



**CMS**

## **2025 CMS National Report**

**Deadline for submission of the National Reports: : 30 September 2025**

**Reporting period: from May 2023 to February 2025**

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions and are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, when required.

National Report format is available through the CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS), which has been successfully implemented and used by CMS, AEWA, IOSEA and Sharks MOU in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC.

Through Resolution 12.5 (Rev. COP14) and Decisions 14.27, 14.25 National Reports and 14.2 Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, the Standing Committee and the Secretariat were tasked with developing a new format for National Reports that aligns with the SPMS. However, given that the indicators of the SPMS are not yet in place, and due to the time constraints caused by the exceptionally short intersessional period before COP15, there is insufficient time to substantially amend the National Report format to fully align it with the SPMS.

The Standing Committee therefore agreed to develop a new format for the reporting period after COP15, and to use the previous National Report format for the current reporting period, with only minor adjustments. These adjustments would include a limited number of additional questions on topics that COP14 specifically requested to be reported through National Reports.

Additionally, it was agreed not to attach the full list of species in Appendices I and II for verification by Parties, as this information was collected during previous reporting cycles but could not be fully assessed and reflected in the National Reports format due to a lack of resources. Instead, the Standing Committee agreed to collect information on Range States for species listed in the Annex to Resolution 14.19 during this reporting cycle, in accordance with Decision 14.234.

A proposal of the National Reports format was circulated by the Secretariat to the Standing Committee members on 13 December and it was agreed through communication procedure, in line with Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure.

This online version of the format strictly follows the one adopted by Standing Committee through communication procedure. In addition, as was also the case for reporting prior to COP14, it incorporates pre-filled information, notably in Sections II and III, based on data available at the Secretariat from the previous reporting cycles.

Please note that guidance is available for a number of questions throughout the national report as both in-text guidance and as tool tips (displayed via the information 'i' icon).

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RESOURCES FOR THE CMS NATIONAL REPORT FROM OTHER RELEVANT INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES

Convention/Agreement/Process

Information source

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

National Reports

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

Annual trade reports, Annual illegal trade reports, Implementation reports

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat

National Reports, Ramsar Information Sheets

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Country reports

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

National Reports

United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)

National Reports

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

National Communications, Biennial Reports, Update Reports

Various CMS Family Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)

National Reports

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals

National Reports

Note: These reporting processes of other relevant intergovernmental frameworks are examples of information resources to be used when filling out this national report, which may assist in identification and strengthening of synergies among these processes. This list is **not** exhaustive. There are many other sources of information that may also be of relevance for migratory species, their habitats and migrations systems.

## High-level summary of key messages

### In your country, during the reporting period, what does this report reveal about:

Guidance:

This section invites you to summarise the most important positive aspects of CMS implementation in your country and the areas of greatest concern. Please limit this specifically to the current reporting period only.

Your answers should be based on the information contained in the body of the report: the intention is for this section to distil the technical information in the report into “high level” messages for decision-makers and wider audiences.

Please try also to be specific or provide specific examples where you can, e.g. “New wildlife legislation enacted in 2024 doubled penalties for poisoning wild birds” rather than “stronger laws”; “50% shortfall in match-funding for GEF project on gazelles” rather than just “lack of funding”.

The most successful aspects of implementation of the Convention? (List up to five items):

>>> SPMS Strategic Goals and Targets

Goal 1: Address the underlying causes of decline of migratory species by mainstreaming relevant conservation and sustainable use priorities across governments and society; and Goal 3: Improve the conservation status of migratory species and the ecological connectivity and resilience of their habitats:

- Successful participation in several international projects supporting ecological/habitas connectivity, support of nesting conditions for some birds and active involvement of different stakeholders from various sectors;
- Strengthening the application of legal protection, and reporting of persecution, training law enforcement authorities and raising public awareness, cooperation with Police Corps;
- Adoption of several legal acts (e.g. on prevention and management of introduction and spread of invasive alien species, on fishing) and national strategies (e.g. Climate change adaptation strategy, Environmental strategy 2030, updated Programme for Wetlands Management in Slovakia until 2024 and Action Plan for Wetlands 2022-2024, Prioritised Action Framework for Natura 2000, etc.), action plans (Falco vespertinus), etc. supporting conservation of migratory species and their habitats;
- Restoration of some important sites and habitats within different projects.

Goal 2: Reduce the direct pressures on migratory species and their habitats:

- Monitoring of power line impacts on birds (electrocution, collisions), risk analysis of those impacts, designing and implementation of preventive and mitigation measures targeting electrocution and collisions, increased awareness and active involvement of power supply companies to prevent birds electrocution;

The greatest difficulties in implementing the Convention? (List up to five items):

>>> Integration of multiple values of migratory species and their habitats into sectoral policies and practices (forestry, agriculture, land-use planning and landscape management in particular);

Systematic research of migratory species and their habitats and consequences of their loss.

The main priorities for future implementation of the Convention? (List up to five items):

>>> Development of national Strategy and Action Plan on migratory species and implementation of other relevant strategies;

Integration of migratory species in sectoral policies and strategies;

Preparation, adoption and implementation of single species or multi-species action plans for threatened species, monitoring and research;

Restoration of habitats and important sites;

Education and awareness.

