annotated Agenda should be read in conjunction with the Provisional Agenda and Documents (ScC-SC5/Doc.2.1).

ScC-SC5 PROVISIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday 28 June 2021 – (12:30 to 15:30 CEST)	
PLENARY	
1	Opening of the meeting
2	Adoption of Agenda and Schedule
3	Programme of Work (POW) of ScC-SC
5	Review of the Conservation Status of Migratory Species
9	Implementation of the Concerted Actions process
Tuesday, 29 June 2021 (12:30 – 15:30 CEST)	
PLENARY	
6.4.1	Wildlife Diseases and Migratory Species
6.4.2	Infrastructure Development and Migratory Species
6.4.3	Light Pollution
6.4.4	Impact of Plastic Pollution on Aquatic, Terrestrial and Avian Species
6.4.5	Climate Change and Migratory Species
7	Interpretation of the terms 'Range State' and 'vagrant'
Wednesday, 30 June 2021 (12:30 -15:30 CEST)	
PLENARY	
8.1	Improving the listing proposal process and outcomes
8.2	Disaggregation of higher taxa listed on Appendix II
4.1	Cooperation with IPBES
4.2	CMS contribution to the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
Thursday, 1 July 2021 (12:00 - 16:00 CEST)	
WORKING GROUPS	
Terrestrial Species Working Group (12:00 – 14:30)	
3.	POW (Terrestrial Species Conservation Issues)
6.3.1.1	Conservation and Management of the African Lion
6.3.2.2	Conservation and Management of the Cheetah
6.3.1.3	Conservation and Management of the Leopard
6.3.2	Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Initiative
6.3.3	Conservation of the African Elephant
Aquatic Species Working Group (12:00 – 14:30)	
3	POW (Aquatic Species Conservation Issues)
6.2.1	Chondrichthyan Species
Avian Species Working Group (13:30 – 16:00)	
3	POW (Avian Species Conservation Issues)
6.1.1	Action Plans for Birds
Friday, 2 July 2021 (11:30 – 16:00 CEST)	
CONTACT GROUP/WORKING GROUP	
Contact Group (11:30 – 13:00)	
5	Review of the Conservation Status of Migratory Species
Cross-cutting Conservation Issues Working Group (13:00 – 16:00)	
3.	POW (Cross-cutting Conservation Issues).
6.4.1	Wildlife Diseases and Migratory Species
6.4.2	Infrastructure Development and Migratory Species
6.4.3	Light Pollution
6.4.5	Climate Change and Migratory Species
7	Interpretation of the terms 'Range State' and 'vagrant'
Saturday, 3 July 2021	
Sunday, 4 July 2021	
No meetings	

Monday, 5 July 2021 (10:00 – 16:00 CEST)	
WORKING GROUPS	
Terrestrial Species Working Group (10:00 – 12:30)	
3	POW (Terrestrial Species Conservation Issues)
6.3.1.1	Conservation and Management of the African Lion
6.3.2.2	Conservation and Management of the Cheetah
6.3.1.3	Conservation and Management of the Leopard
6.3.2	Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Initiative
6.3.3	Conservation of the African Elephant
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3	POW (Aquatic Species Conservation Issues)
6.2.1	Chondrichthyan Species
Avian Species Working Group (13:30 – 16:00)	
3	POW (Avian Species Conservation Issues)
6.1.1	Action Plans for Birds
Tuesday, 6 July 2021 (11:30 – 15:30 CEST)	
CONTACT GROUPS	
4.2	CMS contribution to the post-2020 GBF (11:30 – 13:00)
8.1	Improving the listing proposal process (13:00 – 14:30)
8.2	Disaggregation of higher taxa listed on Appendix II (14:30 – 15:30)
Wednesday, 7 July 2021 (12:30 – 15:30 CEST)	
WORKING GROUPS	
Cross-cutting Conservation Issues Working Group	
3.	POW (Cross-cutting Conservation Issues).
6.4.1	Wildlife Diseases and Migratory Species
6.4.2	Infrastructure Development and Migratory Species
6.4.3	Light Pollution
6.4.5	Climate Change and Migratory Species
7	Interpretation of the terms 'Range State' and 'vagrant'
Thursday, 8 July 2021 (12:30 – 15:30 CEST)	
PLENARY	
Report back from Working Groups/Contact Groups	
Review and approval of Conference Room Papers (CRPs)	
Friday, 9 July 2021 (12:30 – 15:30 CEST)	
PLENARY	
Report back from Working Groups/Contact Groups	
Review and approval of Conference Room Papers (CRPs)	
10	Time and venue of ScC-SC6
11	Any Other Business
12	Closure of the Meeting

