

MEDIA ADVISORY

What: 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CMS COP12) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) administered by UN Environment
When: CMS COP12 from 23-28 October 2017
High Level Ministerial Panel and Champions Night on 22 October
Where: Philippine International Convention Center, Manila, Philippines
Website: www.cms.int/cop12

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CMS COP12 will be the largest wildlife summit this year, with over 500 delegates from more than 120 countries expected to attend. The event will mark the first time that a CMS COP will be held in Asia.

The theme of the Conference: **'Their Future is Our Future - Sustainable Development for Wildlife and People'** reflects the intrinsic link between the world's wildlife and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CMS COP is a triennial summit that brings together States through which migratory animals pass and lays the legal foundation for internationally coordinated conservation measures.

At COP12, a number of issues and proposals will be tabled, including the listing of species as well as fresh initiatives, resolutions, action plans and guidelines for aquatic species, birds, and terrestrial species. See list of topics on [press page](#).

- **A High Level Panel** Discussion will precede COP12 on 22 October at which Environment Ministers, executives of international organizations and Goodwill Ambassadors will discuss the links between sustainable development and the conservation of wildlife with special focus on migratory species and the SDGs. The discussion will result in the Manila Declaration, which will be presented to the Conference for consideration.
- Also, on the 22 October, several governments will be recognized as **Migratory Species Champions** for their long-term support to initiatives that benefit the conservation of migratory species during a specially convened Champion Night.
- There will also be over 50 side events during the week of the COP as well as celebrity events such as the launch of the Report 'Cetaceans of the Red Sea' with UNEP Goodwill Ambassador Yann Arthus-Bertrand on 23 October.

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