

Technical Workshop for the Central Asian Mammals Initiative

Vilm, Germany, 6 – 8 May 2025

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Summary:

The Technical Workshop for the Central Asian Mammals Initiative is jointly organized by the International Nature Academy of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the CMS Secretariat to support the development of the draft Work Programme for the CMS Central Asian Mammals Initiative 2026-3031.

The Technical Workshop brings together CAMI Species Focal Points, experts in the field of species conservation and funding, partner organizations. A revision of this document was prepared to add a reference to an information document (inf.1) under agenda item 15.

TUESDAY 06 MAY 2025

08:30 to 18:00 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
08:30 – 10:45	1. Opening remarks and introductions		<p>Opening remarks will be made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Göttert, Head of International Academy for Nature Conservation, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) • Clara Nobbe, Head of Terrestrial Species Team, CMS Secretariat <p>Organizational announcements and a round of introductions will follow.</p>
	2. Meeting agenda and goals	UNEP/CMS/CAMI-TW/Doc.1 Provisional Agenda	CMS Secretariat will present the main objectives of the meeting and the meeting agenda.
	3. Presentation of draft Overview Report on CAMI implementation	UNEP/CMS/CAMI-TW/Doc.2 Overview Report	<p>Consultant will present the draft Overview Report on the implementation of the current CAMI Programme of Work since 2021.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Participants take note of the Overview Report.</p>
	4. Discussion on implementation of current CAMI Work Programme 2021-2026	UNEP/CMS/CAMI-TW/Doc.2 Overview Report	<p>Guided group discussions on strengths and weaknesses of CAMI implementation in the region, lessons learned and recommendations for the next Work Programme.</p> <p>Participants discuss additional aspects of implementation not reflected in the Overview Report.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Recommendations for enhanced implementation.</p>
10:45 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK		
11:15 – 12:30	5. Presentation of draft Work Programme 2026-2032	UNEP/CMS/CAMI-TW/Doc.3 Draft Work Programme	<p>Consultant will present the revised draft CAMI Work Programme to participants. The Secretariat will explain how this is to be reviewed over the course of the workshop.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Participants are familiar with the proposed structure of the draft Work Programme and objectives. They will also understand the review process that will take place over the coming days, and how they will contribute to the finalisation of the Work Programme.</p>

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	<p>6. Mapping and determination of priority conservation units (CUs) for 2026-2032 in working groups</p>		<p>Consultant will introduce the agenda item and topic.</p> <p>A consultant will introduce criteria used to identify priority conservation units and areas, based on the Study “Transboundary Conservation Hotspots for the Central Asian Mammals Initiative”.</p> <p>The remainder of the session will be held in Working Groups. Each Group will be allocated sections of the CAMI range for review, using google earth maps, and to define conservation units.</p> <p>Expected outcome: priority conservation units identified based on defined criteria</p>
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH		
14:00 – 15:30	<p>6. Presentation of CUs in plenary and discussion</p>		<p>Identified conservation units will be presented in plenary, as necessary.</p> <p>Expected outcome: priority conservation units identified based on defined criteria.</p>
	<p>7. Presentation of key recommendations from the study ‘Potential for Community-based Wildlife Management in Central Asia’, Q&A</p>	<p>Potential for Community-based Wildlife Management in Central Asia</p>	<p>Consultant presents the study’s recommendations to participants.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Participants will take note of the Study and understand how inclusion of community-based wildlife management in the revised Work Programme might be beneficial for CAMI-listed species and the CAMI region.</p>
	<p>8. Review of Work Programme (continued)</p>		<p>The same working groups will review the proposed measures in the Work Programme related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-poaching (illegal hunting, possession and trade) • Community involvement (community engagement and sustainable use) • Protected and conserved areas • Legislation <p>and other topics, as necessary.</p> <p>Expected outcome: Working groups make changes to the draft Work Programme in the CUs and make suggestions for general sections, if necessary.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK		