MONDAY 28 JUNE

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
12:30-15:30 <i>(Plenary)</i>	1. Opening of the Meeting	No Document	The chair of the Scientific Council and the Executive Secretary of CMS will welcome participants and make introductory remarks.
12:45-13:15	2. Adoption of the Agenda and Meeting Schedule		
	2.1 Provisional Agenda and Documents	ScC-SC5/Doc.2.1/Rev.1	The meeting will be invited to review the provisional and annotated agendas (incl. schedule) and to make any proposals for amendment prior to their adoption.
	2.2 Provisional Annotated Agenda and Meeting Schedule	ScC-SC5/Doc.2.2	The Secretariat will present a document (ScC-SC5/Inf.10) providing some guidance on the application of the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council and its Sessional Committee (ScC-SC5/Inf.1) in the context of an online meeting. The Secretariat will provide additional guidance on the technical aspects of the online meeting. <i>Expected outcome:</i> Agenda and schedule adopted Meeting is aware of working arrangements for the online meeting
13:15-14:00	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3	The Secretariat will introduce the document and explain the process for its further development and finalization during the meeting. It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the further development of the document will be undertaken in working groups (Aquatic species, Avian Species, Terrestrial species, Cross-cutting issues), each working group taking care of the respective section of the PoW. Based on the input of the working groups, the PoW is expected to be finalized and adopted by the meeting during the final plenary sessions. <i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting is briefed on the process for the further development, finalization and adoption of the PoW.
14:00-14:45			Working Groups are established.

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14:45-15:30	5. Review of the Conservation Status of Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.5/Rev.1	<p>The Secretariat and the representative of the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC) will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to provide general comments.</p> <p>It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the item will be further discussed in an ad hoc contact group, to be established during the plenary session. The main output of the contact group is expected to be revised versions of the 3 draft documents annexed to Doc.5/Rev.1. The revised documents are expected to be finalized and endorsed during the final plenary sessions.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> The meeting is briefed on the process. The Contact Group is established.</p>
	9. Implementation of the Concerted Actions process	ScC-SC5/Doc.9	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to consider the approach proposed and the analysis of Resolution 12.28 (Rev.COP13) annexed to the document. Upon agreement by the Sessional Committee on the development of a proposal for the revision of Res. 12.28 to be submitted to COP14, written input to the draft proposal annexed to Doc.9 will be solicited via an online forum. Comments received will be consolidated by the Secretariat and submitted to the final plenary sessions for consideration. The meeting may also consider the need for an ad-hoc contact group, and in case establish it.</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Decision on the possible submission of a proposal for the revision of Res.12.28 to COP14. Contact group established as needed.</p>