## **I. Administrative Information**

Name of the Party

>>> Slovakia

Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country (DDMMYY)

>>> 01.03.1995

Any territories which are excluded from the application of the Convention

>>> No

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## II. Accession/Ratification of CMS Agreements/MOUs

Please confirm the status of your country's participation in the following Agreements/MOUs, and indicate any updates or corrections required:

Yes, the lists are correct and up to date

Country participation in Agreements/MOUs:

*Please select only one per line*

|   | Range State, but not a Party/Signatory | Not applicable (= not a Range State) | Party/Signatory                     |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aquatic Warbler                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| ACAP                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| ACCOBAMS                                | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| AEWA                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| ASCOBANS                                | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Atlantic Turtles                        | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Birds of Prey (Raptors)                 | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bukhara Deer                            | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Dugong                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| EUROBATS                                | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Gorilla Agreement                       | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| High Andean Flamingos                   | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| IOSEA Marine Turtles                    | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Middle-European Great Bustard           | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input type="checkbox"/>             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Monk Seal in the Atlantic               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Pacific Islands Cetaceans               | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Ruddy-headed Goose                      | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Saiga Antelope                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Sharks                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Siberian Crane                          | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Slender-billed Curlew                   | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| South Andean Huemul                     | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Southern South American Grassland Birds | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Wadden Sea Seals                        | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| West African Elephants                  | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Western African Aquatic Mammals         | <input type="checkbox"/>               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### III. Species on the Convention Appendices

III.1 Please confirm that the Excel file “Res. 14.19 species per Party” linked below correctly identifies the **Appendix II** species listed in Resolution 14.19 Guidance on the treatment of species included within aggregated families listed under Appendix II for which your country is a Range State.

The list of Resolution 14.19 species per Parties is available **here**.

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**GUIDANCE TIP:**

During the last two reporting cycles, information has been collected on Appendix I and Appendix II species, and the information received still needs to be analyzed. Therefore, this reporting cycle only focuses on bird species identified under Resolution 14.19. This Resolution invites Parties to consider the list of Species in its Annex when preparing National Reports. This question aims at collecting information on Range States of species listed in the Annex to Resolution 14.19. Parties are therefore invited to review the Range State data which are available in the excel spreadsheet “Res. 14.19 species per Party”. Please confirm that the list is correct, or if amendments are needed, create a line for each species for which you wish to indicate different information from that shown in the Excel spreadsheet. Where possible, please also provide supporting evidence, such as a reference to a scientific paper. A more detailed spreadsheet with Data per countries and territories is available here as background information. The data used for these spreadsheets are based on the CMS standard references for non-passerine and passerine species, as determined by Resolution 12.27(Rev.COP14) Taxonomy and Nomenclature, using its online version HBW-BirdLife Version 9.0 (October 2024)..

Yes, the list is correct

## IV. Legal Prohibition of the Taking of Appendix I Species

IV.1. Is the taking of Appendix I species prohibited by national or territorial legislation in accordance with CMS Article III(5)?

Yes for all Appendix I species

Please identify any change in the legal statute(s) concerned that has been introduced since the last reporting:

Please provide links and clearly identify the relevant statute(s) by providing the title, date, etc.

>>> Act No. 543/2002 Coll. on Nature and Landscape Protection as amended by later acts. Order of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 170/2021 Coll. by which is executed the Act No. 543/2002 Coll. as amended. Act No. 274/2009 Coll. on hunting and on amendments of some acts as amended. Order of the Ministry of Agriculture of the the Slovak Republic No. 344/2009 Coll. by which the Act on hunting is executed as amended. Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 216/2018 Coll. on fishing as amended. Order of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 381/2018 Coll. by which is executed the Act No. 216/2018 Coll. on fishing as amended. Order of the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 383/2018 on technical terms and conditions for design of fish passage facilities and monitoring of migration passability of fish passage facilities. Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 15/2005 Coll. on protection of wild species of animals and plants by regulation of trade with them and on change and amendment of some legal acts – as amended. Order of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 110/2005 Coll. by which are executed some regulations of the Act on protection of wild species of animals and plants by regulation of trade with them and on change and amendment of some legal acts – as amended. Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 364/2004 Coll. on water and on the amendments to the Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 372/1990 Coll. on transgressions as amended by later regulations. Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 50/1976 Coll. on Territorial Planning and Building Order as amended. Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic No.418/2010 Coll. by wich some provisions of the Act on water are executed. Order of the Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No. 100/2005 Coll. concerning the details how to deal with dangerous matters. Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 261/2002 Coll. on prevention of weighty industrial accident as amended. Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 24/2006 Coll. on environment impact assessment as amended. Criminal Act No. 300/2005 Coll. as amended.

IV.2 **Exceptions:** Where the taking of Appendix I species **is** prohibited by national legislation, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition during the reporting period?

No

IV.4. Are any vessels flagged to your country engaged in the intentional taking of Appendix I species outside of your country's national jurisdictional limits (consistent with the definition of "Range State" in Article I of the Convention)?

No

## V. Awareness

V.1. Please indicate the actions that have been taken by your country during the reporting period to increase people's awareness of the values of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems (note that answers given in section XVIII may also be relevant).  
(select all that apply)

### GUIDANCE TIP:

Awareness raising may include actions, steps, programmes, initiatives and/or activities described in various CMS documents, such as Resolution, Res. **11.9 (Rev.COP13)** (World Migratory Bird Day), as well as a number of other resolutions and decisions which include specific provisions about awareness raising, including Resolutions Res. **13.6** (Insect Decline), Res. **14.18** (Avian Influenza), Res. **14.17** (Communities and livelihoods), Res. **14.16** (Ecological Connectivity), Res. **14.15** (Action Plan to address aquatic Wild Meat Harvests), Res. **14.14** (CMS Jaguar Initiative), Res. **14.13** (Initiative for Central Asian Flyway), Res. **14.12** (Single Species Action Plan for the Angelshark (*Squatina squatina*) in the Mediterranean Sea), Res. **14.10** (Single Species Action Plan for the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin (*Sousa teuszii*)), Res. **14.8** (Conservation and sustainable management of seagrass ecosystems), Res. **14.5** (Reducing the risk of vessel strikes for marine megafauna), Res. **14.1** (Samarkand Strategic Plan for migratory species 2024 - 2032), Res. **12.6 (Rev.COP14)** (Wildlife health and migratory species), Res. **12.11 (Rev.COP14)** (Flyways), Res. **12.17** (Conservation and Management of Whales and their Habitats in the South Atlantic Region), Res. **12.19 (Rev.COP14)** (Endorsement of the African Elephant Action Plan), Res. **12.20** (Management of Marine Debris), Res. **12.21 (Rev.COP14)** (Climate Change and Migratory Species), Res. **12.25** (Promoting Conservation of Critical Intertidal and Other Coastal Habitats for Migratory Species), Res. **11.16 (Rev.COP14)** (The Prevention of Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds), Res. **11.17 (Rev.COP14)** (Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds in the African-Eurasian Region), Res. **11.24 (Rev.COP13)** (Central Asian Mammal Initiative), Res. **11.31 (Rev.COP14)** (Illegal and unsustainable taking of wildlife), Res. **8.12 (Rev.COP12)** (Improving the Conservation Status of Raptors and Owls in the African-Eurasian Region), and Decision 14.194 (Ecological Connectivity), Decision 14.54 (Marine Wildlife Watching) and Decision 14.223 (Impacts of Plastic Pollution on Aquatic, Terrestrial and Avian Species).

- Campaigns on specific topics
- Teaching programmes in schools or colleges
- Press and media coverage
- Community-based celebrations, exhibitions and other events
- Engagement of specific stakeholder groups
- Special publications
- Interpretation at nature reserves and other sites

### Impact of actions

V.2. Please provide details for the actions selected in the previous question and indicate any specific elements of CMS COP Resolutions which have been particularly taken forward by these actions.

>>> Number of events organized by Administrations of protected areas, the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, the Slovak Museum of Nature Conservation and Speleology, the Slovak Environmental Agency and NGOs for public on occasion of important environmental days (including World Migratory Bird Day), educational activities for schools, professionals, general public; exhibitions installed; workshops, seminars organized, etc.

V.3. Overall, how successful have these awareness actions been in achieving their objectives?

Tick one box

### GUIDANCE TIP:

If the impact of awareness actions has been assessed by (for example) project evaluation studies or follow-up audience attitude surveys during the reporting period, those provide a basis for answering this question. If the assessment has involved any type of quantitative measure of the impact, please specify. It is recognized that such assessment studies may not always be available, in which case it is acceptable to base your answer on an informed subjective judgement. Alternatively, if there is genuinely no basis for forming such a judgement, please select "Unknown".

Question V.4 gives you the opportunity to explain the basis on which you have answered question V.3.

- 3. Good impact

V.4. Please identify the main form(s) of evidence that has/have been used to make this assessment.

>>> Annual reports of the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic, Slovak Museum of Nature Conservation and Speleology, Slovak Environmental Agency of the Slovak Republic

## VI. Mainstreaming Migratory Species in Other Sectors and Processes

VI.1. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any national or local strategies and/or planning processes in your country relating to development, poverty reduction and/or livelihoods?

Yes

Please provide details:

### **GUIDANCE TIP:**

Please describe how CMS objectives are incorporated in other sectoral strategies such as transport, construction, agriculture, tourism, education, spatial planning, Sustainable Development Goals and other strategies.

>>> Conservation of species and their habitats in general is included in the national Agenda 2030 implementation plan, within the fourth national priority on the sustainability of settlements, regions and the landscape in the context of climate change (incorporates SDGs 6, 7, 11, 13 and 15). Among the challenges identified is nature conservation and landscape development, aimed at ensuring the health and stability of ecosystems, the abilities of the countryside to provide necessary ecosystem services, and at halting the loss of biodiversity. It is essential to promote nature protection and a comprehensive approach to landscape development, in synergy with climate change adaptation measures. It is also necessary to focus on effective systems of protected areas, the provision of care for precious species and habitats, and the fight against environmental crime.

[https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/20131Agenda2030\\_VNR\\_Slovakia.pdf](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/20131Agenda2030_VNR_Slovakia.pdf)

VI.2. Does your country integrate the 'values of migratory species and their habitats' in any other national reporting processes?

E.g. Agenda 2030, reporting for International Whaling Commission, CBD, EU Nature Directives, etc.

