

**Management Board Meeting
Record of Decisions
8 – 9 February 2007
Copenhagen, Denmark**

Present:

National Representatives (11)

Inge Thaulow – **Chair**, Greenland
Tom Christensen - Greenland
Flemming Merkel – Greenland
Anna Maria Fossa – Faroe Islands
Risa Smith – Canada
Aevar Petersen – Iceland
Valery Orlov - Russia
Esko Jaakkola – Finland
Sune Sohlberg – Sweden
Janet Hohn – USA
Berit Lein – Norway

Permanent Participants (4)

Rune Fjellheim - IPS
Colleen Henry – IPS
Rodion – RAIPON
Gunn-Britt Retter - Saami Council

Others (2)

Martin Raillard – for CBMP
Interpreter

Maria Victoria Gunnarsdottir – CAFF Executive Secretary (ES)

Not Present:

Item 1: Introduction by Chair, Inge Thaulow of Greenland

Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Decisions:

1. Agenda adopted with addition of event announcements by US, discussion on CBird, and addition of CBird annual meeting in Stockholm to Item16.

Item 3: Approval of Record of Decisions from MBM December 2006, Anchorage
Decisions:

1. Recorded changes to be reflected in final draft

Item 4: Working Group Chairs Meeting
No decisions taken. Information only.

Item 5: CAFF/AMAP Joint Monitoring

Decisions:

1. Chair of CAFF and Chair of AMAP will jointly send out an email further clarifying what is requested of each country in supplying information on CAFF and/or AMAP related monitoring currently ongoing in the AC countries to be incorporated in Green Paper.
2. Executive Secretary of CAFF will prepare another draft of the Green Paper to be ready for review when AMAP holds their meeting March 07.
3. Chair of CAFF will replace Canada for the moment, as lead on the CAFF/AMAP joint monitoring program as listed in the CAFF 2006-2008 work plan. Final lead for this item still needs clarification.

4. CAFF needs to monitor developments of Arctic Observing Network and be actively engaged in the process.

Item 6: CBMP

Decisions:

1. A short version of the CBMP Implementation Plan and a financial summary will be prepared for the April 2007 SAO meeting.
2. The CBMP Secretariat will continue development of the full Implementation Plan with annexes.
3. Name and logo of CBMP are now under revision.
4. CBMP Secretariat will attend Marine Mammal Workshop in Spain.
5. Stakeholders workshop still on schedule for September 2007 conditional upon completion of Implementation Plan.

Item 7: 2010 Arctic Biodiversity Assessment (2010 ABA)

Decisions:

1. No agreement yet on which countries will lead the 2010 ABA, however this is under discussion and the following countries are considering co-leads: US, Canada, Finland, Russia and Greenland.
2. IPS indicated that there is PP interest to participate.
3. Canada will hire a consultant to produce a document for the April SAO meeting.
4. Formal response will be given to WCMC regarding their proposal.

Item 8: SAO Meeting Preparations

Decisions:

1. CAFF Progress report to SAOs, Summary of CBMP Implementation Plan, and Green Paper on JMP will be submitted to SAOs.
2. Possible delivery also of 2010 ABA summary with financial plan.

Item 9: Administrative Matters

Decisions:

1. Budget is adopted for 2007 with corrections as indicated. Deficit will be partially eliminated in keeping expenses low for 2007.
2. Lead countries will send out updates to board members on project for which they are lead, for FYI and to request participation if needed.
3. Reports to be published will be made available in draft on the protected area of the website for review by board ahead of SAO and Ministerial meetings, whenever possible.

Item 10: CAFF/PAME

Decisions:

1. In meeting with PAME, three areas of cooperation have been identified: Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment, Large Marine Ecosystems, and Regional Plan of Action. PAME is not directly involved in marine sensitive areas, however are willing to cooperate with CAFF on this issue.
2. Greenland will send a CAFF national representative to observe PAME meeting in March to get an impression of concrete needs and possibilities of cooperation.
3. Norway will look into possibility of sending a CAFF representative to Integrated Oceans Management workshop to be held in Tromsø.
4. Greenland will continue lead on Marine Sensitive Areas and will, before the next Management Board meeting, consider possibilities for next steps.

Item 11: RAIPON's Sacred Sites Workshop

Decisions:

1. Country contributions requested for this workshop which is now scheduled for 6-7 April in Salekhard. Financial support is still needed to properly execute this workshop, as well as attendance by CAFF.
2. Chair of CAFF will try to attend this workshop in Salekhard – possible back up is Sweden.
3. Canada and Saami Council are interested to contribute and participate
4. Workshop should be introduced to Norwegian Ministry of Environment and SDWG as FYI and possible participation regarding cultural heritage.
5. CAFF is requested by IPS to send suggestions for agenda.

Item 12: Oil and Gas Assessment

Decisions:

1. Countries need to execute an immediate review of the overview document for the OGA. National comments to be submitted ahead of the AMAP HOD meeting in March ahead of the ASSW.
2. Concern that biodiversity chapter is not where it should be as process moves into the final phase of the Assessment process. Canada would look into possibility of having a CAFF person participate at the OGA workshop.

Item 13: ECORA

Update item only, no decisions taken

Item 14: New CAFF Website

Update item only, no decisions taken

Item 15: Announcements

Decisions:

1. SIN – Seabird Information Network – countries need to fulfil the pledges from CAFF XI Biennial Meeting – 2,000 USD per country to be delivered to CAFF Secretariat for management of SIN project.
2. US will be circulating a new proposal regarding SIN.

Item 16: Upcoming Events

Decisions:

1. Norway will try to send someone to the Integrated Oceans Management Workshop in Tromsø
2. Greenland (Chair) will be represented at the PAME meeting in March.
3. AMAP meeting will be attended by those who deem it necessary
4. ASSW – CAFF will not attend
5. RAIPON Sacred Sites Workshop – Chair or Sweden will attend
6. SAO Meeting – Chair and ES, and each country will have their own delegation
7. CBird meeting – Stockholm, Sweden 28th Feb-3 March
8. Flora group meeting 15-18 May in Faroe Islands backed up with Boreal Forest Mapping Group

**NEXT CAFF BOARD MEETING WILL BE IN COPENHAGEN
17-19 SEPTEMBER, 2007**

**With a joint meeting between
CAFF National Representatives and AMAP Heads of Delegation on
18 September in the same location.**