TUESDAY 29 JUNE

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
12:30-15:30 <i>(Plenary)</i> 12:30-13:00	6.4 Crosscutting Conservation Issues		
	6.4.1 Wildlife Diseases and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.1	The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to provide general comments. It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the item will be further discussed in the working group on crosscutting conservation issues, to be established during the plenary. <i>Expected Outcome:</i> Agreement on the mandate of the WG in relation to this agenda item.
13:00-13:30	6.4.2 Infrastructure Development and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.2 ScC-SC5/Inf.3	The Secretariat will introduce the documents. The meeting will be invited to take note of the documents and provide general comments. It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the item will be further discussed in the working group on crosscutting conservation issues, to be established during the plenary. <i>Expected Outcome:</i> Establishment of the intersessional multi-stakeholder working group.
13:30–14:00	6.4.3 Light Pollution	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.3 ScC-SC5/Inf.7	The Secretariat and the COP-appointed Councillor for marine pollution will introduce the documents. The meeting will be invited to take note of the documents and provide general comments. It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the item will be further discussed in the working group on crosscutting conservation issues, to be established during the plenary. <i>Expected Outcome:</i> Agreement on the mandate of the WG in relation to this agenda item.

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14:00-14:15	6.4.4 Impact of Plastic Pollution on Aquatic, Terrestrial and Avian Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.4	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to take note of the document and provide general comments.</p> <p><i>Expected Outcome:</i> Meeting takes note of progress on this item</p>
14:15-14:45	6.4.5 Climate Change and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.5	<p>The COP-appointed Councillor for Climate Change will introduce the document. The representative of the UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee will present the discussion paper included in the annex to Doc.6.4.5. The meeting will be invited to review the document and consider the recommendations made and consider convening an intersessional working group to further develop a document to be considered at the 6th meeting of the Sessional Committee, and by COP14.</p> <p>It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the item will be further discussed in the working group on crosscutting conservation issues, to be established during the plenary.</p> <p><i>Expected Outcome:</i> Agreement on the mandate of the WG in relation to this agenda item.</p>
14:45-15:30	7. Interpretation of the terms ‘Range State’ and ‘vagrant’	ScC-SC5/Doc.7 ScC-SC5/Inf.6	<p>The COP-appointed Councillor for Climate Change will introduce the document. The representative of the UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee will present the discussion paper included in Inf.6. The meeting will be invited to discuss the points outlined in the documents and consider convening an intersessional working group to further develop a document to be considered at the 6th meeting of the Sessional Committee, and by COP14.</p> <p>It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the item will be further discussed in the working group on crosscutting conservation issues, to be established during the plenary.</p> <p><i>Expected Outcome:</i> Agreement on the mandate of the WG in relation to this agenda item.</p>

WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
	8. CMS Appendices		
12:30-15:30 <i>(Plenary)</i> 12:30-13:30	8.1. Improving the listing proposal process and outcomes	ScC-SC3/Doc.8.1	<p>A Party-appointed member from the regions who prepared the document will introduce it. The meeting will be invited to consider the proposals contained in the document, including the establishment of a joint working group of the Sessional Committee and the Standing Committee tasked with identifying suitable options for improving the listing proposal process to incorporate effective consultation. The meeting may consider the need for an ad-hoc contact group to further the discussion during the meeting, and in case establish it.</p> <p><i>Expected Outcome:</i> Comments on the initial proposals included in Doc.8.1; ScC-SC views on the convening of a joint working group of the Sessional Committee and the Standing Committee</p>
13:30-14:00	8.2 Disaggregation of higher taxa listed on Appendix II	ScC-SC3/Doc.8.2	<p>The COP-appointed Councillor for Birds will introduce the document. The meeting will be invited to consider the options included in the document, and suggest any additional ones, and agree on a process to develop recommendations for COP14 consideration. The meeting may consider the need for an ad-hoc contact group to further the discussion during the meeting, and in case establish it.</p> <p><i>Expected Outcome:</i> Possible suggestions on additional options to those presented in the paper; agreement on a process to develop recommendations for COP14 consideration</p>

