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**DESIGNATION OF SPECIES FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS  
FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2018-2020**

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**Summary:**

In line with the provisions of Resolution 11.13, the Secretariat has merged the lists of species designated for Concerted and Cooperative Actions for the triennium 2015-2017, into one single list, as a basis for the deliberations of the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the species to be designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020.

The document also summarizes proposals for Concerted Actions submitted for consideration by the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## DESIGNATION OF SPECIES FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2018-2020

### Background

1. Concerted Actions were established by Resolution 3.2 in 1991, which instructed the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to encourage and assist Parties to take such actions to implement the provisions of the Convention, and initiated a process for each meeting of the COP to recommend initiatives to benefit a selected number of Appendix I-listed species.
2. Cooperative Actions were established by Recommendation 5.2 in 1997, in response to the practical limits to the number of Agreements that could be developed and implemented simultaneously for the long list of species on Appendix II. The Recommendation encouraged Parties to undertake *cooperative action* to improve the conservation status of relevant species or populations of species listed on Appendix II; providing for relatively rapid action either as an alternative to an Agreement or as the precursor to one.
3. The 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Conference of the Parties to CMS (COP10 and COP11) reviewed the Concerted and Cooperative Actions processes (see documents [UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.36](#) and [UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.22.4](#) for details). Through [Resolution 10.23](#) and [Resolution 11.13](#), the Conference of the Parties made a series of decisions aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the processes. In particular, COP11 decided that the two processes of Concerted Actions (normally for selected Appendix I species) and Cooperative Actions (normally for selected Appendix II species) be consolidated within one process of Concerted Action.
4. To effect this consolidation, all proposals from COP12 onwards should be made for Concerted Actions only. The Concerted Actions mechanism will be applicable to both Appendix I- and Appendix II-listed species, and its scope will broaden to include all of the kinds of activity previously pursued through Cooperative Actions, as well as those normally pursued through Concerted Actions. The Cooperative Actions mechanism itself will cease to exist.
5. Species previously designated for cooperative action, but for which no activity has yet begun, will be transferred into a new unified Concerted Actions list. The list will be subject to review by the Scientific Council and the COP, to determine whether each such species should remain listed or be deleted.
6. Projects and initiatives already begun as Cooperative Actions under earlier COP decisions will continue unaffected. These too however will be subject to review by the Scientific Council and the COP. Such reviews may conclude, *inter alia*, that the objectives of a given action have been achieved and it has been completed, or that it should continue within the terms of the unified Concerted Actions mechanism (and be re-named accordingly).

### Consolidation of the lists of species designated for Concerted and Cooperative Actions

7. In line with the provisions of Resolution 11.13, the Secretariat has merged the lists of species designated for Concerted and Cooperative Actions for the triennium 2015-2017, into one single list, as a basis for COP12 deliberations on the species to be designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020. The consolidated list is attached to this document as Annex 1.
8. This consolidated list is expected to be reviewed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council, which may make recommendations to COP12 on whether each species on the list should be designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020 and therefore be maintained on the list, or be deleted. The list as revised and agreed by COP12 will be annexed to Resolution 12.[xx] on Concerted Action as the list of species

designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020 (see UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.26.1).

### Proposals for Concerted Actions

9. Resolution 11.13 encourages Parties to ensure that all initiatives to undertake Concerted Actions include a specification of the conservation and institutional outcomes expected and the timeframes within which these outcomes should be achieved. It also recommends that proposals for future Concerted Action listing decisions should include a specification of certain standard items of information detailed in the Resolution.

10. Pursuant to these provisions, Parties and other stakeholders have developed and submitted proposals for Concerted Actions for consideration at COP12. The supporting statements are made available as separate documents (UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.26.2.x).

11. Five of the proposals submitted (European Eel, Angelshark, Mobulid rays, Whale Shark, Asian Great Bustard) concern species presently not designated for Concerted or Cooperative Actions.

12. In the case of the Angelshark, the species is currently not listed on the CMS Appendices, while a proposal for its inclusion in both Appendix I and II has been submitted to COP12 for consideration. A possible designation of the species for Concerted Actions is therefore subject to a COP12 decision to include the species in at least one of the appendices.

13. Three of the proposals concern species (Atlantic Humpback Dolphin), or populations of species (Eastern Tropical Pacific Sperm Whales and Arabian Sea Humpback Whales) which are presently already designated for Concerted Actions. For these species or populations, the proposals aim therefore to define the conservation action to be undertaken under the current designation.

14. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council is expected to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on the merit of the designation of the species for Concerted Actions, where appropriate, and on the proposed activities.

15. COP12 is expected to decide on the designation of the species for Concerted Actions and the endorsement of the proposed conservation activities. Species not already included will be added to the list of species designated for Concerted Actions annexed to Resolution 12.[xx] on Concerted Actions.

### Recommended Actions:

16. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:

- a) Review and finalize the list of species designated for Concerted Actions for the triennium 2018-2020 contained in Annex I; and
- b) Review the proposals for Concerted Actions and make decisions as regards the approval or rejection of each proposal.

## ANNEX 1

## DRAFT LIST OF SPECIES DESIGNATED FOR CONCERTED ACTIONS DURING THE TRIENNium 2018-2020

Species (scientific name)	Species (common name)	CMS instrument or process	Is the entire range mandated for protection under CMS covered by a CMS instrument? (Yes/No)	Year of first designation
<b>AVES</b>				
(ORDER) SPHENISCIFORMES				
(Family) <i>Spheniscidae</i>				
<i>Spheniscus humboldti</i>	Humboldt Penguin	-	No	COP6 (1999)
PROCELLARIIFORMES				
<i>Procellariidae</i>				
<i>Puffinus mauretanicus</i>	Balearic Shearwater	ACAP (since 2012)	Yes	COP8 (2005)
PELECANIFORMES				
<i>Pelecanidae</i>				
<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Dalmatian Pelican	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in force since 1999)	No	COP9 (2008)
ANSERIFORMES				
<i>Anatidae</i>				
<i>Anser cygnoides</i>	Swan Goose	-	No	COP9 (2008)
<i>Anser erythropus</i>	Lesser White-fronted Goose	Action Plan (adopted in 2008) under African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in force since 1999)	No	COP5 (1997)
<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	Marbled Duck	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in force since 1999); Central Asian Flyway	Yes	COP9 (2008)
<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Ferruginous Duck	Action Plan (adopted in 2005) under African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in 1999); Central Asian Flyway	Yes	COP6 (1999)
<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	White-headed Duck	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in force since 1999); Central Asian Flyway	Yes	COP4 (1994)

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<b>FALCONIFORMES</b>				
<i>Falconidae</i>				
<i>Falco cherrug</i>	Saker Falcon	Raptors MOU (in force since 2008)	No	COP10 (2011)
<b>GRUIFORMES</b>				
<i>Otididae</i>				
<i>Chlamydotis undulata</i> (only North-West African populations)	Houbara Bustard	-	No	COP3 (1991)
<i>Rallidae</i>				
<i>Crex crex</i>	Corncrake	Action Plan (adopted in 2005) under African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in force since 1999)	No	COP5 (1997)
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES</b>				
<i>Scolopacidae</i>				
<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	Red Knot	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	Semi-palmated Sandpiper	-	No	1979
<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	Great Knot	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in force since 1999); Central Asian Flyway	No	COP11 (2014)
<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Far Eastern Curlew	-	No	COP10 (2011)
<i>Numenius tahitiensis</i>	Bristle-thighed Curlew	-	No	COP10 (2011)
<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Bar-tailed Godwith	African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (in force since 1999); Central Asian Flyway	No	1979
<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>				
<i>Hirundinidae</i>				
<i>Hirundo atrocaerulea</i>	Blue Swallow	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<b>GALLIFORMES</b>				
<i>Phasianidae</i>				
<i>Coturnix coturnix coturnix</i>	Quail	-	No	COP5 (1997)

