

# 2014 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 1 May 2014. The reporting period is 15 June 2011 to 1 May 2014.**

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.

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> Latvia

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

> Nature Protection Department of Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development

Please list any other agencies that have provided input

> State Forest Service, Nature Protection Board

## 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  
> 01/07/1999

Period covered  
> 01 January 2011- 01 January 2014

Territories to which the Convention applies  
> Latvia

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Competent Authority:  
> Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia

#### Relevant implemented legislation:

> Law on the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (adopted 11 March 1999)  
Law on Species and Habitat Protection (2000)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 396 "On list of specially protected species and species with exploitation limits" (2000)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 421 "On list of specially protected habitats" (2000)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 45 "On establishment, management and protection of Micro Reserves" (2001) replaced by Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 940 "On establishment, management and protection of Micro Reserves" and its buffer zones" (2012)  
Law on Specially Protected Nature Territories (1993)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 264 "On the General Protection and Use of Specially Protected Nature Territories" (2010)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No 17 "On Protected Marine Territories" (2010)  
Hunting Law (2003)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 113 "Hunting Regulations" (2013)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 10 "Regulations on the Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe" (2003)  
Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 629 "On Agreement on African-Eurasian migratory waterbirds conservation" (2005)

#### Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:

> CBD, Ramsar Convention, Bern Convention "On Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats", Eurobats', CITES

#### National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):

> National Programme on Biological Diversity (Accepted by Cabinet of Ministers in 1 February, 2000),  
Environmental Policy Strategy 2009-2015 (Accepted by Cabinet of Ministers 25 June 2009)

### **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)**

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Non Range State

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 Non Range State

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Non Range State

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**Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)**

Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)

Non Range State

**Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)**

Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

Non Range State

**Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)**

Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)

Non Range State

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

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Non Range State

**IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)**

IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

Non Range State

**Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)**

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

Non Range State

**Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)**

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

Signatory

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**West African Elephants MoU (2005)**

West African Elephants MoU (2005)

Non Range State

**Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)**

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Non Range State

**Dugong MoU (2007)**

Dugong MoU (2007)

Non Range State

**Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)**

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Non Range State

**Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)**

Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)

Non-signatory Range State

**High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)**

High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)

Non Range State

**Sharks MoU (2010)**

Sharks MoU (2010)

Non 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.)

> Nature Protection Board, State Forest Service, Department of Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture  
The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development has been appointed as coordinator for implementation of the Convention.

2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:

> Department of Fisheries is responsible on fisheries issues. State Forest Service on hunting issues. Nature Conservation Board on elaboration of species management plans, issuance of permits, management of protected areas.

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?

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:

> The Institute of Biology (University of Latvia), Latvian Fund for Nature, Latvian Ornithological Society, Terriological Society, Nature Protection Board and other partners carried out research activities. WWF Latvia and Latvian Fund for Nature are implementing EU Life Nature projects.

4a. Please provide detail on any devolved government/overseas territory authorities involved.

> N/A

5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> Microreserves and Specially Protected Nature Territories for migratory species conservation are established also on private property. Compensation system for land owners for properties use restrictions in protected areas.

6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> N/A

## **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

> Nature Protection Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development

### 2- Aquatic Mammals

> N/A

### 3- Reptiles

> N/A

### 4- Terrestrial Mammals

> N/A

### 5- Fish

> Fisheries Department, Ministry of Agriculture

## 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

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Species and Habitats Protection Law, Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No. 396 "On list of specially protected species and species with exploitation limits" (2000)

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

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

> N/A

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

Other (please provide details):

> N/A

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

> N/A

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

> N/A

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> N/A

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Other (please specify)

> N/A

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?

