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Election and Appointment of Management Committee Members

Submitted by the Management Committee

Summary

In accordance with paragraph 9(2) of the Partnership document and Terms of Reference of the EAAFP Management Committee, Partners will appoint new members to the Management Committee at MOP12.

Management Committee has prepared guidance for Partners on the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Partnership and members of the Management Committee. The Committee will serve between the conclusion of MOP12 to the conclusion of MOP13.

Eligible Partners within relevant groupings (i.e. government, intergovernmental and non-governmental) are invited to consider their interest and nominate for a position on Management Committee.

It should be noted that the make-up of the Committee is subject to change pending the adoption of Draft Decisions 1 and 2.

Introduction

1. This paper aims to assist Partners in their deliberations to nominate members to the Management Committee to serve from the close of the 12th Meeting of Partners to the close of the 13th Meeting of Partners.

2. In accordance with paragraph 9(2) of the Partnership document, Partners shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership for a term of two (2) years. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Partnership are automatic members of the Management Committee.

3. At MOP11, Partners elected Australia as Chair of the Partnership and Cambodia as Vice Chair of the Partnership.

4. The Terms of Reference of the Management Committee (MOP9/D6) states that the general function of the Committee is to "…*provide general policy, operational and financial direction to the Secretariat concerning the implementation and the expansion of the Partnership.*".

5. The Terms of Reference also states that the Committee shall consist of not more than seven (7) Partners, to be appointed by the Meeting of the Partners, and that:

   The Committee shall consist of:
   - *i. The Chair of the Partnership (who represents a government Partner)*
   - *ii. The Vice-Chair of the Partnership*
   - *iii. The Host Government Partner if not otherwise represented*
   - *iv. One (1) intergovernmental Partner*
   - *v. Two (2) non-government Partners*
   - vi. *One (1) Government Partner not otherwise represented*

6. The Terms of Reference state that the term of office of the Management Committee shall expire at the close of the next ordinary session of the Meeting of the Partners following the session at which they were originally elected. Members are eligible for re-appointment but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms of office.

7. When making appointments, Partners are invited to consider the benefits associated with some continuity of membership rather than have all members change at the same time.

8. The Table below indicates the Partners currently serving as members of the Management Committee and their history as members.

Current Members of the Management Committee			
Position	**Partner**	**History of the Management Committee**	**Eligible for a further term**
Chair of the Partnership	Australia	MOP11 – MOP12 Chair	Yes
Vice-Chair of the Partnership	Cambodia	MOP11 – MOP12 Vice-Chair	Yes
Secretariat Host Government Partner	Republic of Korea	Automatic	Automatic
Intergovernmental Partner	Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) Secretariat	MOP10 – MOP12 member	No
Non-governmental Partner	Wetlands International	MOP10 – MOP12 member	No
Non-governmental Partner	Mangrove Conservation Foundation	MOP11 – MOP12 member	Yes
Government Partner	Thailand	MOP10 – MOP12 member	No

9. Based on past elections the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species, Wetlands International, and Thailand have completed their two consecutive terms and are required to step down as Committee members.

10. Australia, Cambodia, and Mangrove Conservation Foundation are eligible for re-appointment to serve one more term. Australia, Cambodia, and Mangrove Conservation Foundation are invited to consider their nomination for re-appointment and continue to MOP13.

11. The Republic of Korea will continue to serve on the Management Committee as the Host Government Partner.

12. Subject to the agreement of Partners, the Host City will join Management Committee as a permanent member of the Committee in recognition of their role in the MOU for Hosting the Secretariat. Refer to Draft Decision 2 for further information.

Decision:

- Partners at the 12th Meeting of the Partners are requested to:

    1. Consult within Partner groupings and determine which Partner or Partners will be nominated for the Management Committee, including Chair and Vice-Chair of the Partnership.
    2. Communicate this information to all Partners and the Secretariat under Agenda Item 32.2.