



2017 - NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

The deadline for submission of the reports is 24 April 2017. The reporting period is from May 2014 to April 2017.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

The reporting format was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 40th Meeting (Bonn, November 2012) for mandatory use by Parties, for reports submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11). The 45th meeting of the Standing Committee recommended the use of the same format for reports submitted to COP12, with necessary adjustments to take into account relevant COP11 decisions, in particular amendments to the Appendices and resolutions.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

Please enter here the name of your country

> ALBANIA

Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?

> Biodiversity and Protected Areas Directorate at the Ministry of Environment

Please list any other agencies that have provided input

> Center for Flora and Fauna Research and the Biology Department at Faculty of Natural Sciences - Tirana University

I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

Party

Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country

> 1/9/2001

Period covered

> 15/06/2015-15/01/2017

Territories to which the Convention applies

> Territories under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Albania

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Implementation

Competent Authority:

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Relevant implemented legislation:

> Law no. 9587, dated 20. 7.2006 "On biodiversity protection", being amended in 2014;
Law no. 10006, dated 23.10.2008 "On the protection of wild fauna";
Law no.10253, dated 11.4.2010 "On hunting";
Law no. 8906, dated 6.6.2002 "On protected areas", amended in 2008;
Law no. 9867, dated 31.1.2008 "On the rules and procedures of international trade of endangered species of wild flora and fauna"
and several by-legal acts

Further Legal Acts:

- Law on protected Areas, as of may 2017.

Ministry of Environment is working on 2 DCM to designate 2 new Pas: National park of Alps and Natural Coastal Park of Gjiri i Llamanit – Porto Palermo.

- It is approved DCM no. 866, date 10.12.2014 "For approval of lists of the natural habitat types, of flora, fauna, animals and birds that are of great interest for the EU".

- It is approved the DCM no. 272, date 7.5.2014 "For the establishment, organising and functioning of salvation of wild fauna types".

It is approved the Order of Minister n0. 62, date 4.4.2016 "For the approval of the list of wild bird types especially vulnerable".

- It is approved Ministre's Guidance no. 1, date 11.2.2016 " For the approval of methods of registration and

inventory of wild fauna types, subject of hunting and of their population, the document template in which should be present the data and results of inventory”.

Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:

> Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

Bern Convention on European Wildlife and Natural Habitats

Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

Barcelona Convention on the protection of Mediterranean Sea

CITES – Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):

> Document of Strategic Policies for Protection of Biodiversity - 2016

NBSAP approved in 2000 - currently being revised and updated and the Cross-cutting Environmental Strategy

2014-2020 - final draft to be approved within 2017

CMS Agreements/MoU

Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

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Non Range State

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EUROBATS (1994)

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ASCOBANS (1994)

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ACAP (2001)

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Gorilla Agreement (2008)

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Non Range State

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Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)

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Non Range State

Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

Signatory

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Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)

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 Non Range State

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)
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IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

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Non-signatory Range State

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

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Non Range State

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

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West African Elephants MoU (2005)

West African Elephants MoU (2005)

Non Range State

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Non Range State

Saiga Antelope MoU (2006)

Saiga Antelope MoU (2006)

Non Range State

Southern South American Grassland Birds MoU (2007)

Southern South American Grassland Birds MoU (2007)

Non Range State

Ruddy-headed Goose MoU (2006)

Ruddy-headed Goose MoU (2006)

Non Range State

Monk Seal in the Atlantic MoU (2007)

Monk Seal in the Atlantic MoU (2007)

Non Range State

Dugong MoU (2007)

Dugong MoU (2007)

Non Range State

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Non Range State

Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)

Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)

Non-signatory Range State

High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)

High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)

Non Range State

Sharks MoU (2010)

Sharks MoU (2010)

Non-signatory Range State

South Andean Huemul MoU (2010)

South Andean Huemul MoU (2010)

Non Range State

Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)

> National Environment Agency, Centre for Flora and Fauna Research and the Biology Department at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of Tirana University.

Agency of Protected Areas

Podgorica, Montenegro, 5 December 2016 - National Agency for Protected Areas of Albania and Public Enterprise National Parks of

Montenegro signed a cooperation agreement today in Podgorica, deciding to enhance the cross-border cooperation in nature protection. Only the wise use of the biodiversity will guarantee the preservation of natural resources for the benefit of people in both countries.

