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Fifth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP)
to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected
Areas and Wildlife (SPA)W) in the Wider
Caribbean Region

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, 8 September 2008

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA)W), in the Wider Caribbean Region held in Kingston, 15 to 18 January 1990, adopted the SPA)W Protocol to the Cartagena Convention, which came into force on 18 June 2000. Article 23 of the SPA)W Protocol provides for the convening and functioning of the Meetings of the Parties and calls for these ordinary meetings to be held in conjunction with the ordinary meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Convention. In light of the above, this Meeting is being convened by UNEP's Caribbean Environment Programme, in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, on 8 September 2008, immediately preceding the XIII Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) and the X Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention (St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, 9 to 12 September 2008).
2. The main objectives of this Fifth Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP) to the SPA)W Protocol are to:
 - review and adopt the Recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC4) to the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA)W Protocol) in the Wider Caribbean Region (Gosier, Guadeloupe, France, 2 to 5 July 2008);

In order to minimise costs, only a limited number of Meeting documents will be printed. Delegates are invited to bring their copies of the Working and Information documents to the Meeting and to not request additional copies.

- review and adopt the Guidelines and Criteria for the Evaluation of Protected Areas to be listed under the SPAW Protocol;
 - review and adopt the Final Draft Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Mammals (MMAP) in the Wider Caribbean Region and decide on further actions;
 - review the major outcomes of the SPAW Workplan and Budget for the 2006 – 2007 biennium, including the activities of the Regional Activity Centre for SPAW; and
 - review and approve the Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Programme for the 2008 - 2009 biennium.
3. The thirteen Contracting Parties to the SPAW Protocol were invited to nominate their respective representatives to participate in the Meeting. Representatives of Governments that are non-Contracting Parties and of international, regional, inter-governmental, and non-governmental organizations, have also been invited to attend the Meeting as Observers.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The Meeting will be opened by the secretariat on Monday, 8 September 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, at the Jolly Beach Resort.

AGENDA ITEM 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5. The Meeting will be invited to elect from among the participants, the Chairperson, one Vice-Chairperson, and a Rapporteur.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ORGANISATION OF THE MEETING

- (a) Rules of Procedure
6. The rules of procedure of the Governing Council for UNEP (UNEP/GC/3/Rev.3) will apply *mutatis mutandis*, for the conduct of the Meeting.
- (b) Organisation of Work
7. English, French and Spanish will be the working languages of the Meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in these languages will be provided for the Meeting, and the Working Documents of the Meeting will be available in all the working languages.
8. The secretariat proposes to convene the Meeting in plenary sessions, with the assistance of working groups if necessary, which may be established by the Chairperson. No simultaneous interpretation will be available for the working groups.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

9. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda of the Meeting, prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the Recommendations of the STAC4, and evolving issues relevant to the implementation of the SPAW Protocol. The Provisional Agenda is contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG. 27/1.

AGENDA ITEM 5: RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC4) TO THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING SPECIALLY PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE (SPAW) IN THE WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION

10. The secretariat will present the Recommendations of the STAC4 for review and approval (Gosier, Guadeloupe, France, 2 to 5 July 2008) (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.31/6, Annex II), and to take any further action as appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REVISED FINAL DRAFT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE EVALUATION OF PROTECTED AREAS TO BE LISTED UNDER THE SPAW PROTOCOL AND REVISED FINAL DRAFT ACTION PLAN FOR THE CONSERVATION OF MARINE MAMMALS (MMAP) IN THE WIDER CARIBBEAN REGION

11. The secretariat and the SPAW RAC will present the final "Guidelines and Criteria for the Evaluation of Protected Areas to be listed under the SPAW Protocol" as contained in document UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.31/3.Rev.1, as well as the final "Annotated Format for Presentation Reports for the Areas proposed for Inclusion in the SPAW List" (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.29/4.Rev.1), resulting from the deliberations of the STAC4 Meeting. The Meeting will be invited to adopt both documents.
12. The secretariat and the SPAW RAC will also present the revised final draft "Action Plan for the Conservation of Marine Mammals (MMAP) in the Wider Caribbean Region" (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.31/4.Rev.1), finalized following Recommendation III of the STAC4. The Meeting will be invited to adopt the final MMAP.

AGENDA ITEM 7: WORKPLAN AND BUDGET OF THE SPAW REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 2008-2009 BIENNIUM

13. The secretariat will present the revised "Workplan and Budget of the SPAW Regional Programme for the 2008 - 2009 Biennium" (UNEP(DEPI)/CAR WG.31/5.Rev.1), finalized by the secretariat based on the inputs and Recommendation IV of the STAC4. The presentation will also include a brief update on major outputs and results of the 2006 – 2007 Workplan and Budget of SPAW and relevant information documents will be presented in this regard.

14. The Meeting will be invited to approve the revised Workplan and Budget and provide specific comments and recommendations as needed. Subsequently, the Workplan and Budget will be presented to the XIII IGM and X Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Cartagena Convention as part of the Workplan and Budget for the Caribbean Environment Programme for the 2008 – 2009 biennium, for its final adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

15. Participants will be invited to raise any other issue not covered by the preceding agenda items, but relevant to the scope of the Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

16. The Rapporteur will present the draft Decisions of the Meeting, which the Meeting will be invited to adopt with amendments and corrections, as appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM 10: CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

17. The Meeting is expected to be closed on Monday, 8 September 2008 at 6:00p.m., by the Chairperson of the Meeting and the secretariat.