



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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STATE OF THE WORLD'S MIGRATORY SPECIES REPORT

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Recalling Article II (1) of the Convention whereby Parties acknowledge the importance of migratory species being conserved and of Range States agreeing to take action to this end whenever possible and appropriate, paying special attention to migratory species the conservation status of which is unfavourable, and taking individually or in cooperation appropriate and necessary steps to conserve such species and their habitat,

Recognizing the need to regularly review information on the status of and threats to migratory species, as well as on knowledge and implementation gaps, to help inform ongoing and future actions by CMS Parties and the wider global community to conserve these species,

Highlighting the importance of such a regular review of the conservation status of migratory species for the objectives defined in the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024–2032,

Recalling Decisions 13.17–13.18 *Application of Article III of the Convention Regarding International Trade in Appendix I-listed Species*, and Decisions 13.24 and 13.26 b) *Conservation Status of Migratory Species*,

Noting the reports considered by the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties: *State of the World's Migratory Species* (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.21.1); *Assessment of the Risk Posed to CMS Appendix I-Listed Species by Direct Use and Trade* (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.21.2); and *In-Depth Review of the Conservation Status of Individual CMS-Listed Species* (UNEP/CMS/COP14/Doc.21.3),

Concerned by the conservation status of many CMS-listed species, of which 22 per cent are globally threatened with extinction, including the majority (82 per cent) of the species listed in CMS Appendix I,

Concerned that human activities leading to habitat loss, degradation and fragmentation, overexploitation, climate change, pollution, and the spread of invasive species and disease represent major threats to migratory species, and

Underscoring the fact that the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals is a unique global agreement that addresses the conservation of migratory species and their habitats, and provides a vital means for Parties, non-Party governments and stakeholders to cooperate on conservation solutions to address the conservation needs of migratory species and their habitats,

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals:*

1. *Welcomes* the first-ever State of the World's Migratory Species report, provided by the Secretariat for the consideration of COP14;
2. *Decides* to regularly review the conservation status of migratory species at alternate meetings of the Conference of the Parties, starting at COP16;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop, in consultation with the Scientific Council and in collaboration with competent organizations, a State of the World's Migratory Species report for each alternate meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The State of the World's Migratory Species report should:
 - a. Follow a 'state-pressure-response' structure, and, where feasible, align with key metrics needed to assess progress on the implementation of the Convention. The overall report should be succinct, present findings in a visual format and provide clear recommendations for future actions;
 - b. Include key data and indicators on the conservation status and trends of migratory species, and on key pressures on these species and their habitats, as well as illustrative examples of the efforts under way to conserve and promote the recovery of these species. The reports should also identify threatened migratory species that may benefit from listing in the CMS Appendices;
 - c. Include, as appropriate and feasible, additional 'spotlight' sections on specific topics or issues of importance and relevance and in-depth case studies;
 - d. Seek synergies with relevant assessments by the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), including the planned assessment on spatial planning and ecological connectivity;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop and maintain an online data dashboard to compile key, high-level statistics on CMS-listed and other migratory species and their habitats to inform the review of the conservation status of migratory species and to support the monitoring of the implementation of the Convention. The online CMS Data Dashboard should:
 - a. Be informed by the State of the World's Migratory Species report;
 - b. Include visual representations of key data sets, indicators and/or statistics from relevant data providers;
 - c. Directly link, where feasible, to the key data sets so that the dashboard is kept up to date;
 - d. Ensure data interoperability with other relevant databases;
5. *Requests* the Scientific Council to provide guidance to the Secretariat on scope and any additional 'spotlight' sections on specific topics or issues of importance for the State of the World's Migratory Species reports, as well as on the development of the online CMS Data Dashboard; and
6. *Urges* Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide the in-kind and financial means and technical support required to develop the State of the World's Migratory Species report, and to develop and maintain an online data platform on CMS-listed and other migratory species and their habitats, as well to compile and update the underlying biodiversity data sets that provide key insights.