

CONVENTION ON WETLANDS (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
 51st Meeting of the Standing Committee
 Gland, Switzerland, 23-27 November 2015

SC51-02

Matters arising from the 49th and 50th meetings of the Standing Committee

Action requested:

The Standing Committee is invited to note the recent progress made in the implementation of its decisions and to consider the next steps on these matters under the agenda items of its 51st meeting.

Explanatory note

1. The tabulation provided below provides a list of the Decisions of Standing Committees 49 and 50, in which the Standing Committee or the Secretariat have been requested to undertake work.
2. The table also identifies the SC51 agenda item under which each matter will be considered and notes any related SC51 documents.

Decision No.	Topic	Tasks	Action/ SC51 agenda item and documents
Standing Committee 49			
SC49-02	Financial and budgetary matters	The Standing Committee agreed to defer a decision on the reallocation of 2014 surplus funds until SC50.	Decision SC50-7 Subgroup on Finance DOC.SC51-18
SC49-03	Regional initiatives	The Standing Committee agreed to the allocation of funds from Ramsar core budget line D, as set out in column F of Table 1 in Document SC49-02.	Preparation of contracts and disbursement of funds by the Secretariat DOC.SC51-18
SC49-04	Rules of Procedure	The Standing Committee agreed to forward the unmodified Rules of Procedure as used at COP11 for discussion and adoption by the Contracting Parties for use at COP12.	Adoption of Rules of Procedure at COP12 Management Working Group
SC49-05		The Standing Committee decided to establish a Working Group on Rules of Procedure, which would meet throughout the COP, at specific times and a venue to be provided as soon as possible by the Secretariat. The Working Group would complete as much as possible of its work electronically.	

Decision No.	Topic	Tasks	Action/ SC51 agenda item and documents
Standing Committee 50			
SC50-4	Resource Mobilization	The Standing Committee agreed to lead an open ended working group to review resource mobilization and the partnership framework and plan and report back to SC51.	Management Working Group
SC50-7	Allocation of 2014 surplus funds	The Standing Committee agreed that the budget surplus of 2014 be used to fund SC51.	Preparation of SC51 by the Secretariat
SC50-8	Establishment of working groups resulting from COP12 Resolutions	The Standing Committee agreed the establishment of a working group to oversee the implementation of CEPA and a working group to improve existing management instruments between IUCN, the Standing Committee and the Secretary General.	Report of the Working Groups to the Management Working Group at SC51