



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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GUIDELINES ON THE INTEGRATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS (NBSAPs) AND OTHER OUTCOMES FROM CBD COP10

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Bearing in mind the importance of collaboration and synergies with related Conventions, bodies, and organizations at all levels;

Noting that CMS is a member of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions, which acts as a central coordinating mechanism among the participating Conventions, including CBD;

Aware of the long-standing institutional collaboration of CMS and CBD, formalized through their Memorandum of Cooperation in 1996, and *appreciating* the value and achievements of this collaboration;

Also aware that Resolution 7.9 invites the CMS and CBD Secretariats to work together on draft guidance for the integration of migratory species provisions into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs);

Recalling Resolution 8.11 which invited “Parties to facilitate cooperation among international organizations, and to promote the integration of migratory species into all relevant sectors by coordinating their national positions among different conventions and other international fora”;

Also recalling Resolution 8.18 which requested CMS national focal points to liaise with their CBD counterparts with a view to ensuring coordination in the implementation of both conventions and requested the CMS Secretariat to develop guidelines to integrate migratory species issues into NBSAPs and to continue to co-operate with CBD in the framework of a revised Joint Work Programme;

Further recalling Resolution 9.6 which requested “the Parties concerned to pursue the implementation of CMS Resolutions 8.11 and 8.18”;

Noting Decision X/2 adopted at CBD COP10 (Nagoya 2010) which calls upon Parties “to consider appropriate contributions to the collaborative implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets” at the “forthcoming meetings of the decision-making bodies of [...] biodiversity-related conventions”;

Also noting the agreed joint effort of all biodiversity-related conventions to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity through cooperation and coordination;

Further noting CBD Decision X/2, which urged Parties to “review, and as appropriate update and revise, their NBSAPs, in line with the Strategic Plan”, with the purpose of using “the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets into national [...] policies and strategies”;

Recalling that CBD Decision X/2 also called for the necessary resources for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for the period 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets to be made available;

Noting with deep concern the conclusion reached by the third Global Biodiversity Outlook, that none of the twenty-one sub targets of the 2010 biodiversity target “to significantly reduce the rate of biodiversity loss by 2010” has yet been globally achieved; but

Appreciating that the third Global Biodiversity Outlook noticed a general increase in conservation efforts, and that CBD Decision X/5 stated that substantial progress had been made by Parties towards the development of NBSAPs, the engagement of stakeholders, and the widespread recognition of the 2010 biodiversity target; and

Recalling that, upon the invitation of the CBD through Decision X/8, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2011 to 2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and highlighting the importance of biodiversity for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

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

1. *Invites* CMS Parties to review relevant CBD COP10 decisions and to acknowledge the obligations which apply to all CMS Parties, since they are also CBD Parties, and to increase their national cooperation as appropriate to support fulfilling these obligations;
2. *Welcomes* the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, adopted by CBD COP10, as a framework relevant to all biodiversity-related conventions;
3. *Urges* the CMS National Focal Points as well as Standing Committee members, in their capacity as regional representatives, to work closely with national focal points in their regions dealing with biodiversity-related MEAs, including CBD and CITES, to ensure they play a proactive role and liaise with their counterparts for further consideration on the integration of measures to conserve migratory species into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and national implementation of national biodiversity targets and plans;
4. *Recommends* that CMS Parties make use of the guidelines included in Document UNEP/CMS/Conf.10.27;
5. *Instructs* the Secretariat to continue collaborating with the CBD Secretariat through the Joint Work Programme 2012-2014 and to report progress on its implementation at future meetings of the Standing Committee and at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Requests* the Intersessional Working Group established by Resolution 10.5 to take into account relevant CBD COP10 decisions while drafting the Strategic Plan 2015-2023 for consideration at the 11th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Urges* Parties to cooperate with developing states that are members of the Convention and support them with adequate resources to improve and implement elements of their national strategies, priorities, targets and actions on issues related to the conservation of migratory species; and
8. *Encourages* Parties to celebrate the Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and contribute to the related global strategy prepared by the CBD Secretariat.