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<b>MAMMALIA (AQUATIC)</b>				
<b>CETACEA</b>				
<i>Iniidae</i>				
<i>Inia geoffrensis</i>	Amazon River Dolphin	-	No	COP3 (1991)
<i>Monodontidae</i>				
<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	Beluga	-	No	1979
<i>Monodon monoceros</i>	Narwhal	-	No	COP10 (2011)
<i>Physeteridae</i>				
<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Sperm Whale	ACCOBAMS (in force since 2001); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Platanistidae</i>				
<i>Platanista gangetica gangetica</i>	Ganges River Dolphin	-	No	COP9 (2008)
<i>Pontoporiidae</i>				
<i>Pontoporia blainvillei</i>	La Plata Dolphin, Franciscana	-	No	COP5 (1997)
<i>Delphinidae</i>				
<i>Sousa teuszii</i>	Atlantic Humpback Dolphin	Western African Aquatic Mammals MOU (in force since 2008)	Yes	COP9 (2008)
<i>Sousa chinensis</i>	Indo-Pacific Humpbacked Dolphin, Chinese White Dolphin	Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Sotalia fluviatilis</i>	Tucuxi	-	No	COP3 (1991)
<i>Sotalia guianensis</i>	Guiana Dolphin	-	No	COP3 (1991)
<i>Lagenorhynchus obscurus</i>	Dusky Dolphin	West African Aquatic Mammals MOU (in force since 2008); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Lagenorhynchus australis</i>	Peale's Dolphin, Blackchin Dolphin	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>	Indian or Bottlenose Dolphin	Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)

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<i>Stenella attenuata</i> (only eastern tropical Pacific & South-East Asian populations)	Pantropical Spotted Dolphin, Bridled Dolphin	West African Aquatic Mammals MOU (in force since 2008); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Stenella longirostris</i> (only eastern tropical Pacific & Southeast Asian populations)	Spinner Dolphin	West African Aquatic Mammals MoU (in force since 2008); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Lagenodelphis hosei</i> (only Southeast Asian populations)	Fraser's Dolphin	West African Aquatic Mammals MOU (in force since 2008); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Orcaella brevirostris</i>	Irrawaddy Dolphin	Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Cephalorhynchus commersonii</i> (only South American population)	Commerson's Dolphin	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Cephalorhynchus eutropia</i>	Chilean Dolphin	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Killer Whale	ACCOBAMS (in force since 2001); ASCOBANS (in force since 1994/2008); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006); West African Aquatic Mammals MOU (in force since 2008)	No	COP10 (2011)
<i>Ziphiidae</i>				
<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i> (only Mediterranean subpopulation)	Cuvier's Beaked Whale	ACCOBAMS (in force since 2001)	Yes	COP11 (2014)
<i>Balaenopteridae</i>				
<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Sei Whale	ACCOBAMS (in force since 2001); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Fin Whale	ACCOBAMS (in force since 2001); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)

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<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Blue Whale	ACCOBAMS (in force since 2001); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Humpback Whale	ACCOBAMS (in force since 2001); Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Balaenidae</i>				
<i>Eubalaena australis</i>	Southern Right Whale	Pacific Cetaceans MOU (in force since 2006)	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	North Atlantic Right Whale	-	No	1979
<i>Eubalaena japonica</i>	North Pacific Right Whale	-	No	1979
CARNIVORA				
<i>Mustelidae</i>				
<i>Lontra felina</i>	Southern Marine Otter	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Lontra provocax</i>	Southern River Otter	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Phocidae</i>				
<i>Monachus monachus</i>	Mediterranean Monk Seal	Monk Seal MOU (in force since 2007; but only covering Eastern Atlantic populations)	No	COP4 (1994)
<i>Phocoenidae</i>				
<i>Phocoena spinipinnis</i>	Burmeister Porpoise	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Phocoena dioptrica</i>	Spectacled Porpoise	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Neophocaena phocaenoides</i>	Finless Porpoise	-	No	COP7 (2002)
SIRENIA				
<i>Trichechidae</i>				
<i>Trichechus senegalensis</i>	West African Manatee	Western African Aquatic Mammals MOU (in force since 2008)	Yes	(COP9) 2008
<i>Trichechus inunguis</i>	Amazon Manatee	-	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Ursidae</i>				
<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Polar Bear	-	No	COP11 (2014)



