

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



Format for reports of Parties on implementation of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (revision of June 2003)

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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), as well as commitments arising from other operational Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties.

<u>Please refer to the separate instructions on completing the report</u>. Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions, since it cannot be assumed that the absence of a response indicates that no activities taken have place in the current reporting period. 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.

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

Nature Protection Directorate in the Ministry of the Environment of Albania

List any other agencies that have provided input: Museum of Natural Sciences

I(a). General Information

Please complete any unfilled boxes and amend and/or update as appropriate the information provided in the table below:

	Law "On Protected Areas" No.8906, dated 06.06.2002
Implementing legislation:	Law No. 7875 "On Protection of Wild Fauna and Hunting", dated 23.11.1994
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Reservations (against species listings):	None
Territory to which the Convention applies:	Albania
Date of entry into force of the Convention in Albania:	1 September 2001
Period covered by this report:	Up to the end of April 2005
Reports submitted:	None

Other relevant conventions/agreements (apart from CMS) to	Convention on Biological Diversity	
which Albania is a Party:	Bern Convention "On the protection of European Wildlife and natural Habitats"	
	CITES "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna"	
	Ramsar Convention	
National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan of 2000	
conservation strategy, etc.):	National Environmental Action Plan approved by the Council of Ministers in 2002	
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Membership of other committees or working groups:	N/A	

I(b). Additional General Information

1	Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.) Museum of Natural Sciences, General Directorate of Forestry and Pastures
1a	If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments: The Museum of Natural Sciences is involved in the monitoring and research projects related to the conservation of migratory species, whilst the General Directorate of Forestry and Pastures is involved with the control of the hunting season and hunting calendar as by the legal provisions set up by the law "On wild fauna and hunting"
2	List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:
	There are a couple of NGO-s contributing on the conservation of the migratory species such as the association of ornithologists and the association for the protection of birds and mammals in Albania.
3	Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:
	So far the involvement of the private sector in Albania has been has not been great and the only case to be mentioned is in the framework of a GEF project for the conservation of Caretta Caretta where fisherman communities in the north comune of Patok gave their contribution by releasing the captured species.
4	Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

II. Appendix I species

1. BIRDS

1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

1	Identify the Ministry, agency/department, or organisation responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I bird species:
	Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection Directorate Museum of Natural Sciences
2	Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing Yes No legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)? If <i>other</i> legislation is relevant, please provide details:
2a	If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions Yes No been granted to the prohibition?
	If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):
3	Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:
	Hunting pressure over the Albanian coast remains quite problematic.
3a	What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?
	The General Directorate of Forestry and Pastures (Ministry of Agriculture and Food), which is also the Manager of Fauna and Flora of Albania) is cooperating with the Ministry of Public Order (Ministry of Internal Affairs) to overcome this problem. A new governmental decree has been approved aiming to control the use of unlicensed riffles. Under this decree the GDFP and the MoPO is sealing the riffles by the end of the hunting season. The riffles would be unsealed before the start of the hunting season through special permissions released by GDFP authorities. So far the decree has started to be adopted. Its results are yet unknown.
3b	What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?
	The GDFP capacities to overcome the obstacles remain quite limited in terms of trained staff and logistics. Any help in such terms would be highly recommendable.
4	What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species, including strictly controlling the introduction of, or controlling or eliminating, already introduced exotic species (Article III(4)(c))?
	Apart form hunting, the other factors are kept under control and so far do not cause further problems to bird populations. The introduction of exotic bird species is not an issue for Albania.
4a	Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:
	NA
4b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?
	NA.

1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

The following section contains a table for 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.)

Spe	Species Haliaeetus albicilla – Common Name(s) White-tailed Eagle		
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?		
2	Please provide published distribution reference:		
	BirdLife International (2004) <i>Birds in Europe : population estimates, trends and conservation status</i> . Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).		
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):		
	The species is not breeding any more in Albania. A few individuals are seen during winter in areas of Karavasta, Narta and Butrint.		
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)		
	Research		
	Monitoring. Monitoring of the species presence has been part of midwinter bird census in Albania		
	Species protection		
	Species restoration		
	Habitat protection – Habitat conservation has been enforced in the coastal wetland area of Butrint		
	Habitat restauration		
	Other – the species has been enlisted nationally as Critically Endangered		
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?		
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:		
	Conservation of the species and its key habitats in former key distribution areas such as Drin Delta, Karavasta, Narta and Butrint.		
Spe	cies Falco naumanni – Common Name(s) Lesser Kestrel		
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?		
2	Please provide published distribution reference:		
	BirdLife International (2004) <i>Birds in Europe : population estimates, trends and conservation status.</i> Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).		
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):		
	Lesser Kestrel has been reported as nesting in Albania (Tucker and Heath 1994). Recent surveys reported in Birds in Europe II have shown that the species is not breeding in Albania. Nevertheless, Albania still represents important migrations headquarter for the species. During spring and autumn migration flocks of 10-100 are often observed in the coastal area and Vjosa valley.		
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)		
	Research		
	☐ Monitoring		
	Species protection - the species has been included in the Albanian Red Data Book and it is protected by the national legislation		
	☐ Species restoration		
	Habitat protection		
	Habitat restauration		
	Other		

5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
	cies Anser erythropus – Common Name(s) Lesser White-fronted Goose
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference:
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.) Research
	☐ Monitoring
	Species protection
	Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
Spec	cies Aythya nyroca – Common Name(s) Ferruginous Pochard, Ferruginous Duck
1	Is your country a Range State for this species? Yes No
2	Please provide published distribution reference: BirdLife International (2004) <i>Birds in Europe : population estimates, trends and conservation status</i> . Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
	Ferruginous duck is observed in Albania mainly during migration and breeding season. Very few individuals are also observed during winter in a few Albanian localities. The number of breeding pairs is estimated at 10-30 couples. Those figures are lower than those reported by Tucker and Heath 1994.
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)
	Research
	Monitoring - The species is part of a monitoring program covering the coastal wetlands of Albania.
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	☐ Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

