**CONSERVATION STATUS OF MIGRATORY SPECIES**

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*(Prepared by the Institutional and Crosscutting Issues Working Group)*

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**STATE OF THE WORLD’S MIGRATORY SPECIES REPORT**

*Recalling* Article II (1) of the Convention whereby Parties acknowledge the importance of migratory species being conserved and of Range States agreeing to take action to this end whenever possible and appropriate, paying special attention to migratory species the conservation status of which is unfavourable, and taking individually or in cooperation appropriate and necessary steps to conserve such species and their habitat,

*Recognizing* the need to regularly review information on the status of and threats to migratory species, as well as on knowledge and implementation gaps, to help inform ongoing and future actions by CMS Parties and the wider global community to conserve these species,

*Highlighting* the importance of such a regular review of the conservation status of migratory species for the objectives defined in the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024–2032,

*Recalling* Decisions 13.17–13.18 *Application of Article III of the Convention Regarding International Trade in Appendix I-listed Species*, and Decisions 13.24 and 13.26 b) *Conservation Status of Migratory Species*,

*Noting* the reports considered by the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties: *State of the World’s Migratory Species* (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.21.1); *Assessment of the Risk Posed to CMS Appendix I-Listed Species by Direct Use and Trade* (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.21.2); and *In-Depth Review of the Conservation Status of Individual CMS-Listed Species* (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.21.3),

*Concerned* by the conservation status of many CMS-listed species, of which 22 per cent are globally threatened with extinction, including the majority (82 per cent) of the species listed in CMS Appendix I,

*Concerned* that human activities leading to habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation, overexploitation, climate change, pollution, and the spread of invasive species and disease represent major threats to migratory species,

*Underscoring* the fact that the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals is a unique global agreement that addresses the conservation of migratory species and their habitats, and provides a vital means for Parties, non-Party governments and stakeholders to cooperate on conservation solutions to address the conservation needs of migratory species and their habitats,

*The Conference of the Parties to the*

*Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals:*

1. *Welcomes* the first-ever State of the World’s Migratory Species report, provided by the Secretariat for the consideration of COP14;
2. *Decides* to regularly review the conservation status of migratory species at alternate meetings of the Conference of the Parties, starting at COP16;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop, in consultation with the Scientific Council and in collaboration with competent organizations, a State of the World’s Migratory Species report for each alternate meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The State of the World’s Migratory Species report should:
   1. Follow a ‘state-pressure-response’ structure, and, where feasible, align with key metrics needed to assess progress on the implementation of the Convention. The overall report should be succinct, present findings in a visual format and provide clear recommendations for future actions;
   2. Include key data and indicators on the conservation status and trends of migratory species, and on key pressures on these species and their habitats, as well as illustrative examples of the efforts under way to conserve and promote the recovery of these species. The reports should also identify threatened migratory species that may benefit from listing in the CMS Appendices;
   3. Include, as appropriate and feasible, additional ‘spotlight’ sections on specific topics or issues of importance and relevance and in-depth case studies;
   4. Seek synergies with relevant assessments by the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), including the planned assessment on spatial planning and ecological connectivity;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop and maintain an online data dashboard to compile key, high-level statistics on CMS-listed and other migratory species and their habitats to inform the review of the conservation status of migratory species and to support the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention. The online CMS Data Dashboard should:
5. Be informed by the State of the World’s Migratory Species report;
6. Include visual representations of key data sets, indicators and/or statistics from relevant data providers;
7. Directly link, where feasible, to the key data sets so that the dashboard is kept up to date;
8. Ensure data interoperability with other relevant databases;
9. *Requests* the Scientific Council to provide guidance to the Secretariat on scope and any additional ‘spotlight’ sections on specific topics or issues of importance for the State of the World’s Migratory Species reports, as well as on the development of the online CMS Data Dashboard;
10. *Urges* Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide the in-kind and financial means and technical support required to develop the State of the World’s Migratory Species report, and to develop and maintain an online data platform on CMS-listed and other migratory species and their habitats, as well to compile and update the underlying biodiversity data sets that provide key insights.

DRAFT DECISIONS

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***Directed to the Parties***

14.AA The Parties are invited to:

1. consider the findings and recommendations of the reports considered at COP14: *State of the World’s Migratory Species*; *Assessment of the Risk Posed to CMS Appendix I-Listed Species by Direct Use and Trade*; and *In-Depth Review of the Conservation Status of Individual CMS-Listed Species,*
2. identify the implications of these reports on their efforts to implement the Convention,
3. take additional actions as needed to address the findings and recommendations of these reports at the national level.

14. BB The Parties shall report progress in National Reports on implementing Resolution 14.XX, to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

14.BB bis The Standing Committee is requested to consider the information gathered under 14.DD b) and take any appropriate actions including potentially through the Review Mechanism in accordance with Resolution 12.9.

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

14.CC The Scientific Council, supported by the Secretariat, is requested to:

1. provide guidance to the Secretariat on scope and any additional ‘spotlight’ sections on specific topics or issues of importance for the second edition of the *State of the World’s Migratory Species* report,
2. provide guidance to the Secretariat on the development of the online CMS Data Dashboard,

***Directed to the Secretariat***

14.DD The Secretariat is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:

1. disseminate the reports on the *State of the World’s Migratory Species*, *Assessment of the Risk Posed to CMS Appendix I-Listed Species by Direct Use and Trade*, and an *In-Depth Review of the Conservation Status of Individual CMS-Listed Species* to the relevant stakeholders, and raise awareness of them, and their findings and recommendations, in appropriate forums,
2. in accordance with Resolution 12.9, engage with relevant Parties on the instances of potential contravention of the Convention identified in the report in COP14 document 21.2 to seek further information from these Parties on these cases and report this information to the 56th Meeting of the Standing Committee,
3. review the findings and recommendations of the reports and consider their implications for setting priorities in the development of the Programme of Work following COP14,
4. during the intersessional period prior to COP15, identify any major developments regarding the conservation status of migratory species, including emerging trends or threats, and prepare a summary for the 8th meeting of the Sessional Committee and for the attention of COP15,
5. identify possible issues that could be the subject of spotlight sections in any future State of the World’s Migratory Species report(s).