

Mistra Council for Evidence-based Environmental Management Executive Committee Meeting 5

Conference call, December 7th, 2012

Participants:

Thomas Rosswall (Chair)
Kjell Asplund
Jerry Melillo
Andrew Pullin
Henrik Smith
Eva Thörnelöf

Ex officio:

Sif Johansson, EviEM Secretariat

Invited participant:

Claes Bernes, EviEM Secretariat

Absent:

Katherine Richardson
Jacob Fant

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

2. The agenda

The only agenda item was to decide if the draft protocol for the reindeer review (SR1) had been developed properly and if it is ready for submission to the journal Environmental Evidence. It was noted that there was an additional item that would be discussed under Any Other Business.

Decision:

- To approve the agenda item with the addition of Any other business.

3. Draft protocol

The reindeer review team had completed a draft protocol for the review “What are the impact of reindeer/caribou (*Rangifer tarandus* L.) on mountain and arctic vegetation?” (SR1). The ExComm discussed whether the draft protocol had been developed in accordance with the Mistra EviEM review process (Minutes 4, Annex 1).

A description of the stakeholder contacts and draft protocols showing how the stakeholder comments had been taken into consideration was provided to the ExComm before the meeting.

The ExComm concluded that the stakeholder comments had been taken care of.

Documents:

1. A brief account of how the protocol was developed (Development of protocol.docx).
2. A brief summary of the stakeholder meeting on October 12 (Stakeholder meeting Oct12.pptx).
3. The draft protocol that was published at the EviEM website in early November, with comments received during the public review and changes made as a consequence of these comments (Reindeer protocol 4.4.docx).
4. The review team's completed draft protocol (Reindeer protocol 5.0.docx).

Decision:

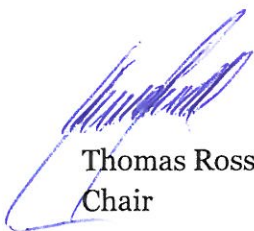
- To note that the process for the development of the draft protocol for the reindeer review (SR1) had followed the Mistra EviEM guidelines, and
- To approve the draft protocol for submission to Environmental Evidence.

4. Any other business

The ExComm was informed that the chair of the Reindeer review, Professor Annika Hofgaard, had decided to leave the review group because of shortage of time. The secretariat is looking for a new chair, and will come back to the ExComm as soon as possible with a suggestion.

Decision:

- To postpone submission of the draft protocol to the journal Environmental Evidence until a new chair is appointed and had an opportunity to review the draft protocol.



Thomas Rosswall
Chair



Sif Johansson
Director