

## 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Vilnius, Lithuania, 17 – 19 May 2004

### Proposed Plan of Action

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### **Background**

The number of Parties to Eurobats continues to grow and meetings of the Eurobats community grow larger each year. At the 4th Meeting of Parties in Sofia, 13 Resolutions were passed, involving a new Conservation and Management Plan and a number of Resolutions requiring work to be carried out by the Advisory Committee, usually through the setting-up of Intersessional Working Groups. At this AC meeting, we will probably need to set-up several new Intersessional Groups to address the work required under MoP4 Resolutions and agree the work they should do and how the work will be carried out.

One problem that has been identified is the amount of work required under the new Resolutions, together with ongoing work from the previous Conservation and Management Plan. Three documents have been produced to aid in identifying work that is still ongoing and new areas of work to be carried out. Doc AC9.9 lists all the current and future actions agreed at the last and previous MoPs and provides some guidance on where Intersessional Working Groups will be required. Doc 9.7 provides a list of all the Resolutions passed under the Eurobats Agreement, with the main points and actions. Doc 9.8 provides a list of actions agreed and carried out at Advisory Committee meetings. Both documents are for information and to guide any discussion on this subject.

### **Work Programme Group**

Consideration has been given by the Secretariat, the Chair and vice-Chair as to how the work of the Advisory Committee might be carried out. One recommendation is to convene a group to produce the work programme for this AC meeting and for AC10 and 11, leading up to MoP5. The remit of the Work Programme Group would be to collate the information provided by new and any existing Intersessional Working

Groups and to assess priorities as far as Eurobats is concerned and produce a reference document to be agreed at the meeting and used at subsequent meetings to guide the programme of work.

### **Setting up of Intersessional Working Groups**

Consideration has also been given to the new IWGs. Below is a list of potential IWGs, with the relevant Resolution number. The proposal is that these groups are set-up, for this meeting, to decide:

- The Terms of Reference for each group,
- Potential members (including experts who are not participating at Eurobats meetings)
- The work that should be carried out to fulfil the requirements of the relevant Resolution,
- Some indication of how the work might be achieved and the time required to do the work,
- Any resources that the might be required.

A form has been produced, to be completed by each of the IWGs and returned to the Work Programme Group.

### **Proposed List of Intersessional Working Groups**

1. International co-operation in bat monitoring and guidelines on methodologies - Resolution 4.9
2. Transboundary programme - habitats: Bats as indicators in forests and guidelines on bat-friendly forest practises - Resolutions 4.4 and 4.9
3. Transboundary programme – species proposals / Further research on bat migration and appropriate conservation measures for migratory bats - Resolution 4.9
4. Autecological studies on priority species: Information exchange and new projects - Resolution 4.12
5. Methods used to protect non-underground roost sites (buildings as a priority) - Resolution 4.9
6. Impact of anti-parasitic drugs for livestock on bat populations - Resolution 4.9

7. Evidence of harm of wind turbines to bat populations and guidelines for assessing potential impacts on bats - Resolution 4.7
8. Proposals to be included in the next CMS/CBD Joint Work Plan - Resolution 4.10
9. Methods used to identify critical feeding areas close to important maternity colonies - Guidance for the preparation of National Guidelines on bat habitats conservation - The use of linear features by bats, Resolution 4.9

**Intersessional Working Group:**

**Convenor**

**Members**

**Terms of Reference**

**Work to be carried out**

**Plan of action**

**Estimated timetable for work to be achieved**

**Resources required**