Species Oxyura leucocephala - Common Name(s) White-headed Duck			
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?		
2	Please provide published distribution reference: BirdLife International (2004) <i>Birds in Europe : population estimates</i> , <i>trends and conservation status</i> . Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12).		
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):		
	Reported as wintering in Albania. The last observations date from 1995. Since the species has not been observed in Albania.		
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.) Research		
	Monitoring - The species is part of a monitoring program covering the coastal wetlands of Albania.		
	Species protection		
	☐ Species restoration		
	Habitat protection		
	Habitat restauration		
	Other		
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?		
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:		
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	cies Pelecanus crispus – Common Name(s) Dalmatian Pelican		
1	Is your country a Range State for this species? Yes No		
2	Please provide published distribution reference:		
	BirdLife International (2004) <i>Birds in Europe : population estimates, trends and conservation status.</i> Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International. (BirdLife Conservation Series No. 12), Bino (pers. obs.)		
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):		
	The Dalmatian Pelican is a resident species in Albania. Its wintering number fluctuates between 90-180 individuals. The number of breeding pairs in the last ten years has been about 20-60 breeding pairs. In the last years it is fluctuating around 20 nesting pairs.		
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)		
	Research - The species is part of the research program of the Museum of Natural Sciences (Tirana University)		
	Monitoring - It is part of a monitoring program covering the coastal wetlands of Albania		
	Species protection – protection of the nesting site is offered by the General Directorate of Forestry and Pastures		
	Species restoration - Conservation programs of the last years have worked for the species restoration. Indeed there is an increase in the colony's breeding success.		
	☐ Habitat protection – its main distribution area has been designated as a Protected Area.		
	Habitat restoration		
	Other		
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?		
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:		

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Spe	ecies Pelecanus onocrotalus – Common Name(s) White Pelican
l	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference:
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.) Research Monitoring Species protection Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
Spe	ecies Otis tarda – Common Name(s) Great Bustard
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference: Bino 2004. Albania – National Report on Great Bustard <i>Otis tarda</i>
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
	The Great Bustard is a very rare wintering/migratory bird in Albania. Till some years ago the species was considered extinct since no data on its presence were collected for circa 30 years. In fact during the last two years (2002 and 2003) few individuals were reported being present during migration in two sites of Albania (<i>see</i> Fig. 1.) in Bedati (Karavasta) and Kopliku (Shkodra). Data on those two areas correspond also with those from Lamani & Puzanov (1962). According to those authors, the Great Bustard was in the 60s' wintering in small quantities in the lowland areas.
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)
	Research
	☐ Monitoring
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	☐ Habitat protection
	☐ Habitat restauration
	☐ Other
5	☐ Other If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken
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1	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference: Globally Threatened Bids in Europe. Action Plans. 1996.
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
	It has been as migrating/wintering in the salt marshes of the coastal Albania. The last observations of the species derive from 1992-93 with 4-5 individuals observed in November and February in Patok and Butrint. Since the species has not been observed in Albania.
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.) Research
	Monitoring - A survey has been organised by RAC/SPA (Tunis), MoE (Ministry of Environment, Albania) and the Museum of Natural Sciences, in winter 2005 in the coastal wetlands of Albania.
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
Spec	cies Larus audouinii – Common Name(s) Audouin's Gull
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference:
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
	Very few individuals are observed during winter.
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)
	Research
	☐ Monitoring
	Species protection
	Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

If you have information indicating that your country should be considered a Range State for any other bird species that is listed in CMS Appendix I, but which is not included in the tables above, please complete a table (provided below) for each species.

Spe	cies name Branta ruficollis Common Name(s) Red-breasted Duck
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference: Bino (pers. comm)
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
	A very rare wintering species in Albania. It has been recently observed in the coastal area of Albania: In Scadar lake with 2 individuals in year 2000 and in Butrint Ramsar Site in 2002.
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)
	Research
	Monitoring - It is part of a monitoring program covering the coastal wetlands of Albania
	Species protection
	Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
Spe	cies name Aquila clanga, Common Name(s) Great-spotted Eagle
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference: Bino (pers. comm)
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
	Wintering species present almost all over the coastal wetlands of Albania. Mainly in wetlands with nearby forested areas such as Karavasta, Velipoja, Drin Delta etc. The number of wintering individuals between 1-5.
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.) Research
	Monitoring - It is part of a monitoring program covering the coastal wetlands of Albania
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

Spe	cies name Aquila heliaca Common Name(s) Imperial Eagle
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?
2	Please provide published distribution reference: Bino (pers. comm)
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
	Very few individuals observed during winter.
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)
	Research
	☐ Monitoring
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

2. MARINE MAMMALS

2.1 General questions on Appendix I marine mammals

1	Identify the Ministry, agency/department, or organisation responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I listed marine mammals:	
	Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection Directorate	
	Museum of Natural Sciences	
2	Is the taking of all Appendix I marine mammals prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?	
	If <i>other</i> legislation is relevant, please provide details:	
2a	If the taking of Appendix I marine mammals is prohibited by law, have any exceptions Yes No been granted to the prohibition?	
	If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):	
3	Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I marine mammals:	
3a	What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?	
3b	What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?	
4	What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger species of marine mammal, including strictly controlling the introduction of, or controlling or eliminating, already introduced exotic species (Article III(4)(c))?	
4a	Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:	
4b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?	
	2.2 Questions on specific Appendix I marine mammals	
The following section contains a table for each Appendix I marine mammal 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.)		
Spec	cies Monachus monachus – Common Name(s) Mediterranean Monk Seal	
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?	
2	Please provide published distribution reference: ACCOBAMS national report	
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):	
	Information provided in the ACCOBAMS report enclosed	

4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)
	⊠ Research
	☐ Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	☐ Habitat restoration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
	Designation of marine protected areas planned for the future will contribute in the conservation of the speices and its habitats
specie below	have information indicating that your country should be considered a Range State for any other marine mammal es that is listed in CMS Appendix I, but which is <u>not</u> included in the tables above, please complete a table (provided of provided of provided) for each species.
Spec	cies name, Common name(s): N/A
1	Please provide published distribution reference:
2	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
3	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)
	Research
	☐ Monitoring
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restoration
	Other
4	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
5	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
Misc	cellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine mammals in general:

3 MARINE TURTLES

3.1 General questions on Appendix I marine turtles

1	Identify the Ministry, agency/department, or organisation responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I listed marine turtles:	
	Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection Directorate	
	Museum of Natural Sciences	
	Albanian Herpetofauna Associate (SHHSH)	
2	Is the taking of all Appendix I marine turtles prohibited by the national implementing Yes No legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?	
	If <i>other</i> legislation is relevant, please provide details:	
2a	If the taking of Appendix I marine turtles is prohibited by law, have any exceptions Yes No been granted to the prohibition?	
	If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):	
3	Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I marine turtles:	
	Fishery activities	
3a	What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles:	
	Awareness with fisherman and concrete project to protect the species capture by the gear (release them in the water)	
3b	What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?	
	More financial and human resources	
4	What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger species of marine turtles, including strictly controlling the introduction of, or controlling or eliminating, already introduced exotic species (Article III(4)(c))?	
	We have undertaken activities aiming to raise the level of education and awareness of fishermen and other stakeholders regarding the protection and preservation of sea turtles.	
4a	Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:	
	N/A	
4b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?	
	We need more collaboration with foreigner experts on marine turtle studies.	