2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:

> The Biology Department and the Centre for Fauna and Flora Research are both dependent from Faculty of natural Sciences – Tirana University

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?

No

4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:

> PPNEA – Association for the protection and preservation of the natural environment, engaged in species protection in general

APAWA – Association for the Protection of Aquatic Species, dealing mainly with aquatic species

INCA – Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania

4a. Please provide detail on any devolved government/overseas territory authorities involved.

> N/A

5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> This kind of activity is in its early stages of development. So far, to be mentioned are a couple of private investments that have started in the last couple of years.

6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> The interactions consist mainly in the promotion and development of a new legal framework that encourages such incentives and the public awareness rising on these issues.

I(b). Information about involved Authorities

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

1- Birds

> Ministry of the Environment in cooperation with the National Centre for Flora and Fauna Research at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of University of Tirana

2- Aquatic Mammals

> Ministry of the Environment in cooperation with the National Centre for Flora and Fauna Research at the Faculty of Natural Sciences of University of Tirana

3- Reptiles

> Ministry of the Environment in cooperation with the National Centre for Flora and Fauna Research

4- Terrestrial Mammals

> Ministry of the Environment in cooperation with the National Centre for Flora and Fauna Research

5- Fish

> Fisheries Directorate at the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration

II. Appendix I species

1. BIRDS

1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Law On the protection of wild fauna, no.10006, of 23.10.2008 contains such provisions for protected species by the Conventions to which Albania is a country.

The document of strategic policies on biodiversity itself is of great importance as it represents the vision and objectives of national priorities in relation with and in the frame of global objectives „aichi targets' of Biodiversity Convention for the time frame up to 2020.

- Objective up to 2020: ensuring the complete approximation and implementation of EU aichi related to nature protection.

- Up to 2020: 17 % of terrestrial territory and of internal waters, as well as 5-6 % of coastal area to be designated and declared as protected areas.

- At least, 15% of degraded areas to be rehabilitated through conservation and rehabilitation measures.

- Moreover, in the field of nature protection, policies are prepared to guarantee:(i) the protection of protected areas;(ii) the implementation of regulations adopted in 2011 on establishing special protected areas under the framework Nature 2000;(iii) measures to ban illegal activities such as hunting, logging and construction in protected areas without a permit;(iv)strengthening the administrative capacity of the inspectorate in order to suppress these phenomena.

1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

> Yes, just for research purposes only.

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:

Habitat destruction

Pollution

Other

> Illegal hunting activities and related disturbance

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> For the reporting period actions undertaken to minimize the effect of habitat destruction and illegal hunting consist on the:

Measures taken to reduce the level of pollution, especially in the coastal areas of the country which serve as the main habitat for migratory species and some efforts on the restoration of most important coastal wetlands as well as reforestation.

The two year hunting ban of January 2014 succeeded with a considerable recover of wild fauna species populations.

Based on this, Albania approved the second law 23/06/2016 no. 61/2016 datë 2.6.2016 on Hunting Ban in the Republic of Albania for a period of 5 years, starting in 2016. This period is considered to further increase the number of populations as well to further complete the national legislation framework. There are approved the methodologies for inventory and monitoring for species object of hunting and a number of trainings for the staff subject of undertaking the process of ensuring data for biodiversity – in this context there are 2 censuses completed on wintering birds, which contribute towards creation of a better picture of the trend of wild fauna in Albania.

The new law on Protected Areas will give an impetus to the administration of the protected areas, while working towards the

increase of the protected areas both terrestrial and marine ones.

Today the surface of Protected Areas in Albania is 16,61%.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Although it is the beginning of the ban on hunting is contributing to create the needed environment for the migratory birds.

Other progress has been achieved in the four Ramsar sites of Shkodra Lake and Velipoja wetland complex,

Narta Lagoon, Butrinti wetland complex and Prespa Lake area.

Albania ratified in parliament the project on "Aiming to revitalize the Kune -Vaini Wetland, through adaptation based on ecosystem approach"

Albania is also working designation of Ohrid lake as UNESCO site, both for its natural and cultural values. Findings of census 2016

Data of 17.1.2016 - there have been watched 3,775 birds that represent 42 types. From those 27 types were water birds (2,990 individuals), 10 types of passerina (771 individuals) and 4 types of predatory birds (14 individuals).

