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## NOTE TO THE HABITATS COMMITTEE

**Subject: Reporting Format for the 3<sup>rd</sup> report under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive for the period 2007 to 2012** (*Doc.Hab.-11-05/03*)

After extensive discussion in the Expert Group on Reporting, its sub-group on the Article 17 review (WP1) and two consultations of the Habitats Committee, the Commission proposes the reporting format for the forthcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> report under Art.17 of the Habitats Directive for approval by the Habitats Committee.

### **The Reporting Format for 2007-2012**

The format consists of:

- Annex A: General reporting format - a structured brief report on the general implementation of the directive in each Member State, providing links to important information sources.
- Annex B: Reporting format for the conservation status of a species - it defines the information required for each species covered by Annex II, IV and V of the directive on biogeographic level.
- Annex C: Evaluation matrix for the conservation status of a species – defines the method and criteria on how to assess the conservation status of each species on biogeographic level.
- Annex D: Reporting format for the conservation status of a habitat type - it defines the information required for each habitat type covered by Annex I of the directive on biogeographic level.
- Annex E: Evaluation matrix for the conservation status of a habitat type - defines the method and criteria on how to assess the conservation status of each habitat type on biogeographic level.

In addition the Commission is providing as a support to the users of the format a guidelines document (Explanatory Notes & Guidelines for the period 2007-2012) and the Art.17 reference portal<sup>1</sup> containing important information needed to fill in the format (codes, lists, ...)

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<sup>1</sup> [http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reference\\_portal](http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article17/reference_portal)

*All documents can be accessed and downloaded via:*

[http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/monnat/library?l=/habitats\\_reporting/reporting\\_2007-2012&vm=detailed&sb=Title](http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/monnat/library?l=/habitats_reporting/reporting_2007-2012&vm=detailed&sb=Title)

### **Timing & character of the different reports**

The Habitats directive defines a six-year cycle for reporting. The deadline for submitting the 3<sup>rd</sup> report to the Commission is the **30 June 2013**.

	<b>Reporting period</b>	<b>National reports (EU synthesis report)</b>	<b>Main focus</b>
1.	1994 – 2000	June 2001 (2004)	Progress in legal transposition and implementation of the directive; progress in establishing the Natura 2000 network, administrative aspects.
2.	2001 – 2006	June 2007 (2009)	First assessment of conservation status based on best available data for each species and each habitat type.
3.	<b>2007 – 2012</b>	<b>June 2013 (2015)</b>	<b><i>Renewed assessment of conservation status, based on established monitoring system. Assessment of the effectiveness of the Natura 2000 network.</i></b>

### **Technical implementation & further work**

As soon as the reporting format for the 2007-2012 period is approved, the Commission together with ETC-BD and EEA will start working on the technical implementation in order to provide all technical tools needed by Member States as soon as possible and at latest by mid 2012. This process shall be accompanied by the Expert Group on Reporting including active participation by Member States in the development and the testing of the tools.

#### **Annexes**

Annex A: General reporting format for the 2007-2012 report

Annex B: Reporting format on the 'main results of the surveillance under Article 11' for Annex II, IV & V species

Annex C: General evaluation matrix - Assessing conservation status of a species

Annex D: Reporting format on the 'main results of the surveillance under Article 11' for Annex I Habitats Types

Annex E: General evaluation matrix - Assessing conservation status of a habitat type