3.2 Questions on specific Appendix I marine turtles

The following section contains a table for each Appendix I marine turtle 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 Caretta caretta – Common Name(s) Loggerhead Turtle			
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?	⊠ Yes □ No	
2	Please provide published distribution reference:		

	Fromhold, E. 1959: Als Tiergärtner und Herpetologe in Albanien;	
	Haxhiu, I. 1985: Result of the studies for the turtles in Albania (Rezultate te studimit te breshkave te Shqiperise). BSHN No 2. Tirane;	
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):	
	There is a large population of marine turtles since 2001 in Rodon Bay, Patok. We have caught there individuals of <i>Caretta caretta</i> marked in Greece and Italy.	
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)	
	⊠ Research	
	⊠ Species protection	
	☐ Species restoration	
	Habitat restoration	
	Other (Education and raise of public awareness)	
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?	
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:	
	Observations in all coastal line for nesting beaches.	
Spec	cies Dermochelys coriacea - Common Name(s) Leatherback Turtle, Leathery Turtle	
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?	
2	Please provide published distribution reference:	
	Zeko, I., Puzanov, V. 1960. One marine turtles in our coastal area (Nje breshke oqeanike ne bregdetin tone). BSHN No.4.	
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):	
	Albania is not a range state for this species, even in one occasion an individual had been seen in our water.	
4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.)	
	Research	
	☐ Monitoring	
	☐ Species protection	
	☐ Species restoration	
	Habitat protection	
	Habitat restauration	
	☐ Other	
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?	

If you have information indicating that your country should be considered a Range State for any other marine turtle species that is listed in CMS Appendix I, but which is <u>not</u> included in the tables above, please complete a table (provided below) for each species.

Spec	Species name, Common name(s): Chelonia mydas (Green turtle)		
1	Please provide published distribution reference:		
	Haxhiu, I. 1995: Results of studies on the Chelonians of Albania and current data on the Chelonians of Albania Vol.1, no 4. Journal of the IUCN/SSC.		
2	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):		
	Rare, all juvenile individuals. (7-8 individuals/year)		
3	Indicate (with an 'X') 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):		
	⊠ Research		
	Monitoring		
	☐ Species restoration		
	Habitat protection		
	Habitat restauration		
	☐ Other (Education and raise of public awareness)		
4	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?		
5	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species?		
Misc	Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine turtles in general:		

4 TERRESTRIAL MAMMALS (OTHER THAN BATS)

4.1 General questions on Appendix I terrestrial mammals (other than bats)

1	Identify the Ministry, agency/department, or organisation responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I listed terrestrial mammals (other than bats): Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection Directorate	
2	Is the taking of all Appendix I terrestrial mammals (other than bats) prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)? If <i>other</i> legislation is relevant, please provide details:	
2a	If the taking of Appendix I terrestrial mammals (other than bats) is prohibited by Yes No law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition? If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):	
3	Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I terrestrial mammals (other than bats):	
3a	What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?	
3b	What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?	
4	What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger species of terrestrial mammal (other than bats), including strictly controlling the introduction of, or controlling or eliminating, already introduced exotic species (Article III(4)(c))?	
4a	Describe any factors which limit action being taken in this regard:	
4b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?	

4.2 Questions on specific Appendix I terrestrial mammals (other than bats)

If you have information indicating that your country should be considered a Range State for any terrestrial mammal species (other than bats) that is listed in CMS Appendix I, please complete a table (provided below) for each species.

Species name, Common name(s):		
1	Please provide published distribution reference:	
2	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):	
3	Indicate (with an 'X') 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.) Research Monitoring Species protection Species restoration	

	Habitat protection
	☐ Habitat restoration
	Other
4	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
5	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
Misc	ellaneous information or comments on Appendix I terrestrial mammals (other than bats) in general:

5 BATS

5.1 General questions on Appendix I bats

1	Identify the Ministry, agency/department, or organisation responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I listed bats:	
	Ministry of Environment, Nature protection Directorate	
2	Is the taking of all Appendix I bats prohibited by the national implementing Legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)? Yes No	
	If <i>other</i> legislation is relevant, please provide details:	
2a	If the taking of Appendix I bats is prohibited by law, have any exceptions Been granted to the prohibition? Yes No	
	If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):	
3	Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bats: N/A	
3a	What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles? N/A	
3b	What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles? N/A	
4	What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger species of bats, including strictly controlling the introduction of, or controlling or eliminating, already introduced exotic species (Article III(4)(c))?	
4a	Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:	
4b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?	
	5.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bat species	
If you have information indicating that your country should be considered a Range State for any bat species that is listed in CMS Appendix I, please complete a table (provided below) for each species.		
Spec	cies name, Common name(s):	
1	Please provide published distribution reference:	
2	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):	
3	Indicate (with an 'X') and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the	

☐ Species protection

ResearchMonitoring

reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

	☐ Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	☐ Other
4	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
5	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species?
Misc	cellaneous information or comments on Appendix I bats in general:

6 OTHER TAXA

6.1 General questions on Appendix I species belonging to other taxa

1	Identify the Ministry, agency/department, or organisation responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I listed species belonging to taxa not included in sections 1-5 above: Ministry of Environment, Nature protection Directorate	
2	Is the taking of all Appendix I species belonging to taxa not included in sections 1-5 above, prohibited by the national legislation listed as being implementing legislation in Table I(a) (General Information)?	
	If <i>other</i> legislation is relevant, please provide details:	
2a	If the taking of Appendix I species belonging to taxa not included in sections 1-5 above is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?	
	If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):	
3	Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I species belonging to taxa not included in sections 1-5 above:	
3a	What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?	
3b	What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?	
4	What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger species belonging to taxa not included in section 1-5 above, including strictly controlling the introduction of, or controlling or eliminating, already introduced exotic species (Article III(4)(c))?	
4a	Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:	
4b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?	

6.2 Questions on specific Appendix I species belonging to other taxa

The following section contains a table for each Appendix I species belonging to taxa not included in sections 1-5 above, 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.)

Spe	Species Carcharodon carcharias - Common Name(s) Great White Shark		
1	Is your country a Range State for this species?		
2	Please provide published distribution reference: ACCOBAMS national report		
3	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known): got the required information	ACCOBAMS national report enclosed	

4	Indicate (with an 'X') 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):
	Research
	Monitoring
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	☐ Habitat protection
	Habitat restauration
	Other
5	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
6	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
	have information indicating that your country should be considered a Range State for any <u>other</u> Appendix I listed is that belongs to taxa not included in sections 1-5 above, please complete a table (provided below) for each species.
Spec	cies name, Common name(s):
1	Please provide published distribution reference:
2	Summarise information on population size, trends and distribution (if known):
3	Indicate (with an 'X') 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): Research
	☐ Monitoring
	☐ Species protection
	☐ Species restoration
	Habitat protection
	☐ Habitat restauration
	Other
4	If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
5	Describe any future activities that are planned for this species?
Misc	rellaneous information or comments on Appendix I species that belong to taxa not included in sections 1-5 above:

7 LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1	Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	not currently listed in Appendix I?	
	If Yes, please provide details:	
1a	Is your country taking any steps to propose listing any of these species?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	If Yes, please provide details:	
1b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of these species?	N/A

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.

