CONCEPT NOTE

FLYWAYS IN THE AMERICAS – STRATEGIES FOR ENHANCING COLLABORATION AMONG MIGRATORY SPECIES CONSERVATION INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE

Jamaica, 11-14 March 2014

Scope

The workshop is co-convened by CMS and WHMSI and will focus on birds and flyways in the Americas. The main objective will be to strengthen cooperation among the different organizations involved and to agree on an overarching Action Plan. CMS Resolution 10.10 on Flyways requests to work in close partnership with existing flyways organizations in the Americas, and in particular WHMSI, recognizing especially the established programmes of work and taking into account existing instruments.

Structure of the meeting

The meeting will last 4 days, beginning on the 11 of March 2014 and ending on the 14th. A half day excursion may be organized on the second day. The first day will be dedicated to the presentations selected in response to the call for papers launched in October 2013. The presentations will be arranged thematically and there will be questions and debate after each session. The second 2 day will focus on the elaboration of the Americas Action Plan including a road map and an initial debate on the tools needed for its implementation. The last 2 days will address global flyways issues. Chairpersons and Facilitators should be appointed for the different sessions. The different outputs of the week will be presented for adoption to the CMS COP in November 2014 in Ecuador.

Participants

Around 30 including both Government and NGO representation.

Funding

20,000 $ provided by USFWS and 20,000 euro provided by Switzerland.

Provisional agenda

Day 1. Opening of the meeting and introduction of participants. Appointment of Chairperson and Facilitator.

Presentations: Session 1: Institutional advancements and gaps.

Session 2: Improved migratory flyways partnerships.

Session 3. Network of ecosystems and landscape management.

Debate and summary of day 1.

Day 2. Introduction to the structure and targets of the Americas Action Plan. Establishment of break-out groups and organization of break-out sessions to work on the Action Plan.

Debate and summary of day 1.

Excursion in the afternoon?

Day 3. AM. Presentations of the results of the break-out groups. Final conclusions and road map until COP11 for Americas Flyways and contribution to the CMS Global Programme of Work for Migratory Birds 2014-2018.

Day 3. PM-CMS Flyways Working Group.

* Introduction
* Development of the CMS Global Programme of Work for Migratory Birds 2014-2018 (based on actions in Res 10.10) focused on areas outside the Americas

Day 4. CMS Flyways Working Group

* Development of the CMS Global Programme of Work for Migratory Birds 2014-2018 (further discussions)
* Road map until COP11 for finalization of the Programme of Work and other priorities in Res 10.10
* Any other business