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	4. Engagement in other processes		
14:00-14:45	4.1 Cooperation with IPBES	ScC-SC5/Doc.4.1	<p>The meeting will be invited to consider options and make decisions for the further engagement of the Scientific Council in relevant IPBES assessments and other processes and make any recommendations to its members in this regard.</p> <p><i>Expected Outcome:</i> Agreement on the modalities for the engagement of the Scientific Council in ongoing and future IPBES assessments.</p>
14:45-15:30	4.2 CMS contribution to the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	ScC-SC5/Doc.4.2 ScC-SC5/Inf.9 ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part E	<p>The Secretariat will introduce the documents. The meeting will be invited to take note of the documents and provide general comments.</p> <p>It is expected that, after the introduction of the document and an initial general discussion in plenary, the item will be further discussed in an ad hoc contact group to be established during the plenary.</p> <p><i>Expected Outcome:</i> Establishment of the contact group.</p>

THURSDAY 1 JULY

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
12:00-16:00	Working Groups		
	Terrestrial Species Working Group		
	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part C	The WG is expected to review the table line by line, with a view to rectify or add information as needed. Significant elements of the discussion on individual activities that could not be reflected in the table due to space limitations should be recorded separately for report to plenary and future reference.
	6.3.1.1 Conservation and Management of the African Lion	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.1.1	The Secretariat will introduce the document. In light of the recent outcome of the 31 st CITES Animals Committee, the WG is expected to discuss following the CITES decision and defer the review to the African Range states within the framework of the Joint CITES-CMS African Carnivores Initiative meetings.
12:00–14:30	6.3.1.2 Conservation and Management of the Cheetah	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.1.2 ScC-SC5/Inf.8	The Secretariat will introduce the documents. The WG is expected to consider the establishment of an intersessional working group with the mandate to review the conservation status of Cheetah populations of Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe and make recommendations concerning possible amendments to the list of Cheetah populations presently excluded from CMS Appendix I, and draft Terms of Reference for this WG.
	6.3.1.3 Conservation and Management of the Leopard	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.1.3/Rev.1	The Secretariat will introduce the document. The WG is expected to review the Roadmap for the conservation of the leopard in Africa contained in the Annex to the document, and formulate recommendations as appropriate for consideration by the Range States, IUCN and others
	6.3.2 Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Initiative	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.2	The Secretariat will introduce the document. The WG is expected to examine the possibility of an extension of the area of the Concerted Action to the deserts of the Horn of Africa and associated biomes, and make recommendations in this regard

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	6.3.3 Conservation of the African Elephant	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.3	The Secretariat will introduce the document. The WG is expected to consider the recommended actions presented in the document and advise as appropriate.
	<i>Aquatic Species Working Group</i>		
12:00–14:30	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part B ScC-SC5/Inf.4 ScC-SC5/Inf.5	The WG is expected to review the table line by line, with a view to rectify or add information as needed. Significant elements of the discussion on individual activities that could not be reflected in the table due to space limitations should be recorded separately for report to plenary and future reference.
	6.2.1 Chondrichthyan Species	ScC-SC3/Doc.6.2.1	The Secretariat will introduce the document. The WG is expected to review the synthesis of information on bycatch of Appendix I-listed chondrichthyan species provided by Parties in their National Reports to COP13 as compiled by the Secretariat; and develop advice to Parties as warranted on measures to reduce bycatch to sustainable levels.
	<i>Avian Species Working Group</i>		
13:30 – 16:00	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part D	The WG is expected to review the table line by line, with a view to rectify or add information as needed. Significant elements of the discussion on individual activities that could not be reflected in the table due to space limitations should be recorded separately for report to plenary and future reference.
	6.1.1 Action Plans for Birds	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.1.1	The Secretariat will introduce the document. The WG is expected to consider progress in the development of an action Plan for the Yellow-breasted Bunting,