ACCOBAMS (2001)								
Dat								
GR	EAT BUSTARD MoU (2001)	·						
Dat	Date of last report: N/A Period covered:							
SL	SLENDER-BILLED CURLEW MoU (1994)							
Dat	Date of last report: N/A Period covered:							
EU	ROBATS (1994)	·						
Dat	e of last report: N/A	Period covered:						
AE	WA (1999)	·						
Dat	e of last report: N/A	Period covered:						
	2.1 Questions	OUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENT on the development of new CMS Agreement						
1	In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the conservation needs of Appendix II bird species? If Yes, what is the current state of development?							
2	In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address The conservation needs of Appendix II bird species? If Yes, please provide details:							
3	If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?							
4		IS Agreement for birds, including Memoranda of ur country in the foreseeable future?	☐ Yes ⊠ No					
	2.2 Questions of	on the development of new CMS Agreements mammals	relating to marine					
1	CMS Agreements, including l	I, has your country initiated the development of any Memoranda of Understanding, to address the lix II marine mammal species? e of development?	☐ Yes ⊠ No					

2	In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II marine mammal species? If Yes, please provide details:
3	If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?
4	Is the development of any CMS Agreement for marine mammals, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future? If Yes, please provide details:
	2.3 Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to marine turtles
1	In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the conservation needs of Appendix II marine turtles? If Yes, what is the current state of development?
2	In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II marine turtles? If Yes, please provide details:
3	If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?
4	Is the development of any CMS Agreement for marine turtles, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future? If Yes, please provide details:
	2.4 Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to terrestrial mammals (other than bats)
1	In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the conservation needs of Appendix II terrestrial mammal species (other than bats)? If Yes, what is the current state of development?
2	In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II terrestrial mammal species (other than bats)? If Yes, please provide details:
3	If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?
4	Is the development of any CMS Agreement for terrestrial mammals (other than bats), including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future? If Yes, please provide details:

2.5 Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to bats

1	In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the conservation needs of Appendix II bat species? If Yes, what is the current state of development?
2	In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II bat species? If Yes, please provide details:
3	If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?
4	Is the development of any CMS Agreement for bats, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the future? If Yes, please provide details:
	2.6 Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to other taxa
1	In the current reporting period, has your country initiated the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the conservation needs of Appendix II species belonging to taxa not included in sections 1-6 above?
	If Yes, what is the current state of development?
2	In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of species belonging to taxa not included in sections 1-6 above? If Yes, please provide details:
3	If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of an Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?
4	Is the development of any CMS Agreement for other taxa, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future? If Yes, please provide details:
	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 <u>not</u> currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation? If Yes, please provide details:
1a	Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II? Yes No If Yes, please provide details:
1b	What assistance, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of this/these species?

IV. National and Regional Priorities

1	What priority does your country assign to the conservation and,								
2	Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national								
-	biodiversity strategy or action plan?								
	orough stategy of action plans								
	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)								
	Minimising or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration								
	Research and monitoring of migratory species								
	Transboundary co-operation								
3	Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national Yes No or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)								
	If Yes, please provide details:								
3a	Do these policies/plans cover the following areas (if Yes, please provide details):								
	Yes No								
	Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)								
	Economic development								
	Land-use planning								
	☐ Land-use planning ☐ Pollution control								
	Designation and development of protected areas								
	Development of ecological networks								
	Planning of powerlines								
	☐ Planning of fences								
	☐ Planning of dams								
	☐ ☐ Other								
	V. Protected Areas								
1	Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and Management of protected areas in your country?								
	If Yes, please provide details: A good example is the designation of coastal lagoons and wetlands along the Albanian coast line such as Karavasta Lagoon which is the natural habitat for the Dalmatian Pelican in Albania.								
1a	Do these protected areas cover the following areas? (If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas):								
	Yes No								
	☐ Aquatic								
	Marine Marine								
1b	Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:								

Ministry of the Environment (Nature Protection Directorate) in collaboration with the General Directorate	of
Forestry and Pastures (GDFP)	

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1	In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	If Yes, please provide details (Indicate <i>inter alia</i> the scientific justification for the reseataken to ensure that risks to the welfare of individual animals and – in the case of sever species are minimised, and summarise the results obtained):	
2	Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry? If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:	
	VII. Membership	
1	Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non-Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-P the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)	arties that have been identified by
1a	Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in	n your country:
	VIII. Global and National Importance	e 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? If Yes, please provide details:	☐ Yes ⊠ No
2	Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in	your country:
	IX. Mobilization of Resources	
1	Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?	☐ Yes ⊠ No
	If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from the	
2	Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition? If Yes, please provide details:	☐ Yes ⊠ 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)?	Yes No
4	If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from the Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to	
	Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory	∐ Yes ∐ No
Albar	nia, CMS Report, 2005 28	

	species? Not applicable as Albania is a developing country itself
	If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):
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? If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):
6	Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other

X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

Please summarize the measures undertaken by your country to implement the substantive, operational Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by the Conference of the Parties, where these have not been mentioned elsewhere in this report, giving particular emphasis to those identified below (as appropriate).

Resolutions
Resolution 6.2 – By-catch, and Recommendation 7.2 – Implementation of Resolution 6.2 on By-catch:
Resolution 6.3 – Southern Hemisphere Albatross Conservation:
Resolution 7.2 – Impact Assessment and Migratory Species:
Resolution 7.3 – Oil Pollution and Migratory Species:
Resolution 7.4 – Electrocution of Migratory Birds:
Resolution 7.5 – Wind Turbines and Migratory Species:
Resolution 7.9 – Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes:
Resolution 7.15 – Future Action on the Antarctic Minke, Bryde's and Pygmy Right Whales under the Convention on Migratory Species:
Recommendations
Recommendation 7.5 – Range State Agreement for Dugong (<i>Dugong dugon</i>) Conservation:
Recommendation 7.6 – Improving the Conservation Status of the Leatherback Turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>):
Recommendation 7.7 – America Pacific Flyway Programme:
Other resolutions/recommendations:

Other remarks:

Annex: Questions on specific Appendix II species

The tables below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. Boxes have been checked to indicate the species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please amend the boxes where appropriate. (If you wish to provide further information on any of these species, please attach as an annex.) Please also provide published distribution references where available.

	Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference	
İ	CHIROPTERA						
I	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum	\boxtimes					
	(only European populations)						
	Rhinolophus hipposideros	\boxtimes					
l	(only European populations)						
	Rhinolophus euryale	\boxtimes					
l	(only European populations)						
	Rhinolophus mehelyi	\boxtimes					
I	(only European populations)						
	Rhinolophus blasii	\boxtimes					
l	(only European populations)						
	Myotis bechsteini	\boxtimes					
l	(only European populations)						
	Myotis blythi	\boxtimes					
l	(only European populations)						
	Myotis brandtii	\boxtimes					
ļ	(only European populations)						
	Myotis capaccinii	\boxtimes					
ļ	(only European populations)						
	Myotis dasycneme						
ļ	(only European populations)						
	Myotis daubentoni	\boxtimes					
ļ	(only European populations)						
	Myotis emarginatus	\boxtimes					
ŀ	(only European populations)						
	Myotis myotis						
ŀ	(only European populations)						
	Myotis mystacinus	\boxtimes					
ŀ	(only European populations)						
	Myotis nattereri	\boxtimes					
ŀ	(only European populations)						
	Pipistrellus kuhli	\boxtimes					
ļ	(only European populations)						
	Pipistrellus nathusii	\boxtimes					
I	(only European populations)		Ì				

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference
Pipistrellus pipistrellus	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Pipistrellus savii	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Nyctalus lasiopterus	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Nyctalus leisleri	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Nyctalus noctula	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Eptesicus nilssonii		\boxtimes			
(only European populations)					
Eptesicus serotinus	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Vespertilio murinus	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Barbastella barbastellus		\boxtimes			
(only European populations)					
Plecotus auritus	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Plecotus austriacus	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Miniopterus schreibersii	\boxtimes				
(only European populations)					
Tadarida teniotis	\boxtimes				
		(СЕТАСЕА		
Physeter macrocephalus		\boxtimes			
Platanista gangetica gangetica					
Pontoporia blainvillei		\boxtimes			
Inia geoffrensis					
Delphinapterus leucas				П	
Monodon monoceros					
Phocoena phocoena]		
(North and Baltic Sea populations)					
Phocoena phocoena					
(western North Atlantic population)					
Phocoena phocoena					
(Black Sea population)					
Neophocaena phocaenoides					
Phocoenoides dalli					
Phocoena spinipinnis					

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference
Phocoena dioptrica		\boxtimes			
Sousa chinensis		\boxtimes			
Sousa teuszii					
Sotalia fluviatilis		\boxtimes			
Lagenorhynchus albirostris		\boxtimes			
(only North and Baltic Sea populations)					
Lagenorhynchus acutus		\boxtimes			
(only North and Baltic Sea populations)					
Lagenorhynchus australis					
Lagenorhynchus obscurus					
Grampus griseus		\boxtimes			
(only North and Baltic Sea populations)					
Tursiops aduncus					
(Arafura/Timor Sea populations)					
Tursiops truncatus					
(North and Baltic Sea populations)					
Tursiops truncatus					
(western Mediterranean population)					
Tursiops truncatus					
(Black Sea population)					
Stenella attenuata					
(eastern tropical Pacific population)					
Stenella attenuata					
(Southeast Asian populations)					
Stenella longirostris					
(eastern tropical Pacific populations)					
Stenella longirostris					
(Southeast Asian populations)					
Stenella coeruleoalba					
(eastern tropical Pacific population)					
Stenella coeruleoalba					
(western Mediterranean population)					
Delphinus delphis					
(North and Baltic Sea populations)					
Delphinus delphis					
(western Mediterranean population)					
Delphinus delphis		\boxtimes			
(Black Sea population)					

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference		
Delphinus delphis		\boxtimes					
(eastern tropical Pacific population)							
Lagenodelphis hosei		\boxtimes					
(Southeast Asian populations)							
Orcaella brevirostris		\boxtimes					
Cephalorhynchus commersonii							
(South American population)							
Cephalorhynchus eutropia							
Cephalorhynchus heavisidii		\boxtimes					
Orcinus orca		\boxtimes					
Globicephala melas		\boxtimes					
(only North and Baltic Sea populations)							
Berardius bairdii							
Hyperoodon ampullatus	\boxtimes						
Balaenoptera bonaerensis		\boxtimes					
Balaenoptera edeni							
Balaenoptera borealis		\boxtimes					
Balaenoptera physalus		\boxtimes					
Caperea marginata		\boxtimes					
		C	ARNIVORA				
Arctocephalus australis		\boxtimes					
Otaria flavescens							
Phoca vitulina							
(only Baltic and Wadden Sea populations)	_	_		_			
Halichoerus grypus		\boxtimes					
(only Baltic Sea populations)							
Monachus monachus	\boxtimes						
	PROBOSCIDEA						
Loxodonta africana		\boxtimes					
SIRENIA							
Trichechus manatus		\boxtimes					
(populations between Honduras and Panama)							
Trichechus senegalensis							
Trichechus inunguis		\boxtimes					
Dugong dugon							
PERISSODACTYLA							
Equus hemionus (includes Equus hemionus, Equus onager and Equus kiang)							

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference		
ARTIODACTYLA							
Vicugna vicugna							
Oryx dammah		\boxtimes					
Gazella gazella		\boxtimes					
(only Asian populations)							
Gazella subgutturosa							
Procapra gutturosa							
Saiga tatarica tatarica							
		GA	VIIFORMES	1			
Gavia stellata	\boxtimes						
(Western Palearctic populations)							
Gavia arctica arctica							
Gavia arctica suschkini							
Gavia immer immer							
(Northwest European population)							
Gavia adamsii							
(Western Palearctic population)							
		Podic	CIPEDIFORMES	T			
Podiceps grisegena grisegena							
Podiceps auritus (Western Palearctic populations)							
		PELE	CANIFORMES				
Phalacrocorax nigrogularis			П				
Phalacrocorax pygmeus							
Pelecanus onocrotalus							
(Western Palearctic populations)							
Pelecanus crispus							
T TOTAL TOTA		Cico	ONIIFORMES				
Botaurus stellaris stellaris	\boxtimes						
(Western Palearctic populations)							
Ixobrychus minutus minutus	\boxtimes		П				
(Western Palearctic populations)							
Ixobrychus sturmii							
Ardeola rufiventris							
Ardeola idae							
Egretta vinaceigula							
Casmerodius albus albus	$oxed{ egin{array}{c} & oxed{ } & ox{ } & oxed{ } & oxaver{ } & oxed{ } & oxed{ } & oxed{ } & oxaxt{ } & oxed{ } & oxed$						
(Western Palearctic populations)	<u></u>						
Ardea purpurea purpurea		\boxtimes					
(populations breeding in the Western Palearctic)							

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference
Mycteria ibis		\boxtimes			
Ciconia nigra	\boxtimes				
Ciconia episcopus microscelis		\boxtimes			
Ciconia ciconia	\boxtimes				
Plegadis falcinellus	\boxtimes				
Geronticus eremita		\boxtimes			
Threskiornis aethiopicus aethiopicus					
Platalea alba		\boxtimes			
(excluding Malagasy population)					
Platalea leucorodia	\boxtimes				
Phoenicopterus ruber		\boxtimes			
Phoenicopterus minor					
		ANS	SERIFORMES		
Dendrocygna bicolor					
Dendrocygna viduata					
Thalassornis leuconotus		\boxtimes			
Oxyura leucocephala	\boxtimes				
Cygnus olor	\boxtimes				
Cygnus cygnus		\boxtimes			
Cygnus columbianus		\boxtimes			
Anser brachyrhynchus		\boxtimes			
Anser fabalis	\boxtimes				
Anser albifrons	\boxtimes				
Anser erythropus	\boxtimes				
Anser anser	\boxtimes				
Branta leucopsis		\boxtimes			
Branta bernicla		\boxtimes			
Branta ruficollis		\boxtimes			
Alopochen aegyptiacus		\boxtimes			
Tadorna ferruginea		\boxtimes			
Tadorna cana		\boxtimes			
Tadorna tadorna	\boxtimes				
Plectropterus gambensis		\boxtimes			
Sarkidiornis melanotos		\boxtimes			
Nettapus auritus		\boxtimes			
Anas penelope	\boxtimes				
Anas strepera	\boxtimes				
Anas crecca	\boxtimes				

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference
Anas capensis		\boxtimes			
Anas platyrhynchos	\boxtimes				
Anas undulata		\boxtimes			
Anas acuta	\boxtimes				
Anas erythrorhyncha		\boxtimes			
Anas hottentota		\boxtimes			
Anas querquedula	\boxtimes				
Anas clypeata	\boxtimes				
Marmaronetta angustirostris					
Netta rufina					
Netta erythrophthalma		\boxtimes			
Aythya ferina	\boxtimes				
Aythya nyroca					
Aythya fuligula					
Aythya marila		\boxtimes			
Somateria mollissima		\boxtimes			
Somateria spectabilis		\boxtimes			
Polysticta stelleri		\boxtimes			
Clangula hyemalis		\boxtimes			
Melanitta nigra		\boxtimes			
Melanitta fusca					
Bucephala clangula					
Mergellus albellus					
Mergus serrator					
Mergus merganser					
		FALC	CONIFORMES		
Pandion haliaetus	\boxtimes				
		GA	LLIFORMES		
Coturnix coturnix coturnix	\boxtimes				
		SPHE	NISCIFORMES		
Spheniscus demersus					
		Proce	LLARIIFORME	S	
Diomedea exulans		\boxtimes			
Diomedea epomophora		\boxtimes			
Diomedea irrorata		\boxtimes			
Diomedea nigripes					
Diomedea immutabilis					
Diomedea melanophris					
Diomedea bulleri		\boxtimes			

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference		
Diomedea cauta		\boxtimes					
Diomedea chlororhynchos		\boxtimes					
Diomedea chrysostoma		\boxtimes					
Phoebetria fusca		\boxtimes					
Phoebetria palpebrata		\boxtimes					
Macronectes giganteus		\boxtimes					
Macronectes halli		\boxtimes					
Procellaria cinerea		\boxtimes					
Procellaria aequinoctialis		\boxtimes					
Procellaria aequinoctialis conspicillata							
Procellaria parkinsoni		\boxtimes					
Procellaria westlandica		\boxtimes					
		GR	RUIFORMES				
Porzana porzana	\boxtimes						
(populations breeding in the Western Palearctic)							
Porzana parva parva							
Porzana pusilla intermedia							
Fulica atra atra							
(Mediterranean and Black Sea populations)							
Aenigmatolimnas marginalis							
Sarothrura boehmi							
Sarothrura ayresi							
Crex crex							
Grus leucogeranus							
Grus virgo (Syn. Anthropoides virgo)							
Grus paradisea							
Grus carunculatus							
Grus grus	\boxtimes						
Chlamydotis undulata		\boxtimes					
(only Asian populations)							
Otis tarda							
	CHARADRIIFORMES						
Himantopus himantopus							
Recurvirostra avosetta							
Dromas ardeola							
Burhinus oedicnemus							
Glareola pratincola	\boxtimes						

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference
Glareola nordmanni		\boxtimes			
Pluvialis apricaria	\boxtimes				
Pluvialis squatarola	\boxtimes				
Charadrius hiaticula	\boxtimes				
Charadrius dubius	\boxtimes				
Charadrius pecuarius		\boxtimes			
Charadrius tricollaris		\boxtimes			
Charadrius forbesi		\boxtimes			
Charadrius pallidus		\boxtimes			
Charadrius alexandrinus	\boxtimes				
Charadrius marginatus		\boxtimes			
Charadrius mongulus		\boxtimes			
Charadrius leschenaultii		\boxtimes			
Charadrius asiaticus		\boxtimes			
Eudromias morinellus	\boxtimes				
Vanellus vanellus	\boxtimes				
Vanellus spinosus		\boxtimes			
Vanellus albiceps		\boxtimes			
Vanellus senegallus		\boxtimes			
Vanellus lugubris		\boxtimes			
Vanellus melanopterus		\boxtimes			
Vanellus coronatus		\boxtimes			
Vanellus superciliosus		\boxtimes			
Vanellus gregarius (Syn Chettusia gregaria)					
Vanellus leucurus		\boxtimes			
Gallinago media	\boxtimes				
Gallinago gallinago	\boxtimes				
Lymnocryptes minimus	\boxtimes				
Limosa limosa					
Limosa lapponica	\boxtimes				
Numenius phaeopus	\boxtimes				
Numenius tenuirostris	\boxtimes				
Numenius arquata	\boxtimes				
Tringa erythropus	\boxtimes				
Tringa totanus	\boxtimes				
Tringa stagnatilis	\boxtimes				
Tringa nebularia	\boxtimes				
Tringa ochropus	\boxtimes				
Tringa glareola	\boxtimes				

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference
Tringa cinerea	\boxtimes				
Tringa hypoleucos	\boxtimes				
Arenaria interpres	\boxtimes				
Calidris tenuirostris		\boxtimes			
Calidris canutus		\boxtimes			
Calidris alba	\boxtimes				
Calidris minuta	\boxtimes				
Calidris temminckii	\boxtimes				
Calidris maritima		\boxtimes			
Calidris alpina	\boxtimes				
Calidris ferruginea	\boxtimes				
Limicola falcinellus	\boxtimes				
Philomachus pugnax	\boxtimes				
Phalaropus lobatus	\boxtimes				
Phalaropus fulicaria		\boxtimes			
Larus hemprichii		\boxtimes			
Larus leucophthalmus		\boxtimes			
Larus ichthyaetus		\boxtimes			
(West Eurasian and African population)					
Larus melanocephalus					
Larus genei					
Larus audouinii					
Larus armenicus					
Sterna nilotica nilotica					
(West Eurasian and African populations)					
Sterna caspia					
(West Eurasian and African populations)					
Sterna maxima albidorsalis					
Sterna bergii					
(African and Southwest Asian populations)					
Sterna bengalensis		\boxtimes			
(African and Southwest Asian populations)					
Sterna sandvicensis sandvicensis					
Sterna dougallii					
(Atlantic population)					
Sterna hirundo hirundo (populations breeding in the					
Western Palearctic)					

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference
Sterna paradisaea		\boxtimes			
(Atlantic populations)					
Sterna albifrons	\boxtimes				
Sterna saundersi					
Sterna balaenarum					
Sterna repressa					
Chlidonias niger niger	\boxtimes				
Chlidonias leucopterus					
(West Eurasian and African population)					
		Coli	UMBIFORMES		
Streptopelia turtur turtur	\boxtimes				
		Cor	ACIIFORMES		
Merops apiaster	\boxtimes				
Coracias garrulus					
		PSIT	TACIFORMES		
Amazona tucumana					
		PASS	SERIFORMES		
Hirundo atrocaerulea		\boxtimes			
Pseudocolopteryx dinellianus					
Polystictus pectoralis pectoralis					
Sporophila ruficollis		\boxtimes			
Acrocephalus paludicola		\boxtimes			
		TES	STUDINATA		
Chelonia depressa					
Chelonia mydas		\boxtimes			
Caretta caretta	\boxtimes				
Eretmochelys imbricata		\boxtimes			
Lepidochelys kempii		\boxtimes			
Lepidochelys olivacea		\boxtimes			
Dermochelys coriacea	\boxtimes				
Podocnemis expansa		\boxtimes			
		CR	OCODYLIA		
Crocodylus porosus					
		ACIPE	NSERIFORMES		
Huso huso					
Huso dauricus					
Acipenser baerii baicalensis					
Acipenser fulvescens		\boxtimes			

Species	Range State	Not a Range State	Extinct	No information available	Published distribution reference	
Acipenser gueldenstaedtii		\boxtimes				
Acipenser medirostris		\boxtimes				
Acipenser mikadoi		\boxtimes				
Acipenser naccarii	\boxtimes					
Acipenser nudiventris		\boxtimes				
Acipenser persicus						
Acipenser ruthenus		\boxtimes				
(Danube population)						
Acipenser schrenckii		\boxtimes				
Acipenser sinensis						
Acipenser stellatus						
Acipenser sturio						
Pseudoscaphirhynchus kaufmanni						
Pseudoscaphirhynchus hermanni		\boxtimes				
Pseudoscaphirhynchus fedtschenkoi		\boxtimes				
Psephurus gladius		\boxtimes				
		ORECT	COLOBIFORME	S		
Rhincodon typus		\boxtimes				
LAMNIFORMES						
Carcharodon carcharias						
LEPIDOPTERA						
Danaus plexippus		\boxtimes				
All species of each of the Families below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for						

All species of each of the Families below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for any of the species in these Families, please enter the species name in the first column, under the relevant Family heading. Please indicate (with a 'X') whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published distribution references. (Space is provided for ten species in each Family. If additional lines are required, please attach the information as an annex.)

Species	Range State	Extinct	Published distribution reference
	Order F	ALCONIFORMES, F	amily Cathartidae
	Range State	Extinct	

Range State	Extinct	
Range State	Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Order F.	ALCONIFORMES, F	amily Accipitridae
Range State	Extinct	
Range State	Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	☐ Extinct	
Range State	Extinct	
Range State	Extinct	
Range State	Extinct	
Order F	'ALCONIFORMES, I	Family Falconidae
Range State	☐ Extinct	

	Range State	☐ Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					
Order PASSERIFORMES, Family Muscicapidae							
	Range State	☐ Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					
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	Range State	Extinct					
	Range State	Extinct					

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1. Name of Party

ALBANIA

- 2. Date when report finalized
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4. Definition of the areas under national jurisdiction included in the Agreement's field of application (over which the Agreement applies)

"Marine environment" is the sea space of the Republic of Albania together with fauna and flora, sea wealth, resources of the sea bed and sea subsoils, including the coastal line, beaches, ports, harbours and land territories, lagoons and river deltas and the lake streams running into the sea. (Law No. 8905 "On protection of marine environment from pollution and damage") "Resources of the sea and coast" mean every mineral resource, biological variety,

archaeological and paleonthological findings of the marine environment. (Law No. 8905 "On protection of marine environment from pollution and damage")

The marine environment constitutes an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Albania. The protection of marine environment is subject to all the environmental laws and bylaws of the Republic of Albania and the international conventions, agreements to which Albania is a party. (Law No. 8905 "On protection of marine environment from pollution and damage")

"Coastal waters" mean the waters outside the line of low waters, or waters outside estuary boundaries. (Law No. 9115 "Concerning the environmental treatment of polluted waters")

"Aquatic life" means cultivation of water organisms aimed at their economic use. (Law No. 7908 "On fishing and aquatic life")

"Water organisms" mean alive or not organisms, fauna or flora, eatable or not eatable that have water as natural or usual living environment where are included water mammals, amphibians, water reptiles, fish, crustaceans, molluscs, corals, sponges as well as fish eggs, larvae or other natural products except fowls. (Law No. 7908 "On fishing and aquatic life").

Protected areas are set to provide the preservation and regeneration of natural habitats, of species, of natural reserves and landscapes (Law No. 8906 "On protected areas"). "Protected areas" mean areas of land, water, sea and coast territories assigned for the protection of biodiversity, of accompanied cultural and natural values, which are managed by legal means and with scientific methods. (Law No. 8906 "On protected areas").

5. Say whether the Party is a member of an organization of economic integration (as defined in Article I, paragraph h) of the Agreement)

General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean – Acceptance : 10/04/1991 ESPOO Convention – ratified on 04/10/91

6. Date when signed, ratified, accepted, approved or joined the ACCOBAMS

Signed: 24/11/96 Ratified: 25/5/01 Accepted: 03/07/01 Joined: 01/10/01

- 7. **Date when ratified the amendment** (if amendment there be)
- 8. Possible reservations expressed in accordance with Article XV or Article X of the Agreement¹
 N/A

9. National authorities, organizations, research centres and rescue centres active in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans

Museum of the Natural Sciences is the only research centre in the field of study of cetaceans. Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Directory of Fishery) are the national authorities working in terms of policies, legal framework, and the administration of cetaceans.

Another potential authority is the Fisheries Institute which could play an important role in the field of study and conservation of cetaceans.

