

CMS at UNFCCC Conference in Copenhagen



Bonn, 8 December 2009 - Migratory species are particularly vulnerable to climate change. A current study conducted by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) for CMS illustrates that the impact of climate change on migratory species globally is already detrimental. Preliminary findings are available in a summary brochure available for download on the CMS publications website in order to brief policy makers at the earliest opportunity.

This research is currently being presented at the UNFCCC COP15 in Copenhagen. You can find out more at the ZSL booth during the first week and at the CMS booth during the second Copenhagen week. Both are located in Hall H of the Bella Conference Centre. Alternatively, please get in touch with the UNEP/CMS Secretariat directly.

There is a very useful online literature database available under www.bioclimate.org where scientific articles on interactions of biodiversity and climate change can be found. If you enter CMS in the search term, literature on CMS-listed species and climate change can be browsed, as mandated by Resolution 9.7. There are many more parts of this Resolution and beyond, which require urgent attention and support by Parties, such as the consideration of the needs of migratory species when designing climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.

As the newly appointed CMS Executive Secretary, Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, highlighted in her welcoming speech to the 36th CMS Standing Committee: "We must ensure that the adaptive potential of migratory species is maximised. Uncertainty must not delay policy and conservation action."