> N/A

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> N/A

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> N/A

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> N/A

#### 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: *Anser erythropus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Celmins, A., Matrozis, R., (Latvijas putni.) Internet site: <http://www.putni.lv>

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

not known

> Irregular migrant

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

not known

> Very few records during migration

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):

Species protection

> Specially protected species

Other

> Specially protected species

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### **Species name: Branta ruficollis**

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Celmins,A.,Matrozis, R.,(Latvijas putni.) Internet site: <http://www.putni.lv>

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

not known

> Irregular migrant

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

not known

> Very few records during migration

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):

Species protection

> Specially protected species

Other

> The Red-breasted Goose is a specially protected species in Latvia

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### **Species name: Aythya nyroca**

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Otars Opermanis.2003 Ferruginous duck in Latvia: A historical overview.In: Petkov,N.,Hughes, B. and Gallo-Orsi, U.(editors). Furruginous Duck: From Research to Conservation, Conservation SeriesNr. 6. BirdLife Internacional-BSPB-TWSG, Sofia,pp.77

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

not known

> Irregular migrant

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

not known

> Irregular migrant

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):

Species protection

> Specially protected species

Other

> The Ferruginous Duck is a specially protected species in Latvia.

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### **Species name: *Polysticta stelleri***

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International (2004) Birds in Europe: population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No.12) #

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

not known

> Steller's Eider appears irregularly. The wintering population 0-20i

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

not known

> Steller's Eider appears irregularly

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):

Species protection

> Specially protected species

Other

> Steller's Eider is a specially protected species in Latvia

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### **Species name: *Haliaeetus albicilla***

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International (2004) Birds in Europe: population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No.12)

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

increasing

> 60-80 pairs

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

stable

> 6-80 pairs

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):

- Research
  - > Satellite telemetry
- Identification and establishment of protected areas
  - > Natura2000 sites and mik-roreserves
- Monitoring
  - > Birds monitoring is part of Biodiversity Monitoring Programme
- Species protection
  - > Specially protected species
- Habitat protection
  - > Natura2000 sites and mik-roreserves
- Other

> Breeding sites are under protection.

Nest protection micro-reserves must be established for *Haliaeetus albicilla* (area size 5-60 ha).

National Biodiversity Monitoring System (operating since 2008) includes yearly monitoring of most important habitats of the species and present population.

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### Species name: *Aquila clanga*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International (2004) Birds in Europe: population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No.12)

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

stable

> rare, regular migrant

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

unclear

> irregular breeder

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):

Species protection

> Specially protected species

Other

> nest protection micro-reserves must be established for *Aquila clanga* (area size 10-200 ha).

National Biodiversity Monitoring System (operating since 2008) includes yearly monitoring of most important habitats of the species and present population.

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### Species name: *Falco vespertinus*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Celmins, A., Matrozis, R., (Latvijas putni.) Internet site: <http://www.putni.lv>

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

not known

> summer visitors only

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

not known

> rare, regular migrant

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):

Other

> summer visitors only

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### **Species name: Calidris canutus rufa**

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Celmins,A.,Matrozis, R.,(Latvijas putni.) Internet site: <http://www.putni.lv>

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

not known

> rare, regular migrant

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

not known

> rare, regular migrant

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):

Habitat protection

> Natura2000 sites

Habitat restoration

> Life Projects in wetlands

Other

> Wetlands protection and management

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### **Species name: Acrocephalus paludicola**

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> BirdLife International (2004) Birds in Europe: population estimates, trends and conservation status. Cambridge, UK: BirdLife International (BirdLife Conservation Series No.12)

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

stable

> Lake Liepajas is the only site in which singing males were recorded. Population 0-10 pairs.

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

stable

> Lake Liepajas is the only site in which singing males were recorded. Population 0-10 pairs.

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):



Species protection

> Specially protected species

Habitat protection

> Lake Liepaja is Natura2000 site

Habitat restoration

> LIFE project

Other

> The Aquatic Warbler is a specially protected species in Latvia.