10. Main national legislative and regulatory texts pertinent to cetaceans:

Title of text	Date when promulgated	Authorities responsible for
		application
Law No. 8763 "on Fishing and	02/04/01	Min. of Agriculture and Food
aquatic life"		
Law No. 8870 "on Fishing and	21/03/03	Min. of Agriculture and Food
Aquatic life"		
Law No. 7908 "On fishing and	05/04/95	Min. of Agriculture and Food
aquatic life"		_
Law No. 8906 "On protected	06/06/02	Min. of Environment
areas"		

11. Bilateral or multilateral fishing agreements with regard to the area of the Agreement (Countries concerned, object, date, entry into force, duration, etc.)

The AdriaMed (www.faoadriamed.org)Information Centre is an integrated information system. It provides access to heterogeneous information sources, as output the users receives centralized, homogeneous results with particular attention to the Adriatic Sea. Users can ask questions, confident that the system will provide information from all relevant sources in the area.

The Regional Project "Scientific Cooperation to Support Responsible Fisheries in the Adriatic Sea" (AdriaMed) is executed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and funded by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Policies (MiPAF). AdriaMed was conceived to contribute to the promotion of cooperative fishery management between the participating countries (Republics of Albania, Croatia, Italy and Slovenia), in line with the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries adopted by the UN-FAO.

12. Relevant International Conventions and Agreements to which the country is Party:

Conventions and Agreements	Date of entry into force of the
	Ratification, Acceptance,
	Approval or Adhesion
Convention on Biological Diversity (Rio, 1992)	Accession 05/01/1994
	Entry into force 05/04/94
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of	Entry into force : 01/09/2001
Wild Animals (Bonn, 1979)	
Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife	Signature : 31/10/1995
and Natural Habitats (Berne, 1979)	Ratification: 13/01/1999
	Entry into force : 01/05/1999
United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	Entry into force : 23/ 06/2003

¹: If a reservation was withdrawn, indicate the date of entry into force of the withdrawal of the reservation Albania, CMS Report, 2005 46

(Montego Bay, 1982)	
Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and	Signature : 10/06/1995
Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (Barcelona,	Ratification: 26/07/2001
1995)	
Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of	/
the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS)	
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna	Accession: 27/06/2003
and Flora (CITES – Washington, 1973)	Entry into force: 25/09/2003
International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling	/
(Washington, 1946)	
Agreement on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly	/
Migratory Fish Stocks(1995)	
GENERAL FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR THE	Acceptance: 10/04/1991
MEDITERRANEAN	
La Commission Internationale pour l'Exploration	/
Scientifique de la Méditerranée	

13. Networks set up for monitoring cetacean strandings

(coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, MEDACES data transmission, publishing of results)

In Albania is not made anything important in the ground for all the possible field of work related to the cetaceans. For this reason, we need some expertise, to create a first possible database, with the support from the ACCOBAMS. We are interested to establish a Monitoring Network for cetaceans stranding between Min. of Environment, Albanian Universities, Institute of Biological Research, and other related organisations (Fishing associations).

14. Emergency plans

(conditions of activating, coordinating system, agents, means available, databases, publishing of results)

According to the emergency plans there is nothing done in relation with the protection of the cetaceans. For these reasons consultancy and help is kindly required.

15. List of cetaceans reported in the area under the jurisdiction of the country included in the distribution area (as defined in Article I, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement)

		Common	Rare	Occasional
Balaenoptera acutorostrata	Minke Whale			
Balaenoptera borealis	Rudolph's Whale			
Balaenoptera physalus	Fin Whale			
Delphinus delphis	Common Dolphin	+		
Eubalaena glacialis	Northern Right Whale			
Globicephala melas	Long-finned Pilot Whale			
Grampus griseus	Risso's Dolphin			
Kogia simus	Dwarf Sperm Whale			
Megaptera novaeangliae	Humpback Whale			
Mesoplodon densirostris	Blainville's Beaked Whale			
Orcinus orca	Killer Whale			
Phocæna phocæna	Harbour Porpoise			

Physeter macrocephalus	Sperm Whale			+
Pseudorca crassidens	False Killer Whale			
Stenella cæruleoalba	Striped Dolphin		+	
Steno bredanensis	Rough-toothed Dolphin			
Tursiops truncatus	Bottlenose Dolphin	+		
Ziphius cavirostris	Cuvier's Beaked Whale			+

^{*} The information is based on the occasionally data gathering by the specialist and fisherman

16. Information on the national fishing fleet active in the area of the Agreement:

Type of fishing	Number of units
Fishing boats with fixed gill-nets	55
Fishing boats with spinning seine nets	7
Fishing boats with drift-nets	122
Fishing boats with floating palangre	1
Other types of fishery able to interact with	6
cetaceans	

The fishing boats in Albania are not allowed to fish in deep waters.

17. Scientific assessment of the state of cetacean conservation in the area under national jurisdiction included in the distribution area (as defined in Article I, paragraph 3 f) of the Agreement)

The assessment must be based on scientific data. Append the list of bibliographical references used. There is a gap in research studies related to the state of the conservation of cetaceans, as well as scientific assessment.

18. Conservation measures introduced to attain and maintain a state of conservation favourable to cetaceans:

- Measures introduced to eliminate deliberate removal
- Measures introduced to reduce man/cetacean interaction (there is a gap in the legislation according to the absence of the compensation system for the users)
- Measures introduced to create and maintain a network of specially protected areas to protect cetacean habitats (efforts to create the marine parks, we strongly need it).
 - In the strategy for BD conservation and Action Plan there are designated 2 possible areas for marine parks.
- Measures related to the reduction of pollution (Law No 8905 "On protection of marine environment from pollution and damage", Law No. 8875 "Establishment of coast guard", Law No. 8870 "On fishing and aquatic life").
- Measures introduced to strengthen the national capacities, the institutional framework, the collection and dissemination of information and education
 - There is a need to build the national capacities to collect, proceed, and disseminate the information.
- Other measures

19. Research work done to improve knowledge of the biology and ecology of cetaceans

In Albania there is no any research work done to improve the knowledge of the biology and ecology of cetaceans. So, there is a need to do research in the area of biology and ecology of cetaceans.

20. Programmes of continuous monitoring undertaken

Albania has no programme of continuous monitoring.

There are no projects so far in Albania regarding cetaceans inventory and monitoring, although there is a great need to do that, because during the last few years the illegal fishing techniques and the use of dynamites to catch fish are causing more and more harm to large sea vertebrates, including sea turtles and dolphins.

21. Measures linked to implementing bilateral or multilateral cooperation programmes

Law No. 8905 "On protection of marine environment from pollution and damage" General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean

There is a need for a better cooperation among the experts in our region to exchange knowledge and conduct common research, inventory and monitoring activities. There is a need for more support from international organisations and donors. There is a need for training programmes for young researchers and marine biologists in order to have more capacities to engage in research, inventory and monitoring in our region. There is also need for awareness raising towards protection of cetaceans, in order to change the attitude and behaviour of local fishermen and people towards these animals.

22. Specific information linked to the agenda of the session at which the report is submitted

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