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**International Conference “Regional Practices on Sustainable use in Hunting territories and protection of wildlife”**

Agenda

Date: 1-3 September 2015, Ashgabat-Turkmenistan

Location: Conference Hall at “Yyldyz” Hotel, Ashgabat – Turkmenistan

Conference Moderator: André Fabian, FLERMONECA Project Manager

***Sunday - Monday, 30-31 August***

*Arrival of participants, accommodation at “Yyldyz” hotel*

***Monday, 31 August***

13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 18:00	Ashgabat city sightseeing tour: “Ruhy” Mosque (Kipchak), and Old Nisa	Local organizers

***Tuesday, 1 September***

*Conference Hall, “Yyldyz” Hotel*

09:00 – 09:30	Participant registration	Local organizers
<b>Official opening</b>		
09:30 – 09:45	Opening remarks	Representative of Ministry of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan
09:45 – 10:00	Opening remarks	Representatives of the European Union
10:00 – 10:15	Opening remarks	Representative of GIZ regional programme
10:15 – 10:30	Agenda presentation	André Fabian, FLERMONECA Project Manager
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee-break	
<b>Session 1</b>		
10:50 – 11:10	Wildlife management in Central Asia: practical experience and existing gaps	Markus Pesch (Independent expert)
11:10 – 11:40	Sustainable Hunting – Best Practices for Central Asia	Rolf Baldus (Independent expert)



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11:40 – 12:10	Presentation of the results of the Turkmen study on the situation in the Turkmenistan hunting territories	Eldar Rustamov (UHF)
12:10 – 12:30	Q&A Session	All participants
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Session 2</b>		
14:00- 14:20	International and National Commitments of Turkmenistan on Conservation of Wildlife Resources	Shirin Kireeva (RSPB/ MNP Project Expert)
14:20- 14:40	The integration of game species conservation in the common biodiversity strategy: experience of Turkmenistan	Oleg Guchgeldiyev (UNDP-Turkmenistan)
14:40- 14:55	Q&A	All participants
14:55- 15:15	The role of international biodiversity treaties in the sustainable wildlife management: Ramsar convention	Solongo Khurelbaatar (Ramsar Convention)
15:15- 15:35	CITES Regulations for Hunting Trophies from Central Asia and Management Proposals for Exporting Countries	Mario Sterz (German CITES management authorities)
15:35- 15:55	Q&A	All participants
<b>15:55- 16:10</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>	
<b>Session 3</b>		
16:10 -16:30	Principles and methods of abundance assessment and monitoring as a basis of sustainable hunting	Sven Herzog (TU Dresden)
16.30 -16.50	Monitoring of wildlife and management implications in Central Asia	Petra Kaczensky (RSPB, University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna)
16.50 -17.05	Q&A	All participants
17.05 -17.25	Wildlife health and disease in Central Asia	Stephane Ostrowski (WCS)
17.25 -17.45	The Asiatic wild ass ( <i>Equus hemionus</i> ) distribution, genetics and IUCN Red List Status	Patricia Moehlman (IUCN Equid specialist group)
17.45 -18:00	Q&A	All participants



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18.00 -18.15	Final remarks from Day 1	Moderator
18:30	<b>Official dinner reception</b>	

**Wednesday, 2 September**  
Conference Hall, “Yyldyz” Hotel

09:00 – 09:20	Wrap up of Day 1	
<b>Session 4</b>		
09.20-09.40	Regional collaboration for wildlife management and conservation: the Central Asian Mammals Initiative	Natalya Yakusheva (CMS)
09.40-10.00	The role of communities in the conservation of snow leopards: experience from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan	Khalil Karimov (Panthera)
10.00 – 10.10	Q&A	All participants
10.10 – 10.30	Population restoration: experience from central Asia	Olga Pereladova (WWF-Russia)
10.30 – 10.50	Importance of wildlife health for the successful wildlife management: experience from Kazakhstan	Steffen Zuther (ACBK)
10.50 – 11.00	Q&A	All participants
<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>	
<b>Session 5</b>		
11.20-11.40	Experience and lessons learnt in Kazakhstan: privatization	Country representative
11.40-12.00	Experience and lessons learnt in Kyrgyzstan: law revision	Country representative
12.00-12.10	Q&A	All participants
12.10-12.30	Experience and lessons learnt in Tajikistan: community-based wildlife management	Country representative
12.30 – 12.50	Experience and lessons learnt in Uzbekistan	Country representative
12.50 – 13.00	Q&A	All participants



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<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Session 5 (cont.)</b>		
14.00-14.20	Perspectives of rare and endangered fauna species conservation in hunting reserves in Russia	Anna Belousova
14.20- 14.40	Wildlife management in Azerbaijan	Elchin Sultanov
15.00 – 15.10	Q&A	All participants
<b>Working groups</b>		
15:10 – 16:10	Working group 1. Recommendations for wildlife management in Turkmenistan	Facilitator Oleg Guchgeldiyev
15:10 – 16:10	Working group 2. Further development of wildlife management in Central Asia: needs and priorities	Facilitator Andre Fabian
15:10 – 16:10	Working group 3. The role of different organizations (hunting concessions, community-based organizations etc.) in wildlife management and conservation	Facilitator Natalya Yakusheva
<b>16:10 – 16:30</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>	
16:30 – 17:30	Presentation of recommendations	Facilitators of the working groups
<b>Closing</b>		
17:30-18:00	Wrap up of Day 2 and concluding remarks	Moderator

### *Thursday, 3 September*

08:00 – 18:00	Excursion to a hunting territory Mergen	Local organizers
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### *Thursday - Friday, 3-4 September Departure of Participants*