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<b>MAMMALIA (TERRESTRIAL)</b>				
<b>CHIROPTERA</b>				
<i>Vespertilionidae</i>				
<i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i> (African and European populations)	Schreiber's Bent-winged Bat	EUROBATS (in force since 1994)	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Molossidae</i>				
<i>Otomops martiensseni</i> (only African populations)	Large-eared Free-tailed Bat	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Otomops madagascariensis</i> (Formerly included in <i>Otomops martiensseni</i> )	Madagascar Free-tailed Bat	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Pteropodidae</i>				
<i>Eidolon helvum</i> (only African populations)	Straw-coloured Fruit Bat	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<b>CARNIVORA</b>				
<i>Felidae</i>				
<i>Uncia uncia</i>	Snow Leopard	-	No	COP7 (2002)
<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i> (excluding populations in Botswana, Namibia & Zimbabwe)	Cheetah	-	No	COP9 (2008)
<i>Canidae</i>				
<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	African Wild Dog	-	No	COP9 (2008)
<b>PROBOSCIDEA</b>				
<i>Elephantidae</i> (Central African populations only)				
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	African Bush Elephant	West African Elephant MOU (in force since 2005)	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Loxodonta cyclotis</i> (Formerly included in <i>Loxodonta africana</i> )	African Forest Elephant	-	No	COP6 (1999)

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<b>PERISSODACTYLA</b>				
<i>Equidae</i>				
<i>Equus hemionus</i> This includes <i>Equus onager</i>	Asiatic Wild Ass	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<b>ARTIODACTYLA</b>				
<i>Camelidae</i>				
<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	Bactrian Camel	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Bovidae</i>				
<i>Bos grunniens</i>	Wild Yak	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	Addax	Action Plan	Yes	COP3 (1991)
<i>Nanger dama</i> (Formerly listed as <i>Gazella dama</i> )	Dama Gazelle	Action Plan	Yes	COP4 (1994)
<i>Gazella dorcas</i> (only Northwest African populations)	Dorcas Gazelle	Action Plan	Yes	COP3 (1991)
<i>Gazella leptoceros</i>	Slender-horned Gazelle	Action Plan	Yes	COP3 (1991)
<i>Gazella subgutturosa</i>	Goitered Gazelle	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Oryx dammah</i>	Scimitar-horned Oryx	Action Plan	Yes	COP4 (1994)
<i>Eudorcas rufifrons</i>	Red-fronted Gazelle	-	No	COP11 (2014)
<i>Procapra gutturosa</i>	Mongolian Gazelle	-	No	COP8 (2005)
<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	Barbary Sheep	-	No	COP10 (2011)
<i>Ovis ammon</i>	Argali Sheep	Central Asian Mammals Initiative	No	COP10 (2011)
<i>Kobus kob leucotis</i>	White-eared kob	-	No	COP11 (2014)
<b>REPTILIA (MARINE TURTLES)</b>				
-----	Marine Turtles	IOSEA MOU (in force since 2001 covering Indian Ocean and South-East Asia) and Atlantic Coast of Africa MOU (in force since 1999 covering West Africa)	No	COP3 (1991)

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<b>PISCES</b>				
<b>ACIPENSERIFORMES</b>				
<i>Acipenseridae</i>				
<i>Huso huso</i>	Giant Sturgeon, Beluga	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Huso dauricus</i>	Kaluga Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser baerii baicalensis</i>	Baikal Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i>	Russian Sturgeon, Ossetra	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser medirostris</i>	Green Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser mikadoi</i>	Sakhalin Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser naccarii</i>	Adriatic Sturgeon, Italian Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser nudipectus</i>	Ship Sturgeon, Spiny Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser persicus</i>	Persian Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i> (only Danube population)	Sterlet	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser schrenckii</i>	Amur Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser sinensis</i>	Chinese Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i>	Stella Sturgeon, Sevruga, Star Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Acipenser sturio</i>	Common Sturgeon, Atlantic Sturgeon, Baltic Sturgeon, German Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus kaufmanni</i>	Large Amu-Dar Shovelnose, False Shovelnose, Shovelfish	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus hermanni</i>	Small Amu-Dar Shovelnose	-	No	COP6 (1999)
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus fedtschenkoi</i>	Syr-Dar Shovelnose	-	No	COP6 (1999)

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<i>Psephurus gladius</i>	Chinese Paddlefish, Chinese Swordfish, White Sturgeon	-	No	COP6 (1999)