### **GUIDANCE TIP:**

Responses to this question should be focused on the reporting processes of the country rather than on plans and regulations within the country. This question intends to understand if the values of migratory species and habitats are featured in other national reporting that your country participates in, such as reporting to other biodiversity MEAs, the International Whaling Commission, European Commission etc.

Yes

VI.3. Provide some examples of significant involvements (if any) of non-governmental organizations and/or civil society in the conservation of migratory species in your country.

>>> Raptor Protection of Slovakia (RPS) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation aiming at conservation of birds of prey and owls in the wild, founded in 1974. The mission of RPS is to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity through protection of birds of prey, owls and their habitats. Over 200 members operate in the whole territory of Slovakia. The main activities include - work in the field: monitoring of each birds of prey and owls species, habitats and threatening factors; guarding of endangered nests, reparation of destroyed nests and installation of new ones, other actions to eliminate the threatening factors and their impacts; cooperation with Electric Companies to prevent electrocution and collisions of birds; education of general public and groups of interest, participation on preparation of the legislation and policy documents (directives, acts, decrees, action plans, conventions, Rural Development Programme) and their implementation to ensure conservation of biodiversity; cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the State Nature Conservancy; Slovak Ornithological Society/BirdLife Slovakia (SOS/BirdLife) is NGO which participates in: research concerning the ecology and population trends of endangered bird species and their habitats; monitoring of birds; restoration of habitats suitable for endangered species, preparation and undertaking of awareness campaigns for the specific groups and stakeholders (hunters, land owners); environmental education at schools. Slovak Bat Conservation Society (SON) is a non-governmental organization focused on protection and research of bats and their habitats in Slovakia. It was established in 1993 and has around 40 professional and amateur bat specialists. Main part of conservation activities is bat monitoring, management of roosts for house-dwelling bats and resolving of conflicts caused by bats in human settlements. Members conduct lectures and education activities for public. The International Bat Night is annually organized (EUROBATS). Bratislavské regionálne ochranárske združenie BROZ (Bratislava Regional Conservation Association (BROZ) NGO is focused on practical nature conservation and support of sustainable development in Western Slovakia region. It has managed several projects on biodiversity conservation, protected areas establishment and management, species protection and management (including some migratory species), education and public awareness.

VI.4. Provide some examples of significant involvements (if any) of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country.

>>> Slovak Electricity Transmission System, Plc. and regional energy production and distribution companies (Western, Central and Eastern Slovakian) - cooperation in protection of birds by the prevention of birds from electrocution and collisions, sponsoring of monitoring of some migratory birds, support of breeding of birds in

artificial nest boxes, support of rehabilitation of injured and handicapped birds, etc.

VI.5. Are legislation and regulations in your country concerning Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) considering the possible impediments to migration, transboundary effects on migratory species, and of impacts on migratory patterns and migratory ranges?

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

Please refer to Resolution **7.2 (Rev.COP14)** (Impact Assessment and Migratory Species).

No

## VII. Governance, Policy and Legislative Coherence

(SPMS Target 3: National, regional and international governance arrangements and agreements affecting migratory species and their migration systems have improved significantly, making relevant policy, legislative and implementation processes more coherent, accountable, transparent, participatory, equitable and inclusive.)

VII.1. Have any governance arrangements and agreements affecting migratory species and their migration systems in your country, or in which your country participates, resulted in improvements during the reporting period?

### GUIDANCE TIP:

This question is intended to understand improvements in governance arrangements in your country, which may potentially include improvements in policy, legislation, governance processes, plans etc. Please also consider the guidance below in VII.2.

No, because existing arrangements are considered to be sufficient

VII.2. Has any committee or other arrangement for liaison between different government agencies/ministries, sectors or groups been established at a national and/or subnational level in your country that addresses CMS implementation issues?

### GUIDANCE TIP:

There is no fixed model for what these arrangements may involve, and it is for each Contracting Party to decide what best suits its own circumstances. Examples could include a steering group that includes representatives of territorial administration authorities, a coordination committee that involves the lead government department (e.g. environment) working with other departments (e.g. agriculture, industry); a forum that brings together government and NGOs; a liaison group that links with business and private sector interests; a stakeholder forum involving representatives of indigenous and local communities; a coordination team that brings together the National Focal Points for each of the biodiversity-related MEAs to which the country is a Party (see also question VII.3); or any other appropriate mechanism.

These mechanisms may be specifically focused on migratory species issues, or they may address CMS implementation in conjunction with related processes such as NBSAP coordination, a National Ramsar Committee, etc.

**The Manual for National Focal Points for CMS and its Instruments** may be helpful in giving further context.

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> A Working Group on Biodiversity established by the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic is a multi-sectoral advisory body of the Ministry for improved implementation of the Convention on Biodiversity and other biodiversity-related MEAs and different stakeholders are involved, including relevant Ministries, scientific institutions, academic, non-governmental experts, representatives of land-owners, self-governing bodies, etc. The updated Slovak Ramsar Committee now includes experts on waterbirds to improve implementation of AEWA.

VII.3. Does collaboration between the focal points of CMS and other relevant global or regional Conventions take place in your country to develop the coordinated and synergistic approaches described in paragraphs 29, 30 and 32 of **Res. 11.10 (Rev.COP14)** (Synergies and partnerships) and in paragraph 7 of **Res. 14.3** (Engagement in CBD processes including the Global Biodiversity Framework) ?

### GUIDANCE TIP:

Relevant Conventions may include other global agreements such as biodiversity-related Conventions and Agreements, UNFCCC, UNCCD, as well as regional agreements, including CMS Agreements. Such collaboration may also be relevant to aligning efforts related to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030, and NBSAPs as described in **Dec. 14.6** (CMS Engagement in CBD Processes Including Global Biodiversity Framework) and **Res.8.18 (Rev.COP12)** (Integration of Migratory Species into NBSAPs and into On-going and Future Programmes of Work under CBD).

Guidance documents for integrating considerations relevant to Migratory Species in NBSAPs are available at CMS website.

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> National focal points of relevant biodiversity-related MEAs are employed in the same Directorate for Nature, Landscape and Biodiversity Protection of the Ministry of Environment and specialists of the advisory agency for nature conservation (State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic) are in the same Department for International Cooperation, so the collaboration and coordination is very close. Regular coordination meetings of these focal points and specialists are organized every year and they participate in meetings of the Working Group on Biodiversity. The list of contact points of both institutions for international conventions, initiatives and programmes and of members of their expert groups is updated annually.

VII.4. Has your country or any jurisdictional subdivision within your country adopted legislation, policies, initiatives or action plans during the reporting period that promote community involvement in conservation of CMS-listed species?

No

## VIII. Incentives

VIII.1. Has there been any elimination, phasing out or reforming of harmful incentives in your country during the reporting period resulting in benefits for migratory species?

No, because no such incentives have existed

VIII.2. Has there been development and/or application of positive incentives in your country during the reporting period, resulting in benefits for migratory species?

No, because there is no scope to do so

## IX. Sustainable Production and Consumption

IX.1. During the reporting period, has your country implemented plans or taken other steps concerning sustainable production and consumption which are relevant for conservation of migratory species?

In development / planned

Please describe the measures that have been planned, developed or implemented

>>> Government of the Slovak Republic in February 2019 adopted national Strategy of Environmental Policy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 which includes goals and measures for sustainable production and consumption, for improved protection and management of habitats, species, maintaining of the integrity, resilience and ecological connectivity of habitats, etc.

Please describe what evidence exists to show that the intended results of these measures are being achieved.

>>> Provisions of the Strategy of Environmental Policy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 and its objectives are stepwise implemented in new pieces of legislation and partial strategies, programmes and projects (e.g. in waste management, new nature conservation strategy and law, national climate change adaptation strategy and action plan, drought action plan, etc.).

## X. Threats and Pressures Affecting Migratory Species; Including Obstacles to Migration

### Which of the following pressures on migratory species or their habitats are having an adverse impact in your country on migratory species included in the CMS Appendices?

Guidance: This question asks you to identify the important pressures that are reliably known to be having an actual adverse impact on CMS-listed migratory species at present. Please avoid including speculative information about pressures that may be of some potential concern but whose impacts have not yet been demonstrated.

Please note that, consistent with the terms of the Convention, “in your country” may in certain circumstances include areas outside national jurisdictional limits where the activities of any vessels flagged to your country are involved.

#### Intentional Taking

##### GUIDANCE TIP:

Please note that as per Article 1(i) of the Convention, “Taking” means taking, hunting, fishing, capturing, harassing, deliberate killing, or attempting to engage in such conduct.

|                           | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Legal hunting             | Aquila heliaca, Falco vespertinus, Falco cherrug (Appendix I)  | 2  |
| Illegal hunting           | Aquila heliaca (Appendix I)  | 2  |
| Other harvesting and take |  |  |
| Illegal trade             | Aquila heliaca (Appendix I)  | 1  |
| Deliberate poisoning      |  |  |

#### Collisions and electrocution

|                  | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details   | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low |
|------------------|--|--|
| Wind turbines    | Aquila heliaca, Otis tarda, Falco vespertinus, Falco cherrug, Haliaeetus albicilla, Aquila clanga (Appendix I), Falco vespertinus, Falco cherrug, Haliaeetus albicilla, Aquila clanga (Appendix I) | 2  |
| Other collisions | Aquila heliaca, Otis tarda, Falco vespertinus, Falco cherrug, Haliaeetus albicilla, Aquila clanga (Appendix I), Falco vespertinus, Falco cherrug, Haliaeetus albicilla, Aquila clanga (Appendix I) | 2  |
| Electrocution    |  |  |
| Vessel strikes   |  |  |

#### Other mortality

|   | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details |
|---|--|--|
| Disease, including highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) | 1  |  |
| Unexplained stranding events                                |  |  |

|                               |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Accidental/indirect poisoning |  |  |
| Disease                       |  |  |

### Alien and/or invasive species

|                               | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Alien and/or invasive species | 1  |  |

### Habitat destruction/degradation

|  | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low |
|--|--|--|
| Landscape fragmentation/loss of ecological connectivity, physical barriers |  |  |
| Habitat degradation  | 2  |  |
| Mineral exploration/extraction   |  |  |
| Unsustainable land/resource use  |  |  |
| Urbanization   |  |  |
| Mineral exploration/extraction, incl. deep-seabed mineral exploitation     |  |  |
| Fire   |  |  |
| Physical barriers  |  |  |

### Climate change

|                | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details |
|----------------|--|--|
| Climate change | 1  |  |

### Other (please specify)

|  | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details |
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During the reporting period, has your country adopted new legislation or other domestic measures in

response to CMS Article III(4) (b) specifically addressing obstacles to migration?

CMS Article III(4)(b) states 'Parties that are Range States of a migratory species listed in Appendix I shall endeavor...to prevent, remove, compensate for or minimize, as appropriate, the adverse effects of activities or obstacles that seriously impede or prevent the migration of the species.'

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

This question is intended to specifically report on any new legislation or domestic measures **addressing obstacles to migration**. Relevant information would not include general conservation measures.

Yes

Please give the title or other reference (and date) for the measure concerned:

>>> Act No. 150/2019 on prevention and management of introduction and spread of invasive alien species.

Order Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic No.

450/2019 coll., which establishes the conditions and methods of removing invasive non-native species

## XI. Conservation Status of Migratory Species

**XI.1. What (if any) major changes in the conservation status of migratory species included in the CMS Appendices (e.g. national Red List category changes) have been recorded in your country during the reporting period?**

**“Conservation status” of migratory species is defined in Article I(1)(b) of the Convention as “the sum of the influences acting on the migratory species that may affect its long-term distribution and abundance”; and four conditions for conservation status to be taken as “favourable” are set out in Article I(1)(c).**

**If more rows are required, please upload an Excel file detailing a longer list of species. GUIDANCE TIP:**

The emphasis of this question is on “major changes” during the reporting period. Information is expected to be provided here only where particularly notable shifts in status have occurred, such as those that might be represented by a re-categorisation of national Red List threat status for a given species (or subspecies, where relevant). Please record if any CMS listed species has become extinct or extirpated from your country - or reintroduced/re-established/established - during the reporting period (or before if not previously reported to CMS).

Please note also that you are only being asked about the situation in your country. Information about global trends, and global Red List reclassifications etc, will be communicated to the CMS via other channels outside the national reporting process.

Terrestrial mammals (not including bats)

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
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Aquatic mammals

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
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Bats

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
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## Birds

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
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[Red list Birds 2023 Slovakia.xlsx](#)

[Art.12 Trends of bird species.xlsx](#) -

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## Reptiles

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
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## Fish

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
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## Insects

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
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[Red list insects 2025.pdf](#)

[Status of species HD.xls](#) -

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## XII. Cooperating to Conserve Migration Systems

XII.1 During the reporting period, has your country initiated or participated in the development of any proposals for new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II species?

E.g. Developments following the advice in Resolutions **12.8** and **13.7**.

No

XII.2. During the reporting period, have actions been taken by your country to encourage non-Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

XII.3. During the reporting period, has your country participated in the implementation of Concerted Actions under CMS (as detailed in Resolution **12.28 (Rev.COP14)**) to address the needs of relevant migratory species?

Yes

Please describe the results of these actions achieved so far:

### **GUIDANCE TIP:**

If any progress report on implementation of Concerted Actions has been submitted to the COP and/or the Scientific Council in the period under consideration, Parties can refer to that report rather than restating the same information in replying to this question (please indicate the document number)

>>> There is an action plan (rescue plan) for *Aythya nyroca* and *Botaurus stellaris* in force;

Acipenseridae:

The Slovak Academy of Sciences is involved as a partner in the LIFE Sterlet project (Restoration of sturgeon populations in the Austrian Danube, 2015-2021), aimed at establishing the sturgeon (*Acipenser ruthenus*) in the Austrian-Slovak border;

Trnava University in Trnava is a partner of the Interreg DTP project "Management and restoration of aquatic ecological corridors for migratory fish species in the Danube basin (measures)" (2018-2021) - its goal is to create ecological corridors by identifying key habitats and initiating protective measures along the Danube and its main tributaries. In this sense, sturgeon and other migratory fish species are flagship species in support of the objectives.

XII.4. Have any other steps been taken which have contributed to enhancing cooperation on the conservation of migratory species in ways that fully reflect a migration systems approach?

E.g. steps implementing Resolutions **12.11 (Rev.COP14)** (Flyways) and Res. **12.17** (South Atlantic Whales), and Decisions 14.130 (Action Plan for Migratory Landbirds), 14.137 (Flyways), and 14.207 (Renewable Energy and Migratory Species).

No

XII.5. Has your country mobilized resources and/or taken steps to promote and address ecological connectivity and its functionality in relevant international processes?

E.g., Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030, etc.

### **GUIDANCE TIP:**

Please describe initiatives aimed at implementing Decision 14.194.

No

### XIII. Area-Based Conservation Measures

XIII.1. Have critical habitats and sites for migratory species been identified (e.g. by an inventory) in your country?

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

The CMS does not have a formal definition of what constitutes a “critical” site or habitat for migratory species. It is left to report compilers to work with any interpretations which may be in existing use at national level, or to use informed expert judgement.

Helpful reflections on the issue can be found in the Resolution **Res. 14.16** (Ecological Connectivity) and in “**Strategic Review of Aspects of Ecological Networks relating to Migratory Species**” presented to COP11 and the “**Critical Site Network Tool**” developed under the auspices of AEWA and the Ramsar Convention. For sharks and rays please refer to <https://sharkrayareas.org>. For marine mammals, please refer to <https://www.marinemammalhabitat.org/imma-eatlas/>.

No

What are the main gaps and priorities to address, if any, in order to achieve full identification of relevant critical habitats and sites?

>>> Critical habitats and sites have been identified during mapping for establishment of the EU Natura 2000 network, but continuation of wetland inventory is necessary in all parts of the country.

XIII.2. Has any assessment been made of the contribution made by the country’s protected areas network specifically to migratory species conservation?

Yes

Please provide details:

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

The “contribution” may relate to habitat types, and/or geographical coverage/distribution factors, and/or coverage of particular priority species or species groups, and/or factors concerning functional connectivity, and/or any other factor considered relevant to the conservation of migratory species.

The “contribution” may relate to the use of the identified **Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs)** ([www.marinemammalhabitat.org](http://www.marinemammalhabitat.org)) and support to identification of new **Important Shark and Ray areas (ISRAs)** (<https://sharkrayareas.org>).

Regarding Birds of Prey, the “contribution” may relate to the Internationally Important Raptors Sites (relevant to the range of the Raptors MOU, as sites listed in table 3 of Annex 3 of the Raptors MOU).

(If you have information on assessments of management effectiveness, please do not include that here, but provide it instead in your response to question XIII.4).

>>> Protection will be improved by management plans of Natura 2000 sites. Special Protection Areas (SPA), declared according to the European Council Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds 2009/147/EC, cover important breeding grounds and important sites of concentration of migrating and wintering birds (for species listed in the Annex I of the Bird Directive). At present 41 SPAs are declared by individual decrees of the Government of the Slovak Republic. Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), designated according to the European Council Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora 92/40/EEC, cover also localities of important animal species (listed in the Annex II and IV of the Habitats Directive), including bats. Altogether 644 SACs have been designated for the European List. National network of protected areas (including 9 National Parks, 14 Protected Landscape Areas and about 1100 small-scale protected areas). Network of 14 surface and underground Ramsar Sites include also important habitats for migratory species.

XIII.3. Has your country adopted any new legislation or other domestic measures in the reporting period in response to CMS Article III(4) (a) (“Parties that are Range States of a migratory species listed in Appendix I shall endeavor ... to conserve and, where feasible and appropriate, restore those habitats of the species which are of importance in removing the species from danger of extinction”)?

No

XIII.4. In respect of protected areas in your country that are important for migratory species, have any assessments of management effectiveness been undertaken in the reporting period?

No

XIII.5. Beyond Protected Areas, are other effective area-based conservation measures implemented in your country in ways which benefit migratory species?

No

## XIV. Ecosystem Services

XIV.1. Has any assessment of ecosystem services associated with migratory species been undertaken in your country since the last reporting?

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

The phrase “associated with” migratory species allows you to report on any assessments that cover ecosystem services of systems, habitats or species assemblages that include migratory species. The question is therefore not expecting you to limit this to assessments focused solely on one or more migratory species.

For a broader biodiversity assessment to be relevant here, the migratory species involved must be making some identifiable contribution to the ecosystem services concerned.

Partly / in progress

Please provide details (including source references where applicable):

>>> The Catalogue of Ecosystem Services in Slovakia (Mederly & Černecký 2019, <http://www.sopsr.sk/natura/dokumenty/Katalog-ES.pdf>) was published as a first stage of ecosystem services assessment in Slovakia. Demonstration and documentation of services and benefits of wetlands is one of the goals of the updated Action Plan for Wetlands 2022-2024 to the updated Program of Wetland Management in Slovakia until 2024 (adopted by the Slovak Government in 2019). The actions include development of the methodology for assessment of ecosystem services and its implementation in model sites taking into account benefits provided by Ramsar Sites and other wetlands, or elaboration of the Resolution of COP 13 of the Ramsar Convention on Rapid assessment of wetland ecosystem services and work on payments for ecosystem services in Slovak conditions. Two Slovak organizations (the State nature Conservancy and NGO Pronatur) are partners of the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme project "Building management capacities of Carpathian protected areas for the integration and harmonisation of biodiversity protection and local socio-economic development" (2019-2022), responsible for Thematic Work Package on Carpathian Ecosystem Services Toolkit and currently work on State of the Art and gap analysis, methodological approaches and road map for implementation of this task in Carpathian countries, where migratory species and their habitats will be taken into account.

## **XV. Safeguarding Genetic Diversity**

XV.1. Are strategies of relevance to migratory species being developed or implemented to minimize genetic erosion of biodiversity in your country?

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

Strategies to be considered under this section do not necessarily have to specifically address migratory species but be of sufficient relevance in relation to the objective of safeguarding the genetic diversity of wild populations.

No

## XVI. National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

XVI.1. Does your country's National Biodiversity Strategy or Action Plan (NBSAP), or other relevant plans or strategies used in your country, explicitly address obligations under CMS, priorities for the conservation and management of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems, and ecological connectivity?

Yes

a. Please provide a link to or attachment of the strategy/action plan

>>> Updated National Strategy for biodiversity protection until 2020 (2014) and Action Plan for implementation of measures emerging from the Updated national Strategy for biodiversity protection until 2020 (2014)  
<https://www.minzp.sk/oblasti/ochrana-prirody-krajiny/medzinarodne-dohovory/dohovor-biodiverzite/aktualizovana-narodna-strategia-ochrany-biodiverzity-do-roku-2020/>

b. Please identify the elements in the plan/strategy that are particularly relevant to migratory species, and highlight any specific references to the CMS/CMS instruments

### GUIDANCE TIP:

Specify page numbers, section/paragraph numbers etc., where possible.

>>> Complete the list of sites of European importance; designation of protected areas; monitoring of species and habitats of European importance; updating of Red Lists; implement relevant projects were publised in 2024 (only mammals and birds); elaborate and/or update rescue plans for threatened species and implement measures; restoration of most threatened habitats; improve breeding possibilities for criteria and other bird species in SPAs and urban habitats, survey of feeding habitats; eliminate electrocution on power lines and mortality of bats during insulation of buildings; complete the network of rescue and breeding facilities for injured animals and ensure their operation;  
Elaboration of management plans and action plans for protected areas, especially Natura 2000 sites and sites of international importance; implementation of management plans, management measures; implement compensation measures, shift of land in protected areas with higher level of protection from private owners to the state, land lease, management agreements; Natura 2000 payments on agricultural and forest land; support of nature guard and fishing guard;  
Coordination and exchanges within international networks; translation and use of relevant guidelines and publications, make them available;  
Develop and implement information and communication strategy; develop international cooperation in the field of research, documentation and presentation of knowledge; national cooperation with partner institutions; training, education, public awareness; support school programmes and projects; publications;  
Mapping and assessment of ecosystems; monitoring of ecosystems; develop catalogue of ecosystem services, guidelines on assessment of ecosystem services and implementation at model sites;  
Restoration of degraded habitats (strategic framework, national restoration programme for wetlands and rivers);  
Develop Territorial System of Ecological Stability, green infrastructure; international projects on ecological connectivity and implementation in spatial planning;  
Agroenvironmental measures, including schemes on protection of ground squirell and of great bustard;  
Protection of virgin and old-growth forests; close-to-nature management of forests; measures for forest habitats improvement;  
Develop guidelines for fish passages; ensure continuity of rivers and elimination of barriers; improve hydrological regime in floodplain forests;  
Measures to eliminate predation on fish; support fish stocks;  
Develop national strategy on invasive alien species and its action plan; inventory, revision, prioritisation and research of invasive species; support regional and cross-border cooperation;  
Eliminate (eradicate, control, inhibit) invasive species; support reaserch of IAS and their invasion potential and ways of their entry into the country;  
Ensure active participation and work of subsidiary bodies for international conventions; support capacities of the State Nature Conservancy in coordination of international conventions;  
Carry out inventory of species of European importance in Natura 2000 network; research of effects of climate change on biota and options for mitigation and adaptation measures;  
Involve private sector in research, conservation, management and monitoring of biodiversity elements.

c. Please add comments on the implementation of the strategy or action plan concerned.

>>> Implemented continuously.

## **XVII. Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices of Indigenous and Local Communities**

In the absence of a national definition of 'indigenous and local communities', please refer to the Convention on Biological Diversity document **Compilation of Views Received on Use of the Term "Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities"** for helpful guidance on these terms.

XVII.1. During the reporting period, have actions been taken in your country to foster consideration for the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities that are relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems?

Partly / in some areas

XVII.2. During the reporting period, have actions been taken in your country to promote and foster effective participation and involvement of indigenous and local communities in the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems?

Not applicable

If 'yes' or 'partly/in some areas' to either of the preceding two questions, please select which actions have been taken:

(select all that apply)

Research & documentation

XVII.3. How would you rank progress since the previous report in your country in the area of traditional knowledge innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species?

2. Some progress but more work is needed

## **XVIII. Knowledge, Data and Capacity-Building**

XVIII.1 During the reporting period, which steps taken in your country have contributed to the achievement of the results defined in the area of knowledge, data and capacity building? (Answers given in Section V may be relevant)

(select all that apply)

Education campaigns in schools

XVIII.3 What assistance (if any) does your country require in order to build sufficient capacity to implement its obligations under the CMS and relevant Resolutions of the COP?

(select all that apply)

Education/training/mentoring

Research & innovation

## **XIX. Resource Mobilization**

XIX.1 During the reporting period, has your country made financial or other resources available for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory species?

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

The “resources” that are relevant here can be financial, human or technical. In addition to funding, “in-kind” forms of support such as staff time or administrative infrastructure could be relevant, as could the loan of equipment, provision of data processing facilities, technology transfer, training or mentoring schemes and other initiatives for capacity building.

Yes, made available for activities within the country

Please indicate whether the overall levels of resourcing concerned are the same or different from those in the previous reporting period:

Unknown

XIX.2. During the reporting period, has your country received financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory species?

Yes

Please select the source(s) concerned (select all that apply):

Other intergovernmental programme

Non-governmental organization(s)

Please indicate whether the overall levels of resourcing concerned are the same or different from those in the previous reporting period:

Increased

XIX.3. Which are the most important CMS implementation priorities requiring resources and support in your country during future reporting periods?

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

Please consider answers provided in HLS.3 when answering this question where appropriate, as they may be of relevance.

>>> Maintenance, improvement and/or restoration of quality, integrity, resilience and functioning of critical habitats and sites;

Include priorities for effective conservation and management of migratory species and their habitats in the new national Strategy on migratory species and new national biodiversity strategy;

Improve the science base, information, training and awareness on migratory species, their habitats and migration systems, their status and trends.