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

### **Species name: *Emberiza aureola***

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Only one record in 1985

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):

Other

> One record in 1985

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> N/A

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I birds in general:

> No

## **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)?

No

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> N/A

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

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):

> N/A

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I aquatic mammals:

Other threats to migration (please provide details)

> N/A

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

> N/A

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

> N/A

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> N/A

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I aquatic mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Other (please specify)

> N/A

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger aquatic mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> N/A

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> N/A

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> N/A

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> N/A

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine mammals in general:

> No

## 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)?

No

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Species and Habitats Protection Law in case of restoration

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

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

> N/A

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

Other threats to migration (please provide details)

> N/A

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

> N/A

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

> N/A

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> N/A

3. What are the major threats to Appendix I fish species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Other (please specify)

> N/A

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger fish species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> N/A

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> N/A

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> N/A

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> N/A

## 5.2 Questions on specific Appendix I fish species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I fish 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: *Acipenser sturio*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Last time reported in 1963, extinct

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

not known

> probably extinct

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

not known

> probably extinct

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):

Species restoration

> Here are planed species resoration, fish keeping in fish farm for restoration

Habitat protection

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> N/A

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Restoration planed in Daugava river and in Gulf of Riga

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I bats in general:

> N/A

## 6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I?

(according to the latest IUCN red data list). N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose listing any of these species?

No

If yes, please provide details:

> N/A

1b. What assistance/measures, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of these species?

> N/A

## III. Appendix II Species

### 1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

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

#### **Wadden Sea Seals (1991)**

Date of last report:  
> N/A

Period covered:  
> N/A

#### **Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)**

Date of last report  
> N/A

Period covered:  
> N/A

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

Date of last report:  
> May 2010

Period covered:  
> 2007-2010

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

Date of last report:  
> N/A

Period covered:  
> N/A

#### **Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)**

Date of last report:  
> N/A

Period covered:  
> N/A

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

Date of last report:  
> N/A

Period covered:  
> N/A

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

Date of last report:  
> 2012

Period covered  
> 2009-2011

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

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

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

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

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

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **ACAP (2001)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

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

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)**

Date of last report:

> 2010

Period covered

> 2009-2010

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

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Saiga Antelope MoU (2006)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Ruddy-headed Goose MoU (2006)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Monk Seal in the Atlantic MoU (2007)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Southern South American Grassland Birds MoU (2007)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Dugong MoU (2007)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Gorilla Agreement (2008)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

### **High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)**

Date of last report:

> N/A

Period covered:

> N/A

**Sharks MoU (2010)**

Date of last report:

&gt; N/A

Period covered:

&gt; N/A

**South Andean Huemul MoU (2010)**

Date of last report:

&gt; N/A

Period covered:

&gt; N/A

**2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS****Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species**

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

 No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

&gt; N/A

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

 No

If Yes, please provide details:

&gt; N/A

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

&gt; N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

 No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

&gt; N/A

**Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species**

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

 No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

&gt; N/A

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

 No

If Yes, please provide details:

&gt; N/A



3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

### **Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species**

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> N/A

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

### **Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species**

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> N/A

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

### Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> N/A

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

### Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> N/A

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

### 3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation?

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

1b. What assistance, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of this/these species?

> N/A

## 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

Medium

2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

Yes

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 migratory species

> Migratory species are included in the list of specially protected species, several species are included in the list of game species and used in the sustainable way.

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of the habitats of migratory species, including protected areas

> Several LIFE+ projects are targeted to restoration of habitats for migratory species.

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)

> Introduction is prohibited by Species and Habitats Protection Law. Hunting season for several invasive species whole year.

Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration

> EIA procedures form wind farms

Research and monitoring of migratory species

> Biodiversity monitoring subprogramm is part of State Monitoring Programme.

Transboundary co-operation

> Migratory species are included in the list of specially protected species. Cooperation with Estonia (Eagles cross borders), cooperation in management of protected areas, including LIFE+ projects.