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16:00 – 17:30	9. Presentation on ecological connectivity, Q&A		Consultant will give a presentation on the status and importance of connectivity in the Central Asian region and recommendations from the Guidelines for Addressing the Impact of Linear Infrastructure on Large Migratory Mammals in Central Asia and other relevant guidance (CMS Decisions on Infrastructure, Resolution on Migratory Species and Impact Assessment).
	10. Review of Work Programme (continued)		The same working groups will review the proposed measures in the Work Programme related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry and infrastructure development/barriers to movement/connectivity • Legislation • Transboundary cooperation • Monitoring and research and other topics, as necessary. Expected outcome: Conservation activities for specific CUs are revised if needed.
17:30 – 17:55	11. Presentation of working group results in plenary		Participants will present the amendments to specific activities of the Work Programme in plenary.
17:55 – 18:00	Close of Day 1 and Outlook for Day 2		

WEDNESDAY 07 MAY 2025

08:30 to 18:00 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
08:30 – 08:45	Opening of Day 2		Recap of Day 1 discussions and aims of Day 2. Day 2.
08:45 – 09:30	12. Presentation of conservation units and specific conservation activities in plenary (continued, if necessary)		
09:30 – 11:00	13. Presentation of land use and human-wildlife conflict hotspots and potential solutions/policy needs for the Central Asian region, Q&A		This session will include presentations from MSF Rustam Murzakhanov, Igor Khorozyan, Persian Leopard Working Group co-chair (tbc), IUCN SSC Human-wildlife Conflict SG on human-wildlife conflict hotspots and potential solutions/policy needs for Central Asian region.
	14. Review of Work Programme (continued)		Working groups will continue to define conservation activities on: human-wildlife conflict and land use, in the CUs. Expected outcome: Working groups make changes to the draft Work Programme, as needed.
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK		
11:30-12:30	15. Presentation and discussion on financing mechanisms for the revised CAMI Work Programme and possibilities for synergies.	UNEP/CMS/CAMI-TW/Inf.1	Consultant will present potential financing mechanisms for the implementation of the revised CAMI Work Programme. The floor will then be open to hear contributions of other finance specialists, discuss current financing mechanisms, successes and limitations, funding gaps and how these can be filled. MEA, IGO, development Agency representatives will have an opportunity to provide insights on the potential for including the CAMI Work Programme in their programming. Expected Outcome: Financial challenges experienced during implementation of the current CAMI Work Programme are identified. Strategies to increase current funding, locate alternative sources, and appropriately allocate funding for implementation of the revised CAMI Work Programme are discussed.
	16. Review of Work Programme (continued)		Participants will revise the draft Work Programme, incorporating relevant elements on finance and general implementaiton, if needed.

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12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH		
14:00 – 16:15	17. Presentation of working group results in plenary		Expected outcome: Working Groups will share their results and seek feedback from all participants. Activities which need to be moved to the general section for all CUs will be identified.
16:15 – 16:30	Close of Day 2 and outlook for Day 3		Stock-taking on the day's discussions
16:30 – 18:00	Guided tour of Vilm island		A guided tour will be offered by the International Academy for Nature Conservation.

THURSDAY 08 MAY 2025

08:30 to 17:30 CET

Time	Agenda Item	Documents	Comments/Meeting Outcomes
08:30 – 08:45	Opening of Day 3		Recap of Day 2 discussions and aims of Day 3
08:45 – 10:30	18. Technical experts for CAMI		
	CAMI Species Focal Points TOR	UNEP/CMS/CAMI-TW/Doc.4 CAMI Species Focal Points list and TOR	The CMS Secretariat will present a proposed list of CAMI Species Focal Points and updated Terms of Reference for them. Expected outcome: Participants, particularly CAMI Species Focal Points, take note of any changes in the updated Terms of Reference.
	Technical support TOR	UNEP/CMS/CAMI-TW/Doc.5 Proposed draft TOR	The Terms of Reference for establishing a CAMI technical support group in the region will be presented. Expected outcome: Participants take note of the Terms of Reference for establishing a CAMI technical support group in the region and potential next steps.
10:30 – 11:00	BREAK		
11:00 – 12:30	19. Final review of the draft Work Programme in plenary		Expected outcome: the draft CAMI Work Programme is screened for any final remarks
12:30 – 14:00	LUNCH		
14:00 – 15:00	20. Funding proposals session		Interactive discussions or working groups on potential funding proposal ideas for transboundary cooperation for CAMI species conservation and management.
15:00 – 15:30	BREAK		
15:30 – 17:00	21. Closing session		Representatives of organizations will express their interest in implementation of the WP once it is adopted.
17:00 – 17:30	Close of Day 3		Closure of the workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat will provide an overview of discussions and decisions from the workshop • Closing statements by CMS and BfN