

ANNEX TO THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
SECRETARIATS TO CITES AND CMS

Pursuant to Article 4, paragraph b), of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the secretariats have decided on a number of activities to be undertaken jointly.

These activities are contained in the attached document, entitled 'CITES/CMS List of Joint Activities 2005-2007', which will facilitate implementation of and be annexed to the Memorandum of Cooperation.

The secretariats will review the List, together with the Memorandum of Cooperation, on at least an annual basis.

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CITES/CMS LIST OF JOINT ACTIVITIES 2005-2007

Activity	Priority ¹	Main actors (other actors)	Indicative tasks	Status / Comments
Generate and verify concordance list of species shared on CITES/CMS Appendices.	M	CITES and CMS bodies (UNEP- WCMC IUCN-ELC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Generate a basic list using the CMS Information Management System, contact UNEP-WCMC and IUCN-ELC to address feasibility of improving basic list and develop list format. 2. Identify and clarify taxonomic and species listing issues in collaboration with relevant experts or the CITES Nomenclature Committee. 3. Consider ways to better link CITES and CMS information on shared species. 4. Make concordance list available on the web sites of the CMS and CITES Secretariats before CITES CoP14 (2007) and CMS CoP9 (2008). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A concordance list between CITES and CMS Appendices can be generated from the CMS Information Management System, but the resulting list should be reviewed by UNEP-WCMC and/or other experts, and tested against the CMS Global Register of Migratory Species (GROMS). 2. The list should address inconsistencies in taxonomy or nomenclature, if necessary. Discrepancies can be expected for marine mammals, because taxonomic reference lists of CITES and CMS differ. 3. CMS is reviewing taxonomic issues as part of another internal project and CITES has ongoing nomenclature work under the Nomenclature Committee. Taxonomy has been identified in the Vilm report as an area for better cooperation and synergy between CITES and CBD.
Exchange experience on administrative matters and enhance mutual representation.	M and Ong	CITES and CMS bodies (CBD)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify ways for the Biodiversity Liaison Group to enhance synergy between CITES and CMS as well as other MEAs. 2. Set priorities for cooperation on administrative matters and mutual representation. 3. Compare operation and structure of technical committees. 4. Consult with each other when the CITES or CMS strategic plan is being reviewed. [see CITES Decision 13.11] 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Secretariats already shared experiences on host State arrangements and strategic plans, but CITES could benefit from input on how CMS develops and implements GEF projects and otherwise finances conservation. When attending meetings, one Secretariat may be keeping an eye out for issues of interest to the other. 2. The CMS Secretariat attended the 53rd meeting of the CITES Standing Committee (Geneva, June 2005). The CITES Secretariat intends to attend the 13th meeting of the CMS Scientific Council (November 2005) and to share with the CMS Secretariat the CITES experience with technical committees.

¹ H: High priority (immediate); M: Medium priority (by the end of 2006); Ong: Ongoing.

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<p>Share species and other substantive information that may be of mutual interest (e.g. on projects, activities, data, documents, reviews, etc.) and identify priority issues for both Secretariats. Ensure close cooperation and coordination on actions concerning priority species and issues. In particular, ensure that CITES and CMS initiatives regarding the following species and taxonomic groups complement, reinforce and benefit from each other: saiga antelope; snow leopard; African elephant; marine turtles; whale shark and great white shark; sturgeons; great apes; and houbara bustard [see CITES houbara Resolution Conf. 13.3 and WSSD 2010 biodiversity target]. Compare the work programmes and meeting agendas of both conventions to identify activities of mutual interest (i.e. the CITES Animals Committee as well as Standing Committees and CoPs of both conventions), ensure that relevant documentation is exchanged and shared, and there is mutual consultation where necessary.</p>	<p>H and Ong</p>	<p>CITES and CMS bodies (CBD; IUCN)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exchange information on CITES and CMS work related to falcons (e.g. CITES workshop on falcons; Review of Significant Trade under CITES), houbara bustard and great apes and determine opportunities for undertaking joint activities. 2. Ensure that CMS and CITES work related to the saiga antelope is mutually supportive (e.g. collaborate on implementation of the scientific and management aspects of the CMS Saiga Action Plan; promote ratification and entry into effect of the Saiga MoU; organize a first meeting of the signatories; develop a joint work plan on saiga). [see CITES Decisions 13.27, 13.31, 13.33 and 13.35] 3. Exchange experiences of CITES and CMS on <i>ex situ</i> production and <i>in situ</i> conservation as well as area versus species-based conservation. [see CITES Decision 13.78 and Vilm report] 4. Arrange a visit by CITES Secretariat to CMS Secretariat and participation of CITES Secretariat in meeting of the CMS Scientific Council. 5. Determine whether CMS might contribute to species identification work required in CITES. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial information has been exchanged in relation to falcons and houbara bustard. 2. The CMS and CITES Secretariats have done cooperative work on the saiga antelope in the past (e.g. the Elista workshop where the Saiga Action Plan was developed) and recently agreed to act in parallel to encourage adoption of the Saiga MoU and Action Plan. The CITES Secretariat shared information with the CMS Secretariat on a project to implement CITES Decision 13.35. An informal meeting was held on the sidelines of the 53rd meeting of the CITES Standing Committee (Geneva, June 2005), which resulted in SC53 Inf. 8 (Rev. 1) 3. In the past, the CITES and CMS Secretariats had discussions about possible cooperation in relation to sturgeons. 4. CMS and/or its agreements have provided input to proposals to list species in CITES Appendices. 5. The Secretariats have considered in general the complementary nature of the CITES and CMS mandates and data. 6. The CITES Secretariat included targeted actions to collaborate with CMS in its new work programmes 2005-07, identifying time-frames, responsibilities and expected outputs.