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JAGUAR CONSERVATION MEASURES

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document reports on activities carried out by the Secretariat in response to a request by the Government of Costa Rica on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay to support their implementation of CMS obligations following the listing of Jaguar in Appendices I and II in 2020.

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Background

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), at its 13th meeting (2020), listed Jaguar (*Panthera onca*) in Appendices I and II of the Convention. However, no additional conservation measures, including a Concerted Action, were proposed and adopted by COP13 to give effect to the Appendix II listing of the Jaguar.
2. At its 5th Meeting in June 2021, the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council included in its Programme of Work a request to the Scientific Council Sessional Committee to work in synergy with the CITES and Jaguar 2030 Road Map processes. The Jaguar 2030 Road Map process is coordinated by a committee, led by UNDP and consisting of various international governmental and non-governmental organizations that have a mandate on or expertise in Jaguar conservation and of which CMS is a member.
3. In October 2021, the Executive Secretary of CMS received a letter from the Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, requesting support from the CMS Secretariat to the group of countries who had proposed the listings (Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay), for the consolidation of a workplan to support implementation of CMS obligations, in conjunction with CITES and the Jaguar Road Map 2030. Furthermore, the Minister requested the Secretariat's guidance and support in the discussions and negotiations with respect to implementation of actions related to the Appendix II listing. This could include initiating various types of international cooperation agreements depending on the needs and priorities of Jaguar Range States.
4. In parallel to this document, the Governments of Costa Rica, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Paraguay submitted a proposal for the establishment of a CMS Jaguar Initiative, which is contained in Document [UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.29.6.2](#).

Activities to support implementation of the Scientific Council's Programme of Work and Range States' request

5. The Secretariat, with the assistance of a consultant, supported the group of countries, led by Costa Rica, in the development and implementation of the requested workplan. This included a series of online meetings, in which an overview of obligations arising from the Appendix I listing as well as a presentation of options for collaboration to give effect to the Appendix II listing was provided. Some of the online meetings were also attended by other Jaguar Range States.
6. In order to understand the conservation priorities and implementation needs of the Range States, interviews were conducted with all Range States that are Parties to CMS. A report of these interviews is available as UNEP/CMS/COP14/Inf.29.6.1 in English and Spanish.

Cooperation with the CITES Secretariat

7. Given the extensive threats faced by Jaguar, ranging from poaching and human-wildlife conflict to habitat loss and defragmentation, the Range States stressed, from early on, the importance of cooperation of CMS and CITES. CITES COP19 addressed issues related to the Jaguar, which resulted in CITES [Decisions 19.110–9.114](#). Decision 19.111 directs the CITES Secretariat to cooperate with the CMS Secretariat with a view, among

others, to integrating and aligning conservation efforts, convening a meeting of Jaguar Range States to identify opportunities for cross-border collaboration and regional cooperation, and reviewing options for an intergovernmental platform to support Jaguar conservation.

8. Prior to CITES COP19, the Standing Committees of both Conventions approved the [Joint CMS-CITES Work Programme for 2021–2025](#). The Work Programme includes reference to the Jaguar: B10. - *Collaborate on the conservation of jaguar, taking into account existing mandates, and ongoing efforts and initiatives in the region.*

Cooperation with the Jaguar 2030 Road Map Coordination Committee

9. The CMS Secretariat was invited to join the UNDP-led Jaguar 2030 Road Map Coordination Committee in 2021 and has since contributed to some of the Committee's outreach and policy discussions. The Secretariat also collaborated on a side event during CITES COP19 and a briefing for Range States on how to apply for GEF-8 funding.

Discussion and analysis

10. The threats faced by Jaguar across its range cut across the objectives and mandates of both CMS and CITES. At the same time, implementation of comprehensive conservation measures is dependent not only on the Range States but also often requires the support of additional implementation partners. There is a unique opportunity for CITES and CMS Parties as well as the Jaguar 2030 Coordination Committee to join forces to support Jaguar Range States in conserving this emblematic species.
11. What remains to be decided by Range State Parties are the specific conservation measures they individually and jointly wish to implement for Jaguar as well as the format under which they would like to cooperate. Following on from the consultation process that took place between COP13 and COP14 and the conservation priorities identified by the Range States during the interviews conducted on behalf of the Secretariat, a Range State meeting is necessary to discuss and agree on the measures and format, working in close cooperation with the CITES Secretariat and the Jaguar 2030 Road Map Coordination Committee.

Recommended actions

12. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) Adopt the draft Decisions contained in the Annex of this document.

DRAFT DECISIONS

JAGUAR

Directed to Range State Parties

14.AA Range State Parties are requested to:

- a) Formulate and agree on specific conservation measures for Jaguar as well as an institutional framework for cooperation among Range States to give effect to the species' listing in Appendix II;
- b) Submit the agreed measures and institutional framework to the Standing Committee at its 56th or 57th Meeting for approval.

Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

14.BB Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support the development and implementation of the conservation measures agreed by Parties in line with paragraph (a) of Decision 14.AA and approved by the Standing Committee in line with paragraph (a) of Decision 14.CC.

Directed to the Standing Committee

14.CC The Standing Committee shall:

- a) Review and approve the conservation measures and institutional framework submitted by Range State Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

14.BB The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources,

- a) Support Parties with the implementation of paragraphs (a) and (b) of Decision 14.AA, by organizing a Range State Meeting;
- b) Cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora as well as the Jaguar 2030 Road Map Coordination Committee in supporting Range States to discuss and agree on conservation measures.
- c) Report to the Conference of the Parties at its 15th meeting on the progress in implementing this decision.