Main findings of water wintering birds - census 2017

Ministry of Environment in collaboration with Natura2000 - Natura 2000, for the second consecutive year undertook census on water wintering birds during 13 -17 january 2017.

- Census was conducted in 19 wetland areas by 60 national and international experts as well as staff of protected areas in the regions. From 19 lagoons that have been visited, 14 are already designated as Bird Important Areas.

- In total there have been registered 64 types of water birds, with a total number of 165,268 individuals. It has also been noted the presence of water nightingales, grabber birds (9 types) and approximately 2150 sparrows (42 different types).

- The most common water bird was Fulica atra with approximately 41 % of total number of water birds. This type is followed by Mareca penelope, Croicocephalus ridibundus, Aythya ferina and Anas crecca.

- The Divjaka - Karavasta National Park has registered 39,999 individuals being the lagoon with the biggest number of water birds, followed by Skadar Lake, Big Prespa lake and Ohrid Lake.

- The Divjaka - Karavasta National Park has also registered 51 different types of water birds proclaimed in this way the richest area for this winter.

Other important areas for water birds were Narta with 40 types, Kune-Vaini with 36 types and Butrinti with 33 types.

- The highest diversity index was registered in Kune-Vain showing a good balance between high number of water birds and of diversity of types watched. This index shows the importance of wetland like Kune- Vainit, Divjakë-Karavastasë, Nartës etc., for sheltering the water birds in Albania.

- Census also, offered some important watching for other types, including the first confirmed wintering of Ciconia ciconia in Albania, also reconfirming the wintering of Arenaria interpres, the first case of wintering in coastal area for the Clangula

hyemalis, a big dorm for Circus aeruginosus, and wintering of Clanga clanga.

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

[wetlands_albania.jpg](#) - Wetlands of Albania

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Better protection of coastal wetlands especially for habitat restoration and pollution prevention and control.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Poaching

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> The GEF UNDP project "Identification and implementation of adaptation response measures in Drini-Mati river deltas" was implemented in the area to minimize the effects of climate change.

Furthermore the enacted new legislation has for the first time ensured provisions that prohibit hunting in all coastal wetlands and areas designated as Important Bird Areas for Albania.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Some measures have been implemented. Other measures will be enforced in the coming period. The state of the dalmatian pelican (Pelecanus crispus) population is one of the success stories for the country.

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Enforcement of the national legal framework by the control bodies in charge: State Inspectorate of Environment, Forests and Waters and the administration staff of Protected Areas .

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> Capacity building activities and study visits in EU member states to get the experience on the law enforcement on issues related to migratory species.

1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided

in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: Anser erythropus

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bino et al.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Financial and human resources constraints

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Inventory and monitoring - Update of the Red Lists of Flora and Fauna to be conducted within 2017.

Species name: Aythya nyroca

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International (2004) Birds in Europe : population estimates,trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Control hunting / poaching

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Limitations in human and financial resources

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Inventory and monitoring

Species name: Falco naumanni

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International (2004) Birds in Europe: population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK:

BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

decreasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

- Species protection
- Control hunting / poaching

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Limitations in human and financial resources

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> This species is listed in the Red List of Albanian fauna of 2013 so it is a protected species that can not be hunted or used for any purpose

Species name: *Haliaeetus albicilla*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International (2004) Birds in Europe : population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

decreasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Identification and establishment of protected areas

Monitoring

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Monitoring, control of hunting and habitat protection

Species name: *Larus audouinii*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Peja et al. 1995

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Limitations in human and financial resources

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Habitat protection

Species name: *Numenius tenuirostris*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bino et al.2001

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decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

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Research

Species protection

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Monitoring

Species name: *Oxyura leucocephala*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

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2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Control hunting / poaching

Habitat protection

Other

> N/A

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Budget allocated for species monitoring is very low

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Inventory of population status

Species name: *Pelecanus crispus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

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2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

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2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Identification and establishment of protected areas

Monitoring

Education/awareness rising

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

- Habitat protection
- Habitat restoration
- Other

> Protected species listed in the Red List of Wild Fauna of Albania (2nd edition, December 2013).

