



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RESOLUTION 7.15

FUTURE ACTION ON THE ANTARCTIC MINKE, BRYDE'S AND PYGMY RIGHT WHALES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Seventh Meeting (Bonn, 18-24 September 2002)

Recalling that the 11th meeting of the CMS Scientific Council recognised a range of indirect threats that can adversely impact marine species, including great whales;

Further recalling that, at the same meeting, the Scientific Council noted the proposals to include Antarctic minke, Bryde's and Pygmy right whales on CMS Appendix I contained key data and information gaps as well as a number of technical inaccuracies which resulted in it not being able to reach a consensus view on these proposals;

Noting that the Scientific Council was therefore unable to recommend, at this time, Appendix I listing for Antarctic minke, Bryde's and Pygmy right whales, and invited Parties to further develop the proposals; and

Further noting that the Scientific Council also recognised the ongoing conservation needs of the Antarctic minke, Bryde's and Pygmy right whales and that the outcomes of its deliberations should not be seen by the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or others, as downplaying in any sense the conservation needs of these species;

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

1. *Calls on* Parties, that are Range States for Antarctic minke, Bryde's and Pygmy right whales to take action to identify the status of the populations of these great whales, to determine the nature and scope of threats to those species and, in doing so, to address the key data and information gaps in the proposals for listing the Antarctic minke, Bryde's and Pygmy right whales on Appendix I of the Convention, with a view to revising the proposals for future consideration by the Scientific Council;
2. *Supports* concerted actions as well as international and regional cooperation to ensure the conservation and recovery of all great whales currently listed on the CMS Appendices; and
3. *Recommends* that Parties and international and regional organizations with a role to play in the conservation of the Antarctic minke, Bryde's and Pygmy right whales maintain and, where possible, enhance current measures to ensure the conservation of these species of great whales.

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