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### RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

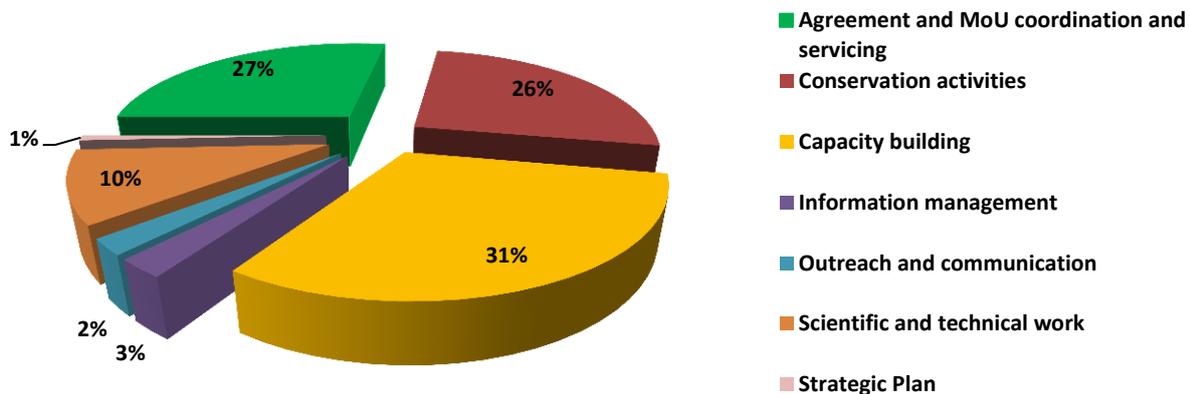
(Prepared by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat)

(as at September 2012)

1. The work of the Convention is guided by Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by Conferences of the Parties and by the Strategic Plan 2006-2014. The latter sets the general goals, objectives and targets to ensure a coherent and targeted approach to implementation at the national, regional and global level. Although many of the objectives are to be achieved primarily by the CMS Parties, some fall under the responsibility of the Secretariat. COP-approved triennial budgets are largely dedicated to staff salaries and operational costs, while voluntary contributions are sought for specific activities, such as meetings, publications or conservation projects.

2. This update on the Secretariat’s resources includes funds and personnel made available to implement the Convention since COP10 (December 2011). Regarding funding, the total voluntary contributions received to date from the Governments of Australia, Finland, Germany, Monaco, Norway, Switzerland, UK, USA and the European Commission and UNEP (DELIC and ROE<sup>1</sup>) amount to **€1,731,000** (13% UN-PSC to be deducted). This amount comprises the contributions announced at the donors’ reception in the margins of COP10. It however does not include the annual grant of €1,459,645 (in total US\$4 million for the triennium 2012-2014) paid by the United Arab Emirates towards the operation of the office coordinating the Raptors and Dugongs MoUs in Abu Dhabi.

3. Total funds were earmarked as follows:



4. The European Commission provided €224,000 towards the implementation of the Sharks MoU and €500,000 towards “Effective Implementation of CMS, AEWA and other CMS-Family

<sup>1</sup> UNEP Division of Environmental Law and Conventions and UNEP Regional Office for Europe respectively.

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instruments across various regions and languages through capacity building”.<sup>2</sup> The latter project covers three years. For further details please refer to Doc.10.2 “Update on the Status of the Trust Fund 2012-14” and Doc. 13 “Future Structure and Strategies of CMS: Update on Implementation of Priority Activities”.

5. Further contributions were provided in the form of in-kind support through provision of personnel or services. The Secretariat’s capacity is being boosted thanks to the three Junior Professional Officers (JPOs) provided by Finland and Germany.

6. Through its internship programme, the Secretariat has enjoyed the valuable support of university graduates or students that have assisted CMS staff in their day-to-day work for an average period of three months on a non-remunerative basis. In 2012, 14 interns from 12 countries assisted the Secretariat in the accomplishment of tasks or projects in the scientific/technical, administrative and information fields.

7. Besides hosting the CMS Secretariat as well as other CMS Family Secretariats based in Bonn, and bearing all housing-related costs, the German Government offered printing of COP10 proceedings; interpretation services for meetings of the Signatories to the Sharks MoU, Scientific Council and Standing Committees held in Bonn. Further in-kind contributions are granted by a number of NGOs through providing technical advice to support the implementation of CMS instruments.

8. Even though many activities have also been implemented through the contributions received, much more still needs to be done. For instance, the First Meeting of the Signatories to the Sharks MoU (September 2012, Bonn) adopted a budget on a voluntary basis, aimed at providing adequate and predictable resources, for a fully operational Secretariat to administer and assist with the implementation of the MoU. The budget for 2013 is €303,559. The contributions received this year from the Governments of Germany, UK, USA and the European Commission amount to €232,000, leaving a shortfall of €71,559 to be raised by the Secretariat.

9. Furthermore, there are still priority initiatives which unfortunately do not receive the necessary support and attention. Additional JPOs could assist with the implementation of CMS programme in Central and West African countries as well as in Latin America in particular assisting the Secretariat with the implementation of CMS instruments.

10. The Secretariat is grateful for the financial support received from the countries mentioned above, especially given the current economic circumstances. It does however rely on the continuous support of CMS Parties and partners to make a difference and contribute to conserving migratory species.

11. The Secretariat therefore urges the Parties and partners to consider any possibility of providing additional support in cash or in kind to further the implementation of the Convention. In order to assist Governments, the CMS Secretariat works on strengthening its efforts to mobilize resources in a more coherent and harmonized strategy across the Family.

**Action requested:**

The Standing Committee is invited to take note of the document and to give comments or guidance, as necessary, to the Secretariat.

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<sup>2</sup> Funds for these two projects came from the “The Thematic Programme for Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources including Energy (ENRTP) Strategic Cooperation Agreement (SCA) between the European Commission - DG Environment and UNEP”.