

# 2017 - NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

The deadline for submission of the reports is 24 April 2017. The reporting period is from May 2014 to April 2017.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

The reporting format was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 40th Meeting (Bonn, November 2012) for mandatory use by Parties, for reports submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11). The 45th meeting of the Standing Committee recommended the use of the same format for reports submitted to COP12, with necessary adjustments to take into account relevant COP11 decisions, in particular amendments to the Appendices and resolutions.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

Please enter here the name of your country

> Liberia

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

> Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia

Please list any other agencies that have provided input

> Forestry Development Authority, Ministry of Agriculture

# I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

# **Party**

Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country > 1 December 2004

#### Period covered

> 24/04/2014 to 2017

#### Territories to which the Convention applies

> Terrestrial and Marine

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### **Implementation**

Competent Authority:

> Environmental Protection Agency

Relevant implemented legislation:

> Environmental Protection and Management Law (2003)

Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party: > Convention on Biological Diversity(CBD), CITES, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the CBD, Montreal Protocol on substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Convention Concerning the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage, and United Nation Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.): > 2003 Act Creating the Liberia Environmental Agency, Liberia National Environmental Protection and Management Law (2003), Liberia Environmental Policy, Liberia National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan-2004 (NBSAP), Liberia Protected Areas Network Strategic Plan 2008-2013, Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategic 2007-10.

#### CMS Agreements/MoU

Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

✓ Non Range State

#### **National Focal Point**

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# **Membership of the Trilateral Seal Expert Group**

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# **EUROBATS (1994)**

#### **EUROBATS (1994)**

☑ Non Range State

# **Appointed member of the Advisory Committee**

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E-mail

# **ASCOBANS (1994)**

#### **ASCOBANS (1994)**

☑ Non Range State

#### **AEWA (1999)**

#### **AEWA (1999)**

✓ Non-party Range State

# **ACAP (2001)**

### **ACAP (2001)**

☑ Non Range State

#### Gorilla Agreement (2008)

## Gorilla Agreement (2008)

✓ Non Range State

#### **ACCOBAMS (2001)**

## **ACCOBAMS (2001)**

☑ Non Range State

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

Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999) 
☐ Signatory

### **West African Elephants MoU (2005)**

West African Elephants MoU (2005) 
☑ Signatory

# Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008) 
☑ Signatory

# Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)

Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008) 
☑ Non-signatory Range State

# Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

- 1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)
- > Forestry Development Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia (SCNL), Farmers Association to Conserve the Environment
- 2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:
- > The Forestry Development Authority provides long and medium range planning in the forestry sector as well as preparation of forestry policies. The Ministry of Agriculture executes, administers, manage and supervises agriculture programme and ensures the proper quarantining of animals for export.
- 3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?  $\ \square$  No
- 4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:
- > Concerned Environmentalist for the enhancement of Biodiversity(CEEB) promotes awareness for the protection of migratory and other endangered species of wild animals. Society for the Conservation of Nature of Liberia (SCNL) envolved with species and ecosystem conservation, and cooperates with other organization concerned with conservation of wild fauna flora in Liberia, Farmers Association to Conserve the Environment.
- 4a. Please provide detail on any devolved government/overseas territory authorities involved. > NA
- 5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country: 
  > Conservation NGOs and Government
- 6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country: > The Conservation NGOs in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency conduct joint assessments and studies on the habitats of migratory species.

# I(b). Information about involved Authorities

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

#### 1- Birds

> Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia & Forestry Development Authority

#### 2- Aquatic Mammals

> Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia & Forestry Development Authority

#### 3- Reptiles

> Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia & Forestry Development Authority

#### 4- Terrestrial Mammals

> Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia & Forestry Development Authority

#### 5- Fish

> Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Agency

# II. Appendix I species

#### 1. BIRDS

# 1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

- 1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?
- Yes
- 1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?
- ✓ No
- 2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:
- ☑ Habitat destruction
- ☑ Pollution
- 2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?
- > Drafting of Framework Law for Wildlife Conservation, proposals developed to initiate bio- monitoring (terrestrial and marine); and, conservation education and awareness programme.
- 2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > Ten years (2008 -2018 Strategic Plan for protected areas network was developed and implementation is ongoing.
- 2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?
- > Technical, logistical and financial supports
- 3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  Illegal trade
- ☑ Poaching
- 3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?
- > Comprehensive bill on conservation and wildlife legislation has been prepared; some measures to reduce impact on wildlife species is included in Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategy (2008-10), Strategic Plan(2008-10) for the establishment and management of protected areas network is being finalized; effort are being made to source funding in support of monitoring, establishment of additional protected areas, conservation education & awareness, among others.
- 3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > Framework law for wildlife conservation is being drafted; additional priority areas identified for inclusion in the protected areas network and conservation corridors;
- 3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:
- > Inadequate technical, logistical and financial supports.
- 3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?
- > technical, logistical and financial assistance.

# 1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

#### Species name: Falco naumanni

- 1. Please provide published distribution reference:
- > Wilf Gatter, 1997:Birds of Liberia
- 2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☑ not known

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

☑ not known

- 3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available): 
  ☑ Monitoring
- 4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
- > The Liberia civil war that lasted for about 14 years, lack of trained personnel, logistics and funding
- 5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
- > Nation wide assessment, monitoring, education and awareness and protection measure.

# 2. AQUATIC MAMMALS

# 2.1 General questions on Appendix I aquatic mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)? 
☑ Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

- > Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora (CITES)
- 1a. If the taking of Appendix I aquatic mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

✓ No

- 2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I aquatic mammals:
- ☑ Collision with fishing traffic
- ☑ Pollution
- ☑ Illegal hunting
- 2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?
- > Comprehensive bill on conservation and wildlife legislation are being prepared; some measures to reduce impact on wildlife species is included in Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategy (2008-10),
- 2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > Framework law for wildlife conservation has been drafted; effort to establish marine protected areas are underway
- 2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles? > Technical, logistical and financial asistance.
- 3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I aquatic mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

☑ Pollution

- 3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger acuatic mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour? > Comprehensive bill on conservation and wildlife legislative is being prepared, Strategy to reduce coastal pollution is being formulated
- 3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > Framework law for wildlife conservation has been drafted; efforts to establish marine protected areas are underway
- 3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:
- > lack of technical, logistical and financial supports
- 3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?
- > technical, logistical and financial assistance

# 2.2 Questions on specific Appendix I aquatic mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I aquatic mammals species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

## **Species name: Balaenoptera musculus**

- 1. Please provide published distribution reference:
- > The Sperm Whale has been sighted along the sea coast of Liberia over the years, but no study has been done to date regarding its ecology
- 2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☑ not known

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

☑ not known

- 4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
- > The recently ended Liberian Civil war which lasted for more than 14 years
- 5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
- > Post-war assessment and monitoring, research, education & awareness, pollution, pollution control

# Species name: Megaptera novaeangliae

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

☑ not known

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

☑ not known

- 3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

  ☑ Monitoring
- 4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
- > the Liberian war that lasted for 14 years
- 5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
- > Post-war assessment and monitoring, research, education & awareness, pollution control

#### 3. REPTILES

# 3.1 General questions on Appendix I reptiles

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I reptiles species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

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

✓ No

- 2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I reptiles species: 
  ☐ By-catch
- 2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?
- > Proposals are being developed of post-war assessment of the key locations
- 2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > Partial assessment/Rapid Assessment has been initiated

- 2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles? > Technical, logistical and financial assistance
- 3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger reptiles species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

  > New wildlife Conservation Regulation are being drafted; under the Revised Forestry Laws of Liberia (2006);the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and the Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia (2003) adapted for implementation; additional protected areas are being established; and, other wildlife conservation proposals are being developed
- 3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.
- > New Wildlife Conservation Regulations are being drafted; National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and the Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia (2003) adapted for implementation; additional protected areas are being established; and technical, logistical and financial assistance is being sought.
- 3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:
- > The 14-year Liberian civil war, lack of technical, logistical and financial supports
- 3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?
- > Technical, logistical and financial assistance

# 3.2 Questions on specific Appendix I reptiles

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I reptiles species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

# Species name: Caretta caretta

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known): 
☑ not known

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

☑ not known

- 3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

  ☑ Monitoring
- 4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
- > The Liberian civil war that lasted for 14 years
- 5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
- > Post war assessment and monitoring, research, education & awareness, pollution control

# **Species name: Chelonia mydas**

- 1. Please provide published distribution reference:
- > The sperm whale has been sighted along the sea coast of Liberia over the years, but a study has been done to date regarding its ecology
- 2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

☑ not known

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

☑ not known

- 4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
- > the recently ended Liberian Civil war which lasted for more than 14 years
- 5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
- > Post-war assessment and monitoring, research, education & awareness, pollution control

# Species name: Dermochelys coriacea

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

☑ not known

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

☑ not known

- 3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available): ☑ Monitoring
- 5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
- > Post war assessment and monitoring, research, education & awareness, pollution control

# Species name: Eretmochelys imbricata

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

☑ not known

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

☑ not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

☑ Monitorina

# Species name: Lepidochelys olivacea

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

□ not known

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

☑ not known

- 3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available): ☑ Monitoring
- 4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?
- > The recently ended civil war
- 5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:
- > Research & monitoring

#### 5. FISH

# 5.1 General questions on Appendix I fish species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I fish species prohibited by the national legislation listed as being implementing legislation in Table I(a) (General Information)? Yes

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

✓ No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I fish species:

☑ Lack of legislation

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> New Wildlife Conservation regulations are been drafted; National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and the Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia (2003) adapted for implementation; addition protected areas are been established; and, other wildlife conservation proposal are been developed to

establish current conservation status, among others.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> New Wildlife Conservation Regulations are been drafted under the Revised Forestry Law of Liberia (2006); the National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan and the Environmental Protection and Management Law of Liberia (

# III. Appendix II Species

#### 1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

# Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

Date of last report:

> 01/12/2008

Period covered:

> 01/12/2004 to 2008

## Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)

Date of last report

> 01/12/2008

Period covered:

> 01/12/2004 to 2008

#### **EUROBATS (1994)**

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered:

> Same as above

# **ASCOBANS (1994)**

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered:

> Same as above

# Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered:

> Same as above

### **AEWA (1999)**

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered

> Same as above

# ACCOBAMS (2001)

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered:

> Same as above

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

#### Date of last report:

> Same as above

#### Period covered:

> Same as above

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

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered:

> Same as above

### **ACAP (2001)**

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered:

> Same as above

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

Date of last report:

> Same as above

Period covered:

> Same as above

# **Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)**

Date of last report:

> Same as above

# IV. National and Regional Priorities

- 1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues 
  ☐ High
- 2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

- 2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:
- ☑ Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of 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)
- ☑ Minimizing 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 or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

- 3.1. If Yes, please provide details:
- > Among other things, the National Environmental Policy of Liberia (2002) seeks to maintain ecosystems and ecological processes essential for the functioning of the biosphere; ensure sound management of the natural resources and the environment; inadequately protect human, flora, fauna, there biological communities and habitats against harmful impacts, and preserve biological diversity; and, find common solutions to environmental problems at regional and international levels. Also, Strategic Plan (2008-13) for the establishment and management of protected areas network is been finalized; comprehensive bill on conservation and wildlife legislation are being finalized.

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

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

If Yes, please provide details

> Exploitation of natural resources (e.g fisheries, hunting, etc.) comprehensive bill on conservation and wildlife legislation are being finalized.

#### Economic development

If Yes, please provide details

> Economic development Also, Strategic Plan (2008-13) for the establishment and management of protected areas network is being finalized

## Land-use planning

If Yes, please provide details

> Land - use planning Also, Strategic Plan (2008-13) for the establishment and management of protected areas network is being finalized

#### Pollution control

#### Designation and development of protected areas

If Yes, please provide details

> The Sapo National Park, it covered an area of 1,308 square Kilometers east of the Sinoe River and South of the Putu Mountains

Development of ecological networks

☑ Yes	S

## If Yes, please provide details

> Ecological Network among Mano River Union Nations(Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Ivory Coast) under different projects including Liberia Forest Sector Project.

### Planning of power lines

#### If Yes, please provide details

> We are rehabilitating our power sector, there are lot of activities taking place including of running of power lines.

### Planning of fences

✓ No

#### Planning of dams

#### If Yes, please provide details

> Liberia rehabilitated her main hydro electric dam to supply the main city Monrovia and it surrounding.

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

> Among other things, the National Environmental Policy of Liberia (2002 seeks to maintain ecosystems and ecological processes essential for the functioning of the biosphere; ensure sound management of natural resources and environment; adequately protect human, flora, fauna, their biological communities and habitats against impacts, and preserve biological diversity and etc.

# 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:

- Migratory species are enshrined in Liberia Law that because a large number of globally endangered species have been recorded in Liberia, therefore it makes the country the last stronghold for migratory species protection.
- 1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status: 
  > The Sapo National Park was established in 1983. Sapo Park is entirely low land rain forest, including swampy areas, dry land and rapid land forest. It represents one of if not the most intact forest ecosystems in Liberia. This low land forest gives way to medium -altitude on the slopes and peaks of the Putu Mountain ridges to north of the park.

East Nimba Nature Reserve

East Nimba Nature Serve, established in 2003 is located in North Liberia, within Nimba County. The reserve protects the Nimba Mountain Range which extends across the boarders into Guina and Cote d' Ivoire. It covers area of 13,600 hectares.

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

Terrestrial

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

> The Sapo National Park was established in 1983. Sapo Park is entirely low land rain forest, including swampy areas, dry land and rapid land forest. It represents one of - if not the most - intact forest ecosystems in Liberia. This low land forest gives way to medium -altitude on the slopes and peaks of the Putu Mountain ridges to north of the park.

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Aquatic

Marine

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country: > Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia & Forestry Development

# **VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry**

# VII. Membership

1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country: > Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia

# VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

- 1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation? 

  ☑ Yes
- 2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country: > Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia

# 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

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities): > Forest Elephant

- 2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition? 
  ☑ No
- 3. Has your country made other voluntary financial contributions to support conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in other countries (particularly developing countries)? 
  ☑ No
- 4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species? 
  ☑ No
- 5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

  ☑ No
- 6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country? 
  ☑ No

# **Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species**

- 1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. Parties which did not submit a National Report in 2014 are requested to complete the entire form. Parties that did submit a report in 2014 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP11).
- 2. 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 indicate whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published distribution references.

**Order FALCONIFORMES, Family CATHARTIDAE** 

#### **Cathartes aura**

Choose the one that applies. 
☑ Range State