3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

Yes

3.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> Environmental Policy Strategy 2009-2015

National Development Plan 2007 - 2013

Latvian Rural Development National Strategy Plan 2007-2013

Fisheries Strategy Plan 2007-2013

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

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

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Fisheries Strategy Plan 2007-2013

Economic development

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> National Development Plan 2007 - 2013

Land-use planning

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Latvian Rural Development National Strategy Plan 2007-2013

Pollution control

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Environmental Policy Strategy 2009-2015

## Designation and development of protected areas

 Yes

If Yes, please provide details

&gt; Environmental Policy Strategy 2009-2015

## Development of ecological networks

 Yes

If Yes, please provide details

&gt; Environmental Policy Strategy 2009-2015

## Planning of power lines

 Yes

If Yes, please provide details

&gt; Impacts to Specially protected species and Natura 2000 sites are examined for development projects

## Planning of fences

 Yes

If Yes, please provide details

&gt; Fences building prohibition in particular Natura2000 sites

## Planning of dams

 Yes

If Yes, please provide details

&gt; EIA procedures

## Other

 No

If Yes, please provide details

&gt; N/A

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

&gt; N/A

## V. Protected Areas

1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Protection of natural habitats with system of Specially Protected Nature Territories is taken as a base on the most important measure to conserve breeding, wintering and resting habitats of the Appendix I and II species.

1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

> Lake Engure Nature Park, Kemeru National Park, Lake Liepaja Nature Reserve, Lake Pape Nature Park, Teichi Nature Reserve, Lubana Wetland Nature Reserve

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

Terrestrial

Yes

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

> 324 Natura2000 sites, total area 7 442 km<sup>2</sup>, covered 11.52% of land area

Aquatic

Yes

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

> Inland aquatic habitats are part of terrestrial protected areas

Marine

Yes

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

> 7 Natura2000 sites, total area 1 725.21 km<sup>2</sup>

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Department of Nature Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development

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

> Protected nature area system in Latvia: National Parks -4; Strict Nature Reserves-4; Nature reserves-278; Nature Parks- 43, Protected Landscape Areas-9. Total area -11,9% of country territory

## VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If yes what is the state of those projects

on-going

Please provide details

> Latvian Ornithological Society Black Stork telemetry project.  
White-tailed Eagle and Osprey telemetry

2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):

> White-tailed Eagle and Osprey telemetry

If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:

> N/A

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

> Black-stork telemetry project. The eight female Black Storks were equipped with satellite transmitters to follow their travel to wintering areas in Africa and back. The aim of this study is to find out the causes of female mortality after fledging and identify the places where the Black Storks breeding in Latvia might have contracted poisoning with pesticides that have been found in the birds' eggs in recent years.

## VII. Membership

1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-Parties that have been identified by the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)

> N/A

1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> N/A

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

> N/A



## 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?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Nature Protection Department

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development

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

> Several aspects related to CMS and AEWA were discussed in informal way with Russian Hunters magazine journalists

## 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):

> Several LIFE Nature project were co-financed. List of LIFE Nature projects important for migratory species conservation and ERAF EST-LAT project:

LIFE+

Innovative approaches for marine biodiversity monitoring and assessment of conservation status of nature values in the Baltic Sea (Acronym – MARMONI).

Project duration: 01.10.2010 – 31.03.2015

Total budget: 4 138 673 LVL

Securing sustainable farming to ensure conservation of globally threatened bird species in agrarian landscape. The main project objective is to ensure the favourable conservation status of globally threatened species – Aquatic Warbler (*Acrocephalus paludicola*).

Project duration: 01.09.2010-01.8.2015

Total budget: 1 540 325 LVL

Restoration of Corncrake habitats in protected Natura 2000 site “Dvietes paliena”

Project duration 01.10.2010-01.09.2014)

Total budget: 822 490 LVL

Restoration of hydrological regime in Ķemeri National Park

Project duration: 01.09.2011-01.08.2016

Total Budget: 677 379 LVL

Restoration of forest habitats in Gauja National Park

Project duration: 01.09.2014-01.08.2015

Total budget: 578 578 LVL

Restoration of Bittern habitats in coastal lakes (Costlakes)

Project duration: 01.09.2013-31.08.2017

Total budget: 1 282 980 LVL

ERAF EST-LAT Tran boundary cooperation project

Eagles cross borders

Project duