



Montenegro

UNEP/CMS Secretariat welcomes the accession of Montenegro as the 111th Party to the Convention on 1st March 2009

Among the most appealing aspects of the biodiversity of Montenegro are the numerous bird species, some of which are the focus of special CMS programmes and agreements. The Balkans region has an enormous diversity of fauna, including many migratory species. The Imperial Eagle (*Aquila heliaca*), the Great Bustard (*Otis tarda*), the Lesser Kestrel (*Falco naumani*) and numerous terrestrial mammals are some of the animals that regularly cross Montenegro's borders; hence the importance of the country's accession to CMS.

Montenegro engages in extensive work to conserve and manage the world's resources of wild animal species and is a member of several relevant treaties and conventions (CITES, CBD, Ramsar Convention). The country also has numerous programmes to protect its biodiversity, and a number of national institutions are involved with the study or conservation of migrant species or their habitats. For migratory species, Montenegro's cooperation will be an important boost for effective programmes at international and regional levels. Its accession to CMS is an important asset for the Convention and will strengthen Montenegro's position in the global conservation effort.

UNEP/CMS welcomes Montenegro and looks forward to its participation in regional activities and Memorandums of Understanding to conserve migratory species of wild animals.