

11th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Rome, Italy, 28 April 2015

Draft Secretariat Work Plan 2015 onwards



At its 7th Session, the Meeting of Parties requested the Secretariat to develop a work plan listing all additional tasks emerging from Resolutions adopted and from the implementation priorities and resource requirements identified by the Advisory Committee at its 20th Meeting.

Activities emerging from Resolutions adopted at MoP 7:

Resolution 7.4 Format of National Implementation Reports

- To make the online reporting system operational on the basis of the new format in time for MoP8 with test runs for voluntary updates of National Implementation Reports in the years before (see also paragraph on the relating IWG below).

Resolution 7.6 Conservation and Management of Important Underground Sites for Bats

- To investigate cases of loss or damage to listed sites that are brought to its attention, initially by correspondence with the Party involved. The results of investigations shall be reported at each MoP.
- To explore ways of making the site data more accessible and useful whilst respecting the confidentiality of detailed site information.

Resolution 7.12 Priority Species for Autecological Studies

- To promote projects on the Priority Species listed in the Annex and to facilitate the raising of external funds as appropriate.

Resolution 7.13 Implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan (2015 - 2018)

- To prepare a plan of action based on the implementation priorities identified by the Advisory Committee (*Remark: more or less covered by this document*).

Resolution 7.14 Amendment to Resolution 6.4: Guidelines for the Implementation of the EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI):

- To implement the new format for final project reports and to inform the relevant national institutions about the project results.

Activities emerging from the implementation priorities and resource requirements identified by the Advisory Committee at its 20th Meeting

a) Intersessional Working Group (IWG) on Implementation:

- To prepare a written description of the current process to handle requests for advice or complaints and make it available on the EUROBATS website (2015).
- To produce translations of the Implementation Guide into German, French and Russian and publish them on the EUROBATS website (no timeframe provided).

b) IWG on Format of National Implementation Reports

- To publish the new format online and to make the online reporting system operational (2015).
- To encourage Parties to test the format/system, collect their feedback and make improvements as appropriate until AC21.
- To resolve possible problems in time before MoP8.

c) IWG on Wind Turbines and Bat Populations

- To produce German and French translations of the Guidelines (2015).
- To assist in the drafting of and to circulate a new questionnaire, to collect the responses and to compile the results (2015).

d) IWG on Bat Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management

- To collect national guidelines on bats and forestry (if possible, before the next AC meeting).
- To publish best practice forest management guidance on the EUROBATS website (whenever it becomes available).

e) IWG on Monitoring Seasonal and Long Distance Movements of Bats

- To assist in the production of a map showing the magnitude of movements by species and to circulate the map and list of references (2015).

- To assist in the drafting of and to circulate a new questionnaire, to collect the responses and to compile the results (2016).

f) IWG on Monitoring and Indicators

No specific tasks for the Secretariat from AC20 for the period until AC21.

g) IWG on Conservation and Management of Critical Feeding Areas, Core Areas around Colonies and Commuting Routes

- To provide assistance to the convenor in collecting contributions from authors for guidelines and to collect comments from the members of IWG and other experts (2015).
- To assist in the collection of suitable illustrations and pictures (by early 2016).
- Proofreading, layout work and printing of the guidelines to be published before AC21 (deadline difficult to meet).

h) IWG on Impact of Roads and Other Traffic Infrastructures on Bats

- To provide assistance in the compilation of guidelines, to proofread, design, print and disseminate the guidelines (2016).

i) IWG on Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation

- To assist in collecting responses to a questionnaire and in compiling the results (2015).

j) IWG on Bats and Building Insulation

- To assist in collecting responses to a questionnaire and in compiling the results (2015).
- To add information concerning bats and insulation to the latest draft of the EU Action Plan for the Conservation of the European Bat Species (2015).

k) IWG on Man-Made Purpose-built Bat Roosts

- To circulate a modified questionnaire, collect the responses and compile the results (2015).

l) IWG on Light Pollution

- To assist in finalising the draft questionnaire, to send it to the consulting focal points and to compile the results (2015).
- To assist in the development and publication of guidelines (before MoP8).

m) IWG on Communication, Bat Conservation and Public Health

- To provide adequate information on the EUROBATS website (fact sheets, FAQs, etc.) (2015 onwards).

n) IWG on Education

- To assist the IWG in using the Online Workspace for its activities (posting of documents etc.) (2015).
- To provide assistance in the production of educational material (2016).

o) IWG on Quality of Assessments and Experience and Skills of Experts

- To circulate a questionnaire, collect feedback and compile the results (2015/2016).
- To analyse national reports with regard to information on any existing licensing systems and to make the information available to the group members.

EPI Evaluation Group

- To make final project reports available to the group members (2015 onwards).
- To provide funding, assist in the implementation and reporting for two high-ranked project applications from 2014-2015 (Italy-Germany and Armenia) and one pending from 2013 (Bulgaria) (2015).