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Report of the Intersessional Working Group on  
Bats as Indicators

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1. The convener corresponded with the convener of the ad hoc group on synthesis of national reports over the potential of national reports to provide materials for an indicator over areas of overlap and synergy.
2. The convener obtained the EUROBATS template for national reports from the Secretariat. KH, Jasja Dekker and Branko Karapandza used this as a basis to draft a series of questions relating to the principal areas of the national report. The aim is to produce a simple form that can be attached to national reports, and used to return standardized quantitative data that can then be compiled, as a simple indicator from the results of the different returns. The draft series of questions has been constructed with a view to being relatively simple for countries to provide quantitative answers, remove ambiguity, and facilitate collation.
3. The draft series of questions will be brought to AC15 for discussion and refinement at the IWG. The IWG will discuss and draft a resolution.
4. Information on publications on indicators has been exchanged.
5. The convener attended a multi-taxa workshop organised by the British Trust for Ornithology in November 2009 and presented information on the development on the UK biodiversity indicator and European work to facilitate pan-European indicator development.
6. The convener has maintained contact with EEA and the SEBI2010 programme. It is understood that SEBI 2010 and DG Environment still maintain an interest in the possibility of expanding the taxa utilised in the suite of European biodiversity indicators and are likely to canvas species experts again in the near future for information on the potential to conduct pan-European monitoring/develop pan European indicators.

7. Jasja Dekker reports that a coalition of Maturrpunt (Flemish Belgium), Matagora (Belgium) and VZZ (Netherlands) has recently joined together to conduct standardised counts in underground marl mines, with the intention of developing a cross regional indicator. The group is currently in the process of data sharing and developing the indicator with the support of Statistics Netherlands. The work is expected to be completed in summer 2010.

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