FRIDAY 2 JULY

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
11:30-16:00	Contact Groups/Working Groups		
11:30-13:00	Contact Group on Conservation Status Report		
	5. Review of the Conservation Status of Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.5/Rev.1	The CG is expected to review the three annexes to Doc.5 and produce revised versions of them as appropriate for further consideration and finalization in plenary
13:00 – 16:00	Crosscutting Issues Working Group		
	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part E	The WG is expected to review the table line by line, with a view to rectify or add information as needed. Significant elements of the discussion on individual activities that could not be reflected in the table due to space limitations should be recorded separately for report to plenary and future reference
	6.4.1 Wildlife Diseases and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.1	The WG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 2
	6.4.2 Infrastructure Development and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.2	The WG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 2
	6.4.3 Light Pollution	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.3 ScC-SC5/Inf.7	The WG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 2. One output of the consideration of this item at the meeting is expected to be advice by the Sessional Committee to the Secretariat on further work on light pollution, notably the need for additional guidelines on impact mitigation.
	6.4.5 Climate Change and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.5	The WG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 2
	7. Interpretation of the terms 'Range State' and 'vagrant'	ScC-SC5/Doc.7 ScC-SC5/Inf.6	The WG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 2

MONDAY 5 JULY

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
10:00-16:00	Working Groups		
	Terrestrial Species Working Group		
10:00–12:30	4. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part C	Finalization of work and preparation of reports to plenary
	6.3.1.1 Conservation and Management of the African Lion	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.1.1	
	6.3.1.2 Conservation and Management of the Cheetah	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.1.2 ScC-SC5/Inf.8	
	6.3.1.3 Conservation and Management of the Leopard	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.1.3/Rev.1	
	6.3.2 Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna Initiative	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.2	
	6.3.3 Conservation of the African Elephant	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.3.3	
	Aquatic Species Working Group		
12:00–14:30	4. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part B ScC-SC5/Inf.4 ScC-SC5/Inf.5	Finalization of work and preparation of reports to plenary
	6.2.1 Chondrichthyan Species	ScC-SC3/Doc.6.2.1	
	Avian Species Working Group		
13:30 – 16:00	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part D	Finalization of work and preparation of reports to plenary
	6.1.1 Action Plans for Birds	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.1.1	

TUESDAY 6 JULY

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
11:30-15:30	Contact Groups		
Contact Group on CMS contribution to the post-2020 GBF			
11:30-13:00	4.2 CMS contribution to the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	ScC-SC5/Doc.4.2 ScC-SC5/Inf.9 ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part E	The CG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 3.
Contact Group on improving the listing proposal process			
13:00–14:30	8.1 Improving the listing proposal process and outcomes	ScC-SC3/Doc.8.1	The CG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 3.
Contact Group on Disaggregation of higher taxa listed on Appendix II			
14:30-15:30	8.2 Disaggregation of higher taxa listed on Appendix II	ScC-SC3/Doc.8.2	The WG will further consider the issue based on the discussions and any specific mandate from the plenary on day 3

WEDNESDAY 7 JULY

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
12:30-15:30	Working Groups		
12:30 – 15:30	Crosscutting Issues Working Group		
	3. Programme of Work for the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council for the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14	.ScC-SC5/Doc.3/Annex/Part E	Finalization of work and preparation of reports to plenary
	6.4.1 Wildlife Diseases and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.1	
	6.4.2 Infrastructure Development and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.2	
	6.4.3 Light Pollution	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.3 ScC-SC5/Inf.7	
	6.4.5 Climate Change and Migratory Species	ScC-SC5/Doc.6.4.3	
7. Interpretation of the terms 'Range State' and 'vagrant'	ScC-SC5/Doc.7 ScC-SC5/Inf.6		

THURSDAY 8 JULY

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
12:30-15:30 <i>(Plenary)</i>	Reports back from Working Groups (sequence to be defined) Finalization of ScC-SC5 work on items 3-7	Various Conference Room Papers (CRPs)	

FRIDAY 9 JULY

Time	Agenda Item	Relevant Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
12:30-15:30 <i>(Plenary)</i>	Reports back from Working Groups (sequence to be defined) Finalization of ScC-SC5 work on items 3-7	Various Conference Room Papers (CRPs)	
	10. Time and venue of the 6 th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC4)	No document	
	11. Any Other Business	No document	
	12. Closure of the Meeting	No document	