



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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BARRIERS TO MIGRATION AND TERRESTRIAL MAMMALS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. Undertaking actions to mitigate the most important obstacles to animal migration is an important target of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and its extended version 2006-2014. Furthermore, the Strategic Plan 2005-2014 requests that guidelines for barriers to migration and terrestrial mammals should be prepared for the 18th and 19th Meetings of the Scientific Council.
2. As a first step towards the preparation of such guidelines, the CMS Secretariat has signed an agreement with WWF Mongolia to conduct a case study on the effect of infrastructure development and its potential barrier effect on migratory ungulates in Mongolia. The study is funded through a voluntary contribution from Monaco.
3. The study also contributes to the implementation of the Central Eurasian Concerted Action, which was adopted as Rec:9.1 in 2008 and where Mongolia is playing a predominant role. The Report from WWF Mongolia is available as UNEP/CMS/ScC17/Inf.23.

Action requested:

The 17th Meeting of the Scientific Council is invited to:

- a. Take note of the document and provide comments, if any; and
- b. Provide guidance on next steps towards the further preparation of guidelines for preventing and mitigating negative effects of barriers to terrestrial mammals.