

WCASN Review Working Group (RWG) Terms of Reference

The WCASN Review Working Group (RWG) is to be appointed by the WCASN Committee under the framework of the CMS Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Conservation Measures for the Siberian Crane.

1. Membership

The WCASN RWG has the following composition:

- One representative of a breeding ground Range State - Russian Federation;
- Two representatives (rotating) of staging area Range States of each flyway - western (Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan) and central (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan);
- Two representatives of wintering area Range States - Islamic Republic of Iran and India;
- BirdLife International – representative to be confirmed;
- Wetlands International – Dr. Taej Mundkur;
- International Crane Foundation – Mr. Crawford Prentice;
- ICF/CMS Siberian Crane Flyway Coordinator – Ms. Elena Ilyashenko.

WCASN RWG selects its own chair by consensus and would conduct its business by e-mail correspondence.

2. Tasks

The SNRWG will conduct the following tasks:

- Review site nomination forms submitted by Range State governments (to be undertaken within one month of receipt of the completed nominated forms);
- Assess from a technical standpoint the adequacy of information provided to determine if the nominated sites meet the criteria;
- Request additional information if necessary;
- Make recommendations to the WCASN Site Network Committee; and
- Report to meetings of the CMS MoU on the activities of the SNRWG.

For the period 2010-2012:

Dr. Taej Mundkur was elected as a chair of RWG.

Members of WCASN RWG as follows:

Russia: Dr. Alexander Sorokin (breeding grounds of central & western flyways)

Islamic Republic of Iran: Mr. Sadegh Sadeghi Zadegan (wintering grounds of western flyway)

India: Mr. Gopi Sundar (wintering grounds of central flyway)

Azerbaijan: Dr. Elchin Sultanov (staging areas of western flyway)

Turkmenistan: Dr. Eldar Rustamov (staging areas of central flyway)