



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



## RESOLUTION 4.5

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fourth Meeting (Nairobi, 7-11 June 1994)

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*The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,*

*Notes that Article VIII of the Convention describes the position and tasks of the Scientific Council. It shall, inter alia:*

1. provide scientific advice to the Conference of the Parties, to the Secretariat, and, if approved by the Conference of the Parties, to any body set up under the Convention or an Agreement or to any Party;
2. recommend and coordinate research in order to ascertain the conservation status of migratory species, evaluate the results of such research and report to the Conference of the Parties on the conservation status of species and ways to improve it;
3. make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on species to be included in Appendices I and II, and recommendations as to specific conservation and management measures to be included in Agreements on migratory species; and
4. recommend solutions to the Conference of the Parties to problems relating to the scientific aspects of the implementation of the Convention, in particular with regard to the habitats of migratory species;

*Aware that, since 1985, funding has been included in the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties to cover travel expenses for travel undertaken by the Chair of the Standing Committee on behalf of the Conference of the Parties or on behalf of the Secretariat,*

*Further aware that in 1985 the Conference of the Parties directed the Secretariat to provide for payment of travel costs for representatives from least developed countries and in 1988 for representatives from developing countries and in 1991 for the expenses of the experts appointed by the Conference of the Parties in relation to attendance at meetings of the Scientific Council,*

*Determines that the expenses for the attendance of the Chairman of the Scientific Council at meetings of the Standing Committee shall be met from the Convention budget;*

*Directs the Scientific Council to meet at least once mid-term between meetings of the Conference of the Parties;*

*Further directs* the Scientific Council to undertake the following additional tasks:

- keeping under review the composition of Appendices I and II of the Convention;
- advising on measures for the conservation of Appendix I species and their priorities;
- advising on the development of existing Agreements and on priorities for development of new Agreements with its mandate for the 1995 - 97 triennium;
- advising on selecting and monitoring small-scale pilot projects which will promote the implementation of the Convention;

*Invites* the Parties to nominate a permanent alternate Scientific Councillor authorized to participate in meetings of the Scientific Council if the regular Scientific Councillor cannot attend;

*Takes note* of the decision of the fifth meeting of the Scientific Council to create a post of Vice-Chair to assist the Chair in its duties; and

*Advises* that the Chairman of the Standing Committee be invited to attend the meetings of the Scientific Council as an observer, with expenses paid from the Trust Fund (when they cannot be met by his or her own country), provided the cost of participation does not exceed US\$ 1,000.