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Introduction



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(Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Climate Change Working Group)

- This document includes amendments proposed by the Climate Change Working Group of the CMS Scientific Council to the draft consolidation of Resolutions on climate change and migratory species contained in document UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21.2.7.



Related decisions

Since the Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species, the Parties have adopted five decisions relating to climate change:

- a) Recommendation 5.5, Climate Change and its Implications for the Bonn Convention;
- b) Resolution 8.13, Climate Change and Migratory Species;
- c) Resolution 9.7, Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species;
- d) Resolution 10.19, Migratory Species Conservation in the Light of Climate Change;
- e) Resolution 11.26, Programme of Work on Climate Change and Migratory Species.



Related decisions

- The Secretariat has prepared a draft consolidated resolution of the above-mentioned resolutions and recommendations, submitted to COP12 in document UNEP/CMS/COP12/Doc.21.2.7.
- the Climate Change Working Group of the CMS Scientific Council considered the draft consolidated Resolution and proposed some amendments to the consolidated resolution for consideration by Parties at COP12 (UNEP/CMS/COP12/Inf.23.)
- Annex 1:
 - contains a revision of the draft consolidated Resolution
- Annex 2:
 - contains two draft Decisions

The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:

- a) adopt the draft Resolution included in Annex 1;
- b) adopt the draft Decisions included in Annex 2.



Draft resolution

Annex 1

- Recognizes that climate change is already having an adverse impact on migratory species
- Acknowledges that changes in human activities as a result of climate change, including adaptation and mitigation measures, may have the most immediate negative impact on migratory species



Recommendations for the Parties

- Apply the provisions established in the current Programme of Work; strengthen national capacity; support financially the implementation of the POW
- Ensure that social and environmental safeguards, environmental strategies and evaluations of environmental impact are applied to all adaptation measures in response to climate change
- Ensure that you have jurisdiction over areas that migratory species inhabit or are expected to inhabit in the near future due to climate change



Programme of Work

Measures to facilitate species adaptation in response to climate change:

- Preparation of species action plans
- Strengthening of adaptation capacity of migratory species and their habitats
- Evaluation of species' vulnerability to climate change
- Research and monitoring on the impacts of climate change across the CMS Family
- Identification, evaluation, prioritization and reduction of the additional impacts on migratory species (“tertiary effects”)
- Knowledge exchange and capacity building
- Cooperation and implementation



Conclusion

Document 24.4.2 includes amendments proposed to the draft consolidation of Resolutions on climate change and migratory species (Doc. 21.2.7) by the Working Group.

The consolidated resolution acknowledges that climate change is already having an adverse impact on migratory species. The Programme of Work is being developed to mitigate those impacts. Its main points include: a) measures to facilitate species' adaptation in response to climate change, b) vulnerability assessment, c) research and monitoring, d) climate change mitigation, human adaptation, and land use planning, e) knowledge exchange and capacity-building f) cooperation and implementation.



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