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Human and financial resources constraints

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Since 15 March 2014 a hunting ban for a two year period is in place in Albania, after the approval in the Parliament of the Law 7/2014 of 31.1.2014 "On the hunting ban in the Republic of Albania"

Species name: Pelecanus onocrotalus (only Palearctic populations)

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> very limited human and financial resources

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

Species name: Neophron percnopterus

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bino pers. communication

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

decreasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Species action plan

Species name: Aquila clanga

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bino T. monitoring report 2011

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

decreasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Control hunting / poaching

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Research and monitoring

Species name: Falco vespertinus

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bino et al. 2001

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Species conservation measures

Species name: Otis tarda (Middle-European population)

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bino 2004. Albania – National Report on Great Bustard Otis tarda

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Limited human capacities and extremely limited financial resources

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Monitoring

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I birds in general:

> Protected species

2. AQUATIC MAMMALS

2.1 General questions on Appendix I aquatic mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> N/A

1a. If the taking of Appendix I aquatic mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):

> N/A

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I aquatic mammals:

By-catch

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Training of fishing and environmental inspectorates

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Illegal fishing reduced

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Capacity building programmes, especially with other Mediterranean countries that are at the same time EU countries, with the emphasis on law enforcement in practice.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I aquatic mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Pollution

By-catch

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger aquatic mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> The enacting of new legislation and its implementation in the last couple of years will contribute to pollution reduction

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Monitoring programmes are being updated in order to have more reliable data on the pollution assessment

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Limitation in human and financial resources

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> Technical assistance programmes would be beneficiary

2.2 Questions on specific Appendix I aquatic mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I aquatic mammals species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Monachus monachus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bego et al.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

Monitoring

Species protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of funding for research and monitoring activities

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Research and monitoring

Species name: Delphinus delphis (Mediterranean population)

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Bego pers. communication

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

Monitoring

Species protection

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Research and monitoring

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine mammals in general:

> Reliable data still to be produced

3. REPTILES

3.1 General questions on Appendix I reptiles

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I reptiles species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Red List of the Albanian wild fauna species

1a. If the taking of Appendix I reptiles species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):

> N/A

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I reptiles species:

- By-catch
- Pollution

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

› A CEPF conservation project is being implemented in Patoku wetland area

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

› Some progress has been achieved

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

› Technical assistance and awareness raising campaigns

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I reptiles species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

- Destruction of nesting beaches

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger reptiles species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

› Designation and/or enlargement of Protected Areas

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

› The implementation of Management Plans will give significant results on this issue

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

› Limited human and financial capacities

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

› Experience exchange especially from EU countries

3.2 Questions on specific Appendix I reptiles

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I reptiles species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Caretta caretta*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

› Fromhold, E. 1959: Als Tiergärtner und Herpetologe in Albanien; Haxhiu, I. 1985: Result of the studies for the turtles in Albania (Rezultate te studimit te breshkave te Shqiperise). BSHN No 2. Tirane;

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

- stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

- stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

- Research
- Monitoring
- Species protection
- Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

› Not applicable

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

› Inventory and monitoring

Species name: *Dermochelys coriacea*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Zeko, I., Puzanov, V. 1960. One marine turtles in our coastal area (Nje breshke oqeanike ne bregdetin tone). BSHN No.4.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Not applicable

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Research and monitoring

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine turtles in general:

> All marine turtles are protected species in Albania. A management plan for marine turtles was drafted and approved in cooperation with Medasset in November 2012

5. FISH

5.1 General questions on Appendix I fish species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I fish species prohibited by the national legislation listed as being implementing legislation in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> N/A

1a. If the taking of Appendix I fish species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

> N/A

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I fish species:

Other

> Law enforcement needs to be improved

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Capacity building workshops

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Management plan started to be implemented

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Technical assistance and experience exchange

3. What are the major threats to Appendix I fish species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Other

> Illegal fishing

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger fish species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> Fisheries management plans

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Still at early stages of implementation

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Full implementation of management plans

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> Technical assistance on integrated fisheries management

5.2 Questions on specific Appendix I fish species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I fish species, for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Acipenser sturio*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> ACCOBAMS

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of knowledge and research for this species

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Reliable research data

Species name: *Carcharodon carcharias*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> FAO, IUCN

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

Species protection

Other

> N/A

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Lack of knowledge and research on the species

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Reliable monitoring data

Species name: Cetorhinus maximus

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> FAO, IUCN

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

Species protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Not applicable

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Population dynamics

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I bats in general:

> All Appendix I bat species are protected by national legislation

6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I?

(according to the latest IUCN red data list). N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose listing any of these species?

No

If yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

1b. What assistance/measures, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of these species?

> Extended research and monitoring activities

III. Appendix II Species

1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)

Date of last report
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

EUROBATS (1994)

Date of last report:
> 2014

Period covered:
> June 2010- June 2014

ASCOBANS (1994)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

Date of last report:
> 2010

Period covered:
> 2005-2010

Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

AEWA (1999)

Date of last report:
> 2012

Period covered
> Up to the end of 2011

ACCOBAMS (2001)

Date of last report:
> 2013

Period covered:
> 2010-2013

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Date of last report:
> 2011

Period covered:
> 2005-2010

IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

ACAP (2001)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered
> N/A

West African Elephants MoU (2005)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Period covered:
> N/A

Saiga Antelope MoU (2006)

Date of last report:
> N/A

Ruddy-headed Goose MoU (2006)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

Monk Seal in the Atlantic MoU (2007)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

Southern South American Grassland Birds MoU (2007)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Dugong MoU (2007)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

Gorilla Agreement (2008)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

Sharks MoU (2010)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

South Andean Huemul MoU (2010)

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> Not applicable

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Not applicable

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> Not applicable

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Not applicable

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of

Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> Not applicable

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Not applicable

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> Not applicable

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Not applicable

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> Not applicable

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> Not applicable

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> N/A

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its

conservation?

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

1b. What assistance, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of this/these species?

> N/A

IV. National and Regional Priorities

1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues

Medium

2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

Yes

2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of the habitats of migratory species, including protected areas

Actions to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger migratory species (e.g. alien invasive species or by-catch)

Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration

Research and monitoring of migratory species

Transboundary co-operation

3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

Yes

3.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> SPA/BD Protocol of Barcelona Convention

3a. Do these policies/plans cover the following areas?

Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> National legislation on wild fauna protection and hunting

Economic development

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Hunting activity economical benefits

Land-use planning

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Protection of migration routes and IBA-s designation

Pollution control

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Barcelona Convention and its Protocols implementation

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Designation of coastal and marine protected areas

Development of ecological networks

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> In the process of development for Albania

Planning of power lines

No

If Yes, please provide details

> N/A

Planning of fences

No

If Yes, please provide details

> N/A

Planning of dams

No

If Yes, please provide details

> N/A

Other

No

If Yes, please provide details

> N/A

4. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Designation of protected areas and wild fauna protection are the ones with better results to be mentioned

V. Protected Areas

1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> There are a lot of Protected Areas in the coastal area of the country identified as important habitat for migratory species, especially migratory birds.

1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

> 4 Ramsar sites: Karavasta, Butrinti, Shkodra lake and Buna river and Prespa lakes are the most important ones. besides the Ramsar status, Butrinti, Karavasta and Prespa lakes are also National Parks; and Shkodra Lake is a Managed Nature Reserve.

1b. Do these protected areas cover the following areas?

Terrestrial

Yes

Aquatic

Yes

Marine

Yes

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Biodiversity and Protected Areas Directorate in the Ministry of the Environment of Albania

2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> The coverage of Protected Areas in the country has increased steadily and actually stands at 1,8 % of the country's territory of 475 thousand hectares. The first Marine protected Area has been designated in Albania in April 2010.

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If yes what is the state of those projects

completed

Please provide details

> A GEF funded project on marine turtles has been implemented in 2009-2010 by the Greek Medasset.

2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?

No

If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):

> N/A

If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:

> Limited knowledge and human and financial resources are the main obstacles.

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> N/A

VII. Membership

1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-Parties that have been identified by the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)

> N/A

1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> N/A

2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> N/A

VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> N/A

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> N/A

IX. Mobilization of Resources

1. Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> Measures for the conservation of the Dalmatian Pelecan population in Karavasta NP area are the most important ones. other activities involve marine turtles and the protection of their habitats in Albania

2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. Has your country made other voluntary financial contributions to support conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in other countries (particularly developing countries)?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> N/A

4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> N/A

5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> N/A

6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> MEDASSET project on the conservation of marine turtles and their habitats in Albania. The project prepared in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment the action plan for the management of marine turtles and their habitats in the country

The project "Mediterranean Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach, in Coherence with the EU MSFD" (EcAp-MEDII, with timeline of 2015-2018), aims to assist the Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties to implement the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme (IMAP), adopted by COP 19 (IG.22/7) As such, the project seeks to support the Southern Mediterranean Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention through assisting them in establishing new updated monitoring programmes in line with the Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme. This will enable for the first time a quantitative monitoring of the status of the Mediterranean sea and coast on a regional basis, covering biodiversity and non-indigenous species, coast and hydrography, and pollution and marine litter monitoring in an interlinked manner. In addition, the project addresses some specific challenges of the ecosystem approach implementation, by strengthening science-policy interface, addressing sub-regional implementation needs, and responding to data and information challenges in the region.

Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. Parties which did not submit a National Report in 2014 are requested to complete the entire form. Parties that did submit a report in 2014 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP11).

Chiroptera

Eidolon helvum (African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

No information available

Miniopterus schreibersii (African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Vespertilionidae spp (European populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Otomops martiensseni (African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Tadarida teniotis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Not known

Rhinolophidae spp (European populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Bego pers communication

Cetacea

Berardius bairdii

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Hyperoodon ampullatus

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Cephalorhynchus heavisidii

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Globicephala melas (North and Baltic Sea populations)

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Lagenodelphis hosei (south-east Asian populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Lagenorhynchus acutus (North and Baltic Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

No information available

Lagenorhynchus albirostris (North and Baltic Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

No information available

Lagenorhynchus australis

Please choose the one that applies.

No information available

Orcinus orca

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Sotalia guianensis

Please choose the one that applies.

No information available

Stenella attenuata (eastern tropical Pacific population)

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Stenella coeruleoalba (eastern tropical Pacific population)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Stenella longirostris (eastern tropical Pacific populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Tursiops truncatus (Mediterranean population)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Bego et al., 2008

Balaenoptera bonaerensis

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Balaenoptera borealis

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Balaenoptera edeni

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Balaenoptera omurai

Published distribution reference
> N/A

Balaenoptera physalus

Published distribution reference
> N/A

Caperea marginata

Published distribution reference
> N/A

Delphinus delphis (Mediterranean population)

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Published distribution reference
> Bego et al., 2008

Carnivora

Lycaon pictus

Please choose the one that applies.
 Not a Range State

Arctocephalus australis

Please choose the one that applies.
 Not a Range State

Halichoerus grypus (Baltic Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.
 Not a Range State

Monachus monachus

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Phoca vitulina (Baltic and Wadden Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.
 Not a Range State

Otaria flavescens

Please choose the one that applies.
 Not a Range State

Gaviiformes

Gavia arctica arctica

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Gavia stellata (W. Palaeartic)

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Podicipediformes

Podiceps auritus (W. Palaeartic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Podiceps grisegena grisegena

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Pelecaniformes

Pelecanus crispus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Pelecanus onocrotalus (W. Palearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Phalacrocorax nigrogularis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Phalacrocorax pygmeus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconiiformes

Botaurus stellaris stellaris (W. Palearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Casmerodius albus albus (W. Palearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ixobrychus minutus minutus (W. Palearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia ciconia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia nigra

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Platalea leucorodia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Plegadis falcinellus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falconiformes

Pandion haliaetus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Galliformes

Coturnix coturnix coturnix

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Gruiformes

Crex crex

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Fulica atra atra (Mediterranean and Black Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana parva parva

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana porzana (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Otis tarda

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadriiformes

Burhinus oedicnemus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Glareola pratincola

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chlidonias niger niger

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus audouinii

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus genei

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus melanocephalus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna albifrons

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna caspia (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna hirundo hirundo (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna sandvicensis sandvicensis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Columbiformes

Streptopelia turtur turtur

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Psittaciformes

Amazona tucumana

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Coraciiformes

Merops apiaster

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Coracias garrulus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Testudinata

Podocnemis expansa

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Cheloniidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Dermochelyidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Lamniformes

Carcharodon carcharias

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Acipenseriformes

Acipenser naccarii

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Acipenser sturio

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

2. All species of each of the Families below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for any of the species in these Families, please indicate whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published distribution references.

Order TESTUDINATA, Family CHELONIIDAE

Caretta caretta

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chelonia mydas

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Eretmochelys imbricata

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Lepidochelys kempii

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Lepidochelys olivacea

Published distribution reference

> N/A

Natator depressus

Published distribution reference

> N/A