



## **CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES**

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### **SYNERGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

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*Reiterating* the importance of cooperation and synergies with other bodies, including relevant MEA Secretariats, other inter-governmental bodies, non-governmental organizations and the private sector;

*Stressing* the importance of cooperation among relevant MEAs at national, regional and global level as well as between institutions;

*Recalling* Resolution 9.6 on “Cooperation with Other Bodies”, Resolution 8.11 on “Cooperation with other Conventions”, and Resolution 7.9 on “Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes”;

*Having considered* document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.28, “Report on Synergies and Partnerships”, which highlights the current state of development of initiatives and activities undertaken with partners within and without formal arrangements;

*Noting* that CMS is a member of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (Biodiversity Liaison Group) and that at its meeting in September 2011, the Group reviewed its *Modus Operandi* to reinforce cooperation in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

*Welcoming* progress made on cooperation with CITES, both with its Secretariat and its committees on numerous issues including on the harmonization of species nomenclature as outlined in UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.32;

*Recognizing* the instrumental role played by partners in the implementation of CMS and its related instruments and initiatives;

*Appreciating* that partnerships reach a wider audience and raise public awareness of CMS and the importance of conserving migratory species on a global scale;

*Noting* with satisfaction the comments received from the CITES Standing Committee at its 61<sup>st</sup> meeting (Geneva, August 2011) and the endorsement by the CMS Standing

Committee at its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting (Bergen, November 2011) of the joint work plan for 2012-14 (CMS/StC38/3 and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.35);

*Welcoming* the joint work plans for 2012-14 between the CMS Secretariat and the CBD and Ramsar Secretariats, and *appreciating* continued cooperation with both Secretariats and their respective bodies (CMS/StC38/4 and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.36 for CBD; CMS/StC38/5 and UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.37 for Ramsar);

*Noting*, in relation to the role of CMS as lead partner for CBD on migratory species (CBD Decision VI/20), that there is no equivalent instrument for animal species conservation under the CBD to that established through CBD Decision VI/9 for plant species in the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;

*Aware* of the ongoing discussions with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) concerning the formalization of a Memorandum of Cooperation, and *appreciating* the important efforts made by CMS to enhance relationships with organizations that have different mandates or goals, such as FAO, which provide multidisciplinary solutions aimed at concurrently achieving food security, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and ecosystem health;

*Taking note* of the activities aimed at developing synergies and strengthening cooperation with existing partners and *reiterating* its gratitude to the many partners that have assisted in promoting CMS and its mandate;

*Acknowledging* the development of a CMS Code of Conduct for Partnerships with the Private Sector as adopted by the Standing Committee at its 36<sup>th</sup> meeting, and *noting* efforts made by the Secretariat to establish contacts and reach out to the private sector;

*Noting with appreciation* all the individuals and organizations which contributed to the achievements of the “Year of the Gorilla” campaign (2009) and the on-going “Year of the Bat” campaign (2011/12); and *noting* the CMS Secretariat’s participation in the International Year of Biodiversity 2010, which was coordinated through CBD;

*Noting with appreciation* the support received from UNEP through the appointment of regional focal points for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) for biodiversity and ecosystems responsible for liaising with and promoting MEAs and their implantation in the UNEP regions and *acknowledging* their cooperation with the Secretariat;

*Aware* of the tasks to be undertaken before CBD COP11 on increasing cooperation and synergies among MEAs at the national level as indicated in CBD Decision X/20;

*Underlining* the important role of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions in exploring options for enhancing synergies, avoiding duplication of efforts and improving the coherent implementation of biodiversity-related conventions;

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

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue developing effective and practical cooperation with relevant stakeholders including other biodiversity instruments and international organizations;
2. *Welcomes* the new Memoranda of Understanding developed in the current triennium with
  - (a) the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (the Bern Convention Secretariat);
  - (b) the Migratory Wildlife Network;
  - (c) the “Friends of CMS” as well as the progress made on developing project proposals and sponsoring activities;
3. *Further welcomes* the adoption of revised Memoranda of Understanding with the Ramsar Secretariat and the IUCN Environmental Law Centre;
4. *Instructs* the Secretariat to focus on consolidating and strengthening its existing partnerships for the triennium 2012-2014;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to formalize such cooperation with renewable joint work plans with targets and clear timetables and closely aligned with the CMS Strategic Plan, to report on progress in a joint or consolidated manner and to assess effectiveness of results regularly;
6. *Further requests* the Secretariat to continue to streamline activities within the CMS Family Secretariats, whenever feasible and relevant and within the mandates given by their Parties/Signatories, in order to enhance the effective delivery of conservation action and awareness-raising;
7. *Further requests* the Secretariat, its daughter Agreements within the mandates given by their Parties/Signatories and the Scientific Council to enhance their engagement with expert committees and processes initiated by partners, as appropriate;
8. *Further requests* the Secretariat to facilitate non-formalized collaborations with partners such as the FAO, as referred to above, who can help to extend the multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary scope of approaches to collaboration;
9. *Urges* partner organizations to continue to promote and publicize the benefits to them, to CMS and to conservation arising from effective collaboration;
10. *Instructs* the Secretariat to pursue strengthened partnerships with the private sector in accordance with the CMS Code of Conduct;
11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to report to the Standing Committee on progress made including on results of joint activities as discussed and agreed in the Biodiversity Liaison Group;

12. *Requests* the Secretariat to identify potential strategic partners and engage with them when developing campaigns and other outreach activities and *encourages* all relevant stakeholders to contribute to these initiatives;
13. *Further requests* the Secretariat and *invites* the Secretariats of other conventions to continue liaising with the UNEP regional MEA focal points for biodiversity and ecosystems and make best use of their role in assisting the implementation of the biodiversity-related MEAs;
14. *Requests* the CMS Secretariat and *invites* the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Secretariats of other relevant MEAs to consider and advise on ways and means of more coherently addressing the conservation and sustainable use of animal species in CBD processes, including in relation to the implementation by biodiversity-related conventions of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets adopted by CBD COP10 (Decision X/2); and *further requests* the Secretariat to report on progress to the Scientific Council and COP11;
15. *Urges* Parties to establish close collaboration at the national level between the focal point of the CMS and the focal points of other relevant conventions in order for Governments to develop coherent and synergistic approaches across the conventions and increase effectiveness of national efforts, for example by developing national biodiversity working groups to coordinate the work of focal points of relevant MEAs and other stakeholders *inter alia* through relevant measures in NBSAPs, harmonized national reporting and adoption of coherent national positions in respect of each MEA; and *encourages* CMS National Focal Points to participate actively in the national preparations for the discussions during the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the CBD (May 2012) to determine the form and content of a process to enhance coordination, coherence and national level synergies among the biodiversity conventions;
16. *Further urges* Parties to facilitate cooperation among international organizations, and to promote the integration of biodiversity concerns related to migratory species into all relevant sectors by coordinating their national positions among the various conventions and other international fora in which they are involved, as appropriate;
17. *Requests* Parties to ensure that adequate resources are provided to the Secretariat to allow partnerships to be developed and strengthened; and
18. *Requests* the Secretariat as far as possible to avoid duplication of work on the same issues between MEAs dedicated to nature protection issues, and *invites* the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions to address at its future meetings options for enhanced cooperation with regard to work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, bushmeat and invasive alien species, including through exploring the possibility of identifying lead MEAs in a manner consistent with their mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes.