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**REVIEW OF DECISIONS**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

Summary:

This document reports on the implementation of the Decisions that are not addressed in any other document.

The document also makes recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on further action to be taken in relation to these Decisions.

## REVIEW OF DECISIONS

### Background

1. Resolution 11.6 (Rev.COP12) *Review of Decisions*, includes the following provisions directed to the Secretariat:
  3. c) *to revise the register of Decisions in force after each meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to contain all recommendations (or other forms of decision) that are not recorded in Resolutions and that remain in effect. The Decisions shall be sorted according to subject, using the subjects of the Resolutions for guidance, and within the section for each subject they shall be divided according to the body to which they are directed. The Secretariat shall distribute to the Parties a copy of the updated Decisions soon after each meeting of the Conference; and*
  - d) *when revising the register of Decisions in force for the purpose of suggesting amendments, deletions or continuity, the Secretariat shall provide justification of any proposed changes to a Decision at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties;*
2. To implement the mandates in Paragraph 3. c) and d) of Resolution 11.6, the Secretariat compiles a register of Decisions in effect after each meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. Most of the Decisions in effect after COP13 are reported on in meeting documents and feature in the agenda of COP14. Their renewal, amendment or deletion is expected to be addressed during the discussions of the corresponding documents.
4. When revising the register of Decisions in effect, the Secretariat identified those Decisions that are not addressed in any other COP14 meeting document. Annex I of this document provides a summary of the implementation status or actions undertaken in regard to these Decisions since COP13 and a recommendation from the Secretariat concerning their renewal, amendment or deletion.

### Recommended actions:

5. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to decide on the appropriate action to be taken in relation to the Decisions contained in Annex of this document.

## ANNEX

## LIST OF DECISIONS TO BE RENEWED OR DELETED THAT ARE NOT ADDRESSED IN OTHER COP14 DOCUMENTS

				Status and/or action(s) undertaken since COP13	Recommendation of the Secretariat (delete or renew)
<b>Strategic and institutional matters</b>					
<b>13.6</b>	Scientific Council	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall establish and maintain an Ex-Officio Register of Expertise designed to capture former COP-appointed Councilor expertise.	The Decision was completed by creating a register and posting it on the CMS website <a href="https://www.cms.int/en/convention-bodies/scientific-council-scc/scientific-council-members">https://www.cms.int/en/convention-bodies/scientific-council-scc/scientific-council-members</a>	Delete
<b>Interpretation and implementation of the Convention</b>					
<b>13.16</b>	Application of Article III of the Convention regarding international trade in Appendix I-listed species	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of resources: a) in collaboration with the CITES Secretariat, develop a list of species included in Appendix I, annotated as to whether they are also on the CITES Appendices, and if so, on which CITES Appendix they are listed. This list should take into account possible differences in nomenclature used in the two Conventions. b) publish this list on the CMS website and revise it as necessary.	The Decision was completed after the production of an information document intended to inform CITES management authorities of species listed in CMS Appendix I that may be subject to trade under CITES. The document has been made available as: <u>UNEP/CMS/COP14/Inf.41</u> List of species included in CMS Appendix I, indicating their status in the CITES Appendices	Delete

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<b>Aquatic species</b>					
<b>13.71</b>	Chondrichthyan Species (Sharks, Rays, Skates and Chimaeras)	Directed Parties	to Parties are requested to: a) review their existing legislation and enact new legislation, as required, with a view to addressing the prohibition of the taking of Appendix I-listed chondrichthyan species; b) inform the Secretariat, as required and as appropriate, about the need for support with the review and/or the development of new legislation regarding the above.	The Secretariat did not receive information from any Party.	Delete
<b>13.72</b>	Chondrichthyan Species (Sharks, Rays, Skates and Chimaeras)	Directed Scientific Council	to The Scientific Council shall review a synthesis of National Reports, to be prepared by the Secretariat, to examine information provided on bycatch of Appendix I-listed chondrichthyan species and provide advice to Parties as warranted on measures to reduce bycatch to sustainable levels.	The Decision was completed through document UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC5/Doc.6.2.1: <a href="#">Synthesis of Information on Bycatch of Appendix I-listed Chondrichthyan Species provided by Parties in their National Reports to COP13</a>	Delete
<b>13.73</b>	Chondrichthyan Species (Sharks, Rays, Skates and Chimaeras)	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall: a) produce a synthesis of information on bycatch of Appendix I-listed chondrichthyan species in National Reports provided by Parties for presentation to the 5th meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council;	Paragraph a) of the Decision was completed through document UNEP/CMS/ScC-SC5/Doc.6.2.1: <a href="#">Synthesis of Information on Bycatch of Appendix I-listed Chondrichthyan Species provided by Parties in their National Reports to COP13</a>	Paragraph a): Delete.  Paragraph b): Continue

				<b>Status and/or action(s) undertaken since COP13</b>	<b>Recommendation of the Secretariat (delete or renew)</b>
			b) subject to the availability of resources and in the context of the National Legislation Programme: i. prepare legislative guidance materials and model laws, and ii. provide technical support to assist Parties in drafting adequate national legislation to support the implementation of Article III (5) of the Convention regarding the prohibition of the taking of Appendix I-listed chondrichthyan species.	It was not possible to complete Paragraph b) of the Decision in the current triennium.	
<b>13.74</b>	Live capture of cetaceans from the wild for commercial purposes	Directed to the Secretariat	The Secretariat shall: a) request Parties to submit information on the implementation of the Best Practice Guidelines relating to the Live Capture of Cetaceans from the Wild for Commercial Purposes via the National Report process. b) upon request and subject to the availability of resources, provide assistance to Parties to amend their national legislation, in line with the recommendations contained in the Best Practice Guidelines relating to the Live Capture of Cetaceans from the Wild for Commercial Purposes.	In September 2022, through Notification 2022/13, Parties were requested to submit this information. No responses were received.  The Secretariat did not receive requests from Parties for assistance for amendment of their national legislation.	Delete
<b>13.75</b>		Directed to Parties	Parties are requested to cooperate with the Secretariat in the implementation of Decision 13.74, by providing information in response to the request mentioned in paragraph (a).	The Secretariat did not receive information from Parties.	Delete

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<b>Cross-cutting conservation issues</b>					
13.137	<b>Sustainable Development and Migratory Species</b>	Directed to the Secretariat	<p>The Secretariat shall:</p> <p>a) compile information and data on the interlinkages between migratory species and sustainable development;</p> <p>b) compile a report on the contributions of the CMS Family to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, using information from National Reports and other sources;</p> <p>c) take into account the need to assess the contribution made to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through the implementation of CMS when developing proposals towards the revision of the National Report Format;</p>	<p>Due to lack of capacity and resources the implementation of Decision 13.137 was not completed. However, the SDGs have been taken into account in relevant work.</p>	Delete