



**CMS**

## **2025 CMS National Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RESOURCES FOR THE CMS NATIONAL REPORT FROM OTHER RELEVANT INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROCESSES

Convention/Agreement/Process

Information source

Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

National Reports

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

Annual trade reports, Annual illegal trade reports, Implementation reports

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat

National Reports, Ramsar Information Sheets

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Country reports

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

National Reports

United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF)

National Reports

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

National Communications, Biennial Reports, Update Reports

Various CMS Family Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)

National Reports

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals

National Reports

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

## High-level summary of key messages

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

Guidance:

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

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

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

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

>>> Promotes trans-boundary cooperation and solutions.

Promotes best practice advice, e.g through resolutions

Platform for cooperation both locally and with other international organizations

Provide leverage to address the challenges linked to migratory species

National funding provided for relevant research and mapping, e.g. birds of prey and seabirds and on action plans for listed species funded (e.g. *Anser erythropus*, *Polysticta stelleri*, *Haliaeetus albicilla*, *Crex crex*, *Limosa limosa*).

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

>>> Outreach to decision makers with information needed to change practices.

Funding for sharing information and best practice.

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

>>> Continued review of network of protected areas, OECMs and marine sites.

Implement more detailed mapping of flyways and migratory routes of certain species, in order to ensure more targeted actions in specific sites.

Strengthen knowledge base to provide better and more balanced decision-making in issues linked to biological diversity and land use in climate change action.

## **I. Administrative Information**

Name of the Party

>>> Norway

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

>>> 01081985

Any territories which are excluded from the application of the Convention

>>> Svalbard.

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

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

Yes, the lists are correct and up to date

Country participation in Agreements/MOUs:

*Please select only one per line*

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

### III. Species on the Convention Appendices

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

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

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**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

Yes, the list is correct

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

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

Yes for all Appendix I species

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

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

>>> a) Nature protection act and b) Saltwater fisheries act

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

No

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

No

## V. Awareness

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

### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

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

### Impact of actions

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

>>> World Migratory Bird Day is a very good avenue of outreach, as birds are interesting and well known. In varying degree we have been able to issue a 'story' on the plight of migratory birds and the national BirdLife partner has to varying degree hosted on their own initiative numerous events.  
Wetland visitor centers have education for school classes .

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

Tick one box

### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

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

- 3. Good impact

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

>>> There's a growing interest and understanding of nature and climate crisis, and people are more engaged in actions and wish for more knowledge. We see a change in society when it comes to understanding the need for protecting species and their habitats.

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

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

Yes

Please provide details:

### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

>>> All area-planning (incl at sea) must evaluate the occurrence of threatened species or species listed by the Conventions. The aim is to either avoid damage or to mitigate for any potential damage.

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

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

### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> Ramsar, CBD, Ospar.

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

>>> Civil society is heavily engaged in counting, monitoring and reporting on migratory species - both breeding and migrating, in collaboration with the management authorities.

They are also encouraged to use the Conventions and their species in their arguments whenever there is a conflict. In particular the national BirdLife partner is active in this field. The same is applicable for individuals engaged in any area of conflict.

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

>>> New types of fishing hooks to avoid bycatch as developed by company Mustad and supported by private enterprises.

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

### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

Yes

Please describe any hindrances and challenges to the application of EIA and SEAs with respect to migratory species, lessons learned, and needs for further capacity development.

>>> A revision was made of the EIA regulations in 2024, which aimed at strengthening and improving the methodology. In this context several important additions were made, This will be tested and evaluated at some point.

VI.6. To what extent have biodiversity and migratory species considerations been specifically integrated into national energy and climate policy and legislation?

### GUIDANCE TIP

Please refer to Resolutions **12.21 (Rev.COP14)** (Climate Change and Migratory Species), Res. **11.27 (Rev.COP13)** (Renewable Energy and Migratory Species), Res. **10.11 (Rev.COP13)** (Power Lines and Migratory Birds), and Decision **14.207** (Renewable Energy and Migratory Species) for more information.

>>> The energy act and others promote the development of green energy. The Nature biodiversity act promotes protection of nature, These two are both relevant and used in connection to energy developments - and often have conflicting interests.

Considerations are to a certain degree reflected in policy and legislation, but a strong focus on climate change, energy needs and green development presents a conflict of interest in all energy-related initiatives.

Please provide any examples related to such policy and legislation.

>>> Energy act and Nature diversity act.

## VII. Governance, Policy and Legislative Coherence

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

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

### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> Through the AEWA EGMP work, with involvement of agriculture sector, hunter organisations and research institutions.

Revised and strengthened EIA regulations from 2024.

New action plan for migratory seabirds from 2025.

New government white paper on sustainable use and nature protection from 2025.

The establishment of several new protected areas.

To what extent have these improvements helped to make relevant policy, legislative and implementation processes more coherent, accountable, transparent, participatory, equitable and inclusive?

4. Major contribution

Please describe how this assessment was made

>>> There is a more systematic and coherent approach to management of species and ecosystem, including migratory species, which results in improvement over time.

The EGMP is a major system for management of migratory species, With a broad participation nationally as well as on an international scale (multiple research institutions and Parties are involved). The program also bears signs of innovation and is based on an adaptive approach.

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

### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

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

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

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> The EGMP process has resulted in several local municipality management working Groups, as well as a national coordinators, seminars and policy coordination.

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

### GUIDANCE TIP:

Relevant Conventions may include other global agreements such as biodiversity-related Conventions and Agreements, UNFCCC, UNCCD, as well as regional agreements, including CMS Agreements. Such collaboration may also be relevant to aligning efforts related to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development, the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030, and NBSAPs as described in **Dec. 14.6**(CMS Engagement in CBD Processes Including Global Biodiversity Framework) and **Res.8.18 (Rev.COP12)** (Integration of Migratory Species into NBSAPs and into On-going and Future Programmes of Work under CBD). Guidance documents for integrating considerations relevant to Migratory Species in NBSAPs are available at CMS website.

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> Focal points are all placed in the NEA and daily coordination is possible.

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

Yes

Please identify the legislation, policies, initiatives, or action plans concerned:

>>> Cf EGMP municipality plans and national coordination plans.

## VIII. Incentives

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

Yes

Please indicate what measures were implemented and the time-periods concerned.

>>> A prohibition on lead shots for shotguns used in hunting as well as lead sinkers and weights used in fishing was decided and implemented in 2023.

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

Yes

Please indicate what measures were implemented and the time-periods concerned.

>>> Long-standing financial incentives to protect and manage areas for wildlife exists under especially forestry and agriculture subsidies schemes.

## IX. Sustainable Production and Consumption

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

Yes

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

>>> This is the main focus of the National biodiversity act. This act is applicable across all sectors and puts such requirements on all sectors.

Off-take also follows sustainable criteria and is monitored through obligatory reporting (a failure to do so results in a fine).

Network of protection sites is linked to monitoring of populations and important tools for achieving and maintaining favorite reference values.

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

>>> National monitoring programmes give empirical data for scientific analysis of existing system and proposals for adjustments in management policies can be developed on the basis of this.

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

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

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

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

#### Intentional Taking

##### GUIDANCE TIP:

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

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

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in addressing intentional taking?

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#### Unintentional Taking

|  | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details |
|--|--|--|
| Bycatch  | 3  | Lamna nacus and Gavidae sp.  |
| Catch in Abandoned, Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) | 3  | Phocoena phocoena  |
| Other forms of unintentional taking                                  | -  | -  |

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in addressing bycatch or catch in ALDFG?

##### GUIDANCE TIP:

Significant advances may include efforts, actions, steps, programmes, initiatives and/or activities described in CMS documentation, such as Resolutions **12.22**(Bycatch), Res. **12.20** (Management of Marine Debris), Res. **11.21** (Single Species Action Plan for the Loggerhead Turtle in the South Pacific Ocean), Res. **14.9** (Conservation Priorities for Cetaceans), and Res. **13.3** (Chondrichthyan species) and Dec. 14.31 b) and c). Parties are encouraged to report on the implementation of the recommendation included in Drynan and Baker 2023 “Technical mitigation techniques to reduce bycatch of sharks” provided in Annex 1 to UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.27.1.1/Rev.1.

>>> The Fisheries agency make significant efforts to collect LADFG along the Norwegian coast.

## Collisions and electrocution

|                  | Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details | Overall relative severity of impact<br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low |
|------------------|--|--|
| Wind turbines    | White-tailed eagle   | 3  |
| Other collisions | -  | -  |
| Electrocution    | -  | -  |
| Vessel strikes   | -  | -  |

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in addressing collisions and electrocution?

>>> There is legislation underway related to wind turbines.

## Other mortality

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

## Alien and/or invasive species

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

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in addressing alien and/or invasive species?

>>> Efforts on culling of American mink, by the Nature Inspectorate.

What are the most significant negative trends since the previous report concerning alien and/or invasive species?

### **GUIDANCE TIP:**

Significant advances may include efforts, actions, steps, programmes, initiatives and/or activities described in CMS documentation, such as Resolution **11.28** (Future CMS Activities related to Invasive Alien Species).

>>> American mink raids the nest of Sterna species and other ground-breeding birds. There are several ongoing initiatives with substantial financial support to control the mink population and improve the situation. In general, Norway has several action plans focusing on controlling invasive species - including American mink.

## Disturbance and disruption

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

## Pollution

|                                    | <b>Species/species groups affected (provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details</b> | <b>Overall relative severity of impact</b><br>1 = severe<br>2 = moderate<br>3 = low |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Marine debris (including plastics) | -  |   |
| Light pollution                    | -  |   |
| Underwater noise                   | -  |   |
| Other pollution                    | -  |   |
| Fish aggregating devices (FADs)    | -  |   |

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in addressing pollution?

>>> We currently do not have the data on pollution factors and potential damage to species listed in App. I and II.

## Habitat destruction/degradation

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

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in addressing habitat destruction/degradation?

>>> There are several processes underway which should have an impact in the future - to be reported on when in place.

## Climate change

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

### Levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc.

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

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc?

>>> There are several processes underway which should have an impact in the future - to be reported on when in place.

During the reporting period, has your country adopted new legislation or other domestic measures in response to CMS Article III(4) (b) specifically addressing obstacles to migration?

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

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

No

## XI. Conservation Status of Migratory Species

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

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

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

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

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

Terrestrial mammals (not including bats)

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

Aquatic mammals

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

Bats

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

Birds

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
|--|--|----------|------------------|---|
|  | Stable / low                                       |          | AEWA             | Anser erythropus (I)  |

|  |  |  |                         |                         |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | Strong growth in pop.                                  |  | Birdlife partner Norway | Haliaeetus albicilla    |
|  | Decline in winter pop due to climate change (less ice) |  | Birdlife Norway         | Polysticta stelleri (I) |
|  | Still very low population                              |  | Birdlife Norway         | Crex crex (II)          |
|  |  |  |                         |                         |

## Reptiles

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

## Fish

|  | Change in status (including time period concerned) | Comments | Source reference   | Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable) |
|--|--|----------|--------------------|---|
|  | Listed as near threatened in 2021                  |          | Norwegian red list | Salmo salar   |
|  |  |          |                    |   |
|  |  |          |                    |   |
|  |  |          |                    |   |

## Insects

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

## XII. Cooperating to Conserve Migration Systems

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

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

No

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

No

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

Yes

Please describe the results of these actions achieved so far:

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

>>> Listing proposal of Snowy owl (*Bubo scandiacus*)

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

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

No

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

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

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

Please describe initiatives aimed at implementing Decision 14.194.

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> Participation and contributions to the AEWA agreement

### XIII. Area-Based Conservation Measures

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

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

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

Yes, fully

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

>>> Continuous ongoing review of national protection system. New marine areas are still under preparation. There are ongoing efforts to identify potential Other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs). Important Bird Areas (IBAs) are still not implemented in conservation decisions.

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

No

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

Yes

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

>>> Prohibition being developed on use of peat bogs and marshes. Several initiatives on nature restoration ongoing at local level.

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

Partly / for some areas

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

Yes

Please provide details:

>>> Concerted action for Black-tailed godwit (*Limosa limosa* sp. islandica)

## XIV. Ecosystem Services

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

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

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

No

## **XV. Safeguarding Genetic Diversity**

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

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

No

## XVI. National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

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

Yes

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

>>> <https://www.regjeringen.no/no/dokumenter/meld.-st.-35-20232024/id3054780/#:~:text=Stortingsmeldingen%20er%20Norges%20nye%20handlingsplan%20for%20natur.%20Meldingen,nasjonale%20m%C3%A5l%20og%20de%20globale%20m%C3%A5lene%20i%20naturavtalen.>

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

>>> The NBSAP aligns with the KMGBF targets.

XVI.2. Please provide information on the progress of implementation of other relevant action plans (single species, species group, etc.), initiatives, task forces, and programmes of work in your country that have not been addressed in previous questions.

E.g. AEMLAP, Great Green Wall, Bonn Challenge, Action Plans for Birds, Action Plan for the Protection and Conservation of South Atlantic Whales, Energy Task Force, Programme of Work on Climate Change and Migratory Species, etc.

>>> Action plan for seabirds in Norway

Contribution to various single species action plans under AEWA

Please describe the monitoring and efficacy of measures taken in regard to these relevant action plans, initiatives, task forces, and programmes of work and their integration into delivery against other relevant international agreements.

### **GUIDANCE TIP:**

In answering this question, compilers can provide link to relevant reports under other agreements.

>>> SEAPOP and SEATRACK in relation to the North-Atlantic seabird populations

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

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

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

Partly / in some areas

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

Yes

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

(select all that apply)

Research & documentation

Engagement initiatives (e.g. as part of development projects)

Formal recognition of rights

Inclusion in governance mechanisms (legislation, policies, etc.)

Management strategies, programmes and action plans that integrate traditional & indigenous interests

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

3. Positive advances have been made

Please provide details on the progress made (where applicable).

>>> Involvement of indigenous and local communities through consultations and hearings of any development and changes to national strategies and regulations.

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

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

(select all that apply)

- Education campaigns in schools
- Public awareness campaigns
- Capacity building
- Knowledge and data-sharing initiatives
- Research by academia, research organizations and other relevant stakeholders

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

(select all that apply)

- No assistance required

## **XIX. Resource Mobilization**

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

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

Yes, made available for activities in one or more other countries

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

The same

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

No

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

**GUIDANCE TIP:**

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

>>> Need for continued support in the form of reports and technical advice, experiences and lessons learned, linked to wind turbines, power lines, light pollution, etc.