

# 2014 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 1 May 2014. The reporting period is 15 June 2011 to 1 May 2014.**

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.

Reporting format 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) 2014.

The questions below combine elements of Resolution 4.1 (Party Reports) adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi, June 1994) and Resolution 6.4 (Strategic Plan for the Convention on Migratory Species 2000-2005), adopted by the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Cape Town, November 1999), the COP8 Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and Resolution 8.24 adopted by the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi 2005), as well as commitments arising from other operational Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties.

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

> Denmark

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

> Danish Nature Agency

## 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  
> 01/11/1983

Period covered  
> 2011, 2012,2013

Territories to which the Convention applies  
> Denmark and the Faroe Islands (not Greenland)

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### Implementation

Competent Authority:  
> Danish Nature Agency, Ministry of Environment

## Relevant implemented legislation:

> Hunting and Game Management Act/Nature Protection Act/Natura 2000 network/Act on Environmental target Setting

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

> CBD/Ramsar Convention/CITES/ BERNE Convention/the EU Birds Directive/the EU Habitats Directive/OSPAR/HELCOM

**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)****Wadden Sea Seals (1991)**

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**ACAP (2001)****ACAP (2001)** Non Range State**Gorilla Agreement (2008)****Gorilla Agreement (2008)** Non Range State**ACCOBAMS (2001)****ACCOBAMS (2001)** Non Range State**Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)**

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Non Range State

### **Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)**

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Non Range State

### **Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)**

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Non Range State

### **Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)**

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Non Range State

### **IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)**

IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

Non Range State

### **Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)**

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

Non Range State

### **Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)**

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

Non Range State

### **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

### **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)**

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Signatory

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### **High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)**

High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)

Non Range State

### **Sharks MoU (2010)**

Sharks MoU (2010)

Signatory

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### **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.)

> Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries

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

> Cooperation and coordinating actions, conservation measures and and regulations concerning fish species and fishing tackle (bycatch, otter drowning etc.)

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:

> Danish Nature Protection Society, Danish Ornithological Society, WWF, Danish Hunters association

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

> Faroe Islands Home Rule

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

> Aage V. Jensen's Foundations are involved in buying up and conserving important habitats for migratory (and breeding) species

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

> The NGO's are used as official consultants for the Ministry of environment through the Game Management Council

**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

> Danish Nature Agency

## 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

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

No

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

Other (please specify)

> Examples of poisoning of white-tailed eagle are known.

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?

> White-tailed Eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) The species began recolonising Danish territory in 1996, as a result of the growing North German population. The return of the eagle now comes up to 51 breeding pairs in Denmark in 2013. Where necessary, public access around the nest sites has been prohibited.

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

> The population of breeding White-tailed Eagle pairs is expected to be continuously increasing

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

> Pressure from outdoor recreation NGO's

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

> Not applicable

#### 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: *Haliaeetus albicilla*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Annual report 2012 from the Eagle Project, Danish Ornithological Society:

[http://www.dof.dk/sider/images/stories/proj/oern/dokumenter/Oern\\_aarsrapport\\_2012\\_ENDELIG.pdf](http://www.dof.dk/sider/images/stories/proj/oern/dokumenter/Oern_aarsrapport_2012_ENDELIG.pdf)

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

increasing

> The breeding population in Denmark is increasing. 51 pairs have been breeding in 2013.

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

increasing

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

> Project eagle, Danish Ornithological Society

Education/awareness rising

Species protection

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

> The species is being monitored.



## 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

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

No

## 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

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

No

## 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

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

No

## 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:

> 2009 <http://www.waddenseasecretariat.org/management/SMP/seals.html>

Period covered:

> 2009 <http://www.waddenseasecretariat.org/management/SMP/seals.html>

#### EUROBATS (1994)

Date of last report:

> Sep. 2010

Period covered:

> 2007-2009

#### ASCOBANS (1994)

Date of last report:

> March 2014

Period covered:

> 2013

#### AEWA (1999)

Date of last report:

> May 2012

Period covered

> 2009-2011

## 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

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

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

No

### 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

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

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

### **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

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

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

### **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

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

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

### **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

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

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

No

### **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

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

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

No

### **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.

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) is a migrating fish species, now listed as critically endangered on IUCN red data list, and adopted on CITES annex II.

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

No

## 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

High

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)

Research and monitoring of migratory species

> Especially waterfowl

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:

> Ongoing implementation of Natura 2000 management plans, also including SPA's for migratory bird species

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

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

Yes

Land-use planning

Yes

Pollution control

Yes

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

Development of ecological networks

Yes

Planning of power lines

Yes

Other

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Windmill farms

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

> An improved protection status for the areas, potentially leading to increasing numbers of migratory species

## 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:

> Occurrence of migratory birds is an important criterium for designating SPA's, according to the EU Bird Directive, and many areas have been designated in Denmark for protection of these migratory bird species.

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

> Denmark holds 113 SPA's, including the most important one: Part of the wadden Sea, and other shallow, inner waters.

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

Terrestrial

Yes

Aquatic

Yes

Marine

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> By far the main proportion of the 3 areas

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

> Danish Nature Agency

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

> An improved protection status for the areas, potentially leading to increasing number of migratory birds/species

## VII. Membership

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

No

## 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



## IX. Mobilization of Resources

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

No

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

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

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

No

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

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?

No

