

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

Budva, Montenegro, 23 – 25 March 2015

### Provisional Agenda



1. Opening remarks:     the host Government  
                              the Chairperson  
                              the Secretariat
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Rules of Procedure
4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
5. Summary reports by Parties, Non-Party Range States and NGOs
6. Secretariat report:
  - a) Agreement membership (recruitment of new Parties)
  - b) EUROBATS Projects Initiative (EPI)
  - c) Outreach and other activities
7. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and members of the EPI Evaluation Group
8. Reports from Intersessional Working Groups of the past quadrennium
9. Review of implementation activities outstanding from the past quadrennium and before (see **Annex1**)
10. Discussion on work plan priorities and the future operation of the Advisory Committee and Intersessional Working Groups taking into account outstanding activities and the Resolutions adopted at MoP7 (see **Annex1**)
11. Establishment of Intersessional Working Groups
12. Reports from working groups convened during the Meeting
13. Date and venue of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee
14. Any other business
15. Adoption of the record of the Meeting
16. Close of Meeting

1. **Format of National Implementation Reports:** Update the format to incorporate the relevant decisions at MoP7 (Resolution 7.4)
2. **Wind turbines and bat populations:** Keep the generic guidelines updated; continue to compile relevant information, including methods to assess the impact of wind power generation on bat populations (Resolution 7.5)
3. **Bat Conservation and Sustainable Forest Management:** Parties should promote research into forest management that is sustainable for bats; into the requirements of bats dependent on forest habitats and into understanding the factors negatively influencing them (Resolution 7.7)
4. **Monitoring of Daily and Seasonal Movements of Bats:** The Advisory Committee should continue to identify specific research needs and recommend where possible the use of non-invasive techniques (Annex1 to Resolution 7.13)
5. **Monitoring and Indicators:** The Advisory Committee should continue to promote the use of standardised monitoring methods and should review and update the monitoring guidelines as required, to work towards the development of standardised pan-European monitoring and capacity building for monitoring.

The Advisory Committee should continue to expand and update this prototype to incorporate data for further countries and species and other technical improvements to assist the development of bats as indicators of ecosystem health (Annex1 to Resolution 7.13)

6. **Conservation and Management of critical Feeding Areas, Core Areas around Colonies and Commuting Routes:** Finalise the general guidance (Resolution 7.8)
7. **Impact of Roads and Other Traffic Infrastructures on Bats:** Publish EUROBATS guidelines highlighting the effects of roads on bats and providing guidance on minimising the impact of transport infrastructure projects on bats (Resolution 7.9)
8. **Bat Rescue and Rehabilitation:** Develop guidelines for bat rehabilitators and a system for collecting information for international cooperation (Resolution 7.10)
9. **Bats and Building Insulation:** Develop guidelines on best practice in taking account of bats in insulation projects (Resolution 7.11)
10. **Man-made Purpose-built Bat Roosts:** Good practice guidance being developed by the Advisory Committee should be completed and adopted by Parties at MoP8 (Annex1 to Resolution 7.13)
11. **Light Pollution:** The Advisory Committee should finalise its guidelines on light pollution and review the need for additional guidelines on the impact of noise pollution on bats (Annex1 to Resolution 7.13)
12. **Communication, Bat Conservation and Public Health:** The Advisory Committee should continue to monitor the occurrence of emerging diseases and advise Parties on appropriate action. (Resolution 6.6 and 5.2).
13. **Education:** The Advisory Committee should continue to develop guidelines and training material for education programmes (Annex1 to Resolution 7.13)

A topic for a new IWG:

14. **Quality of Assessments and Experience and Skills of Experts:** To develop criteria of the required standard experience and skills of experts assessing the impact of projects, plans and programmes on populations of European bats (Resolution 7.14)