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**ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCERTED ACTIONS AND
POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR THEIR EXTENSION**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document summarizes the status of reporting on the implementation of ongoing Concerted Actions.

The Conference of the Parties is expected to review progress in the implementation of Concerted Actions as reported in documents UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.32.2.x; and take decisions concerning the continuation of Concerted Actions still to be completed, including any modifications to the original Concerted Action proposals.

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Background

1. Through [Resolution 12.28](#) COP12 decided to review, at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties, progress in implementing Concerted Actions, in accordance with the Guidelines to the Implementation of the Concerted Actions Process contained in Annex 1 to the Resolution.
2. At its 3rd meeting in 2018, the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council determined that only Concerted Actions that followed the process for submitting proposals for Concerted Actions set forth in Resolution 12.28 could be assessed. The meeting also considered that, to support the review of progress in implementing Concerted Actions by the Scientific Council and the COP, a report on implementation was expected to be provided by the proponents of the respective proposals for Concerted Actions. A reporting template was prepared by the Secretariat, reviewed by the Sessional Committee and made available to the proponents of the Concerted Actions proposals endorsed by COP12.
3. On the basis of the reports received, COP13 reviewed and extended, where appropriate, proposals for Concerted Actions approved by COP12 and approved several new proposals.

Activities to implement the provisions of Resolution 12.28 (Rev.COP13) concerning review of progress in the implementation of Concerted Actions by COP14

4. Following the process summarized above, the Secretariat approached the proponents of all ongoing Concerted Actions (complete list at [Concerted Actions Ongoing | CMS](#)), inviting them to compile a report on the implementation of the Concerted Action under their responsibility, using the template and guidance provided in [Guidance on Drafting Report on the Implementation of Concerted Action | CMS](#). In addition to providing information on progress in the implementation of the CA, proponents were invited to make proposals and recommendations on further steps concerning the Concerted Action, that may include
 - the closure of the CA, if the foreseen actions had been completed;
 - the extension of the CA to the next triennium, if activities were still ongoing;
 - the revision of the CA, if the original plan of activities had been, or needed to be modified due to circumstances;
 - The cancellation of the CA, if circumstances were preventing implementation of the CA in the foreseeable future.
5. The reports received are made available as separate documents (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.32.2.x). In some cases, the reports are accompanied by proposals for the revision of the original Concerted Action proposal.
6. Progress in the implementation of the Concerted Action for the Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna is reported in document [UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.29.2.1](#), and will be discussed under that agenda item. Similarly, the outcomes of the Concerted Action for the Angelshark (*Squatina squatina*) are submitted to COP14 in document [UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.27.7.1](#), and the Concerted Action is regarded as completed.

7. The 6th meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council (ScC-SC6, July 2023) is expected to evaluate progress and make recommendations concerning the continuation and possible revision of Concerted Actions still to be completed.
8. As at 1 July 2023, no reports on implementation are available for eight Concerted Action approved by COP13:
 - CA for the Asiatic Elephant (*Elephas maximus indicus*) (13.2)
 - CA for the Irrawaddy Dolphin (*Orcaella brevirostris*) (13.5)
 - CA for the Ganges River Dolphin (*Platanista gangetica gangetica*) (13.6)
 - CA for the Common Guitarfish (*Rhinibatos rhinobatos*), the Largetooth Sawfish (*Pristis pristis*) and the Smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) (13.8)
 - CA for the Great Indian Bustard (*Ardeotis nigriceps*)(13.10)
 - CA for the Bengal Florican (*Houbaropsis bengalensis bengalensis*)(13.11)
 - CA for the Mobulid Rays (Mobulidae) (12.6 (Rev.COP13)
 - CA for the Whale Shark (*Rhincodon typus*) (12.7 (Rev.COP13)

Recommended actions

9. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) review progress in the implementation of Concerted Actions as reported in documents UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.32.2.x;
 - b) take a decision concerning the continuation of Concerted Actions still to be completed, including any modifications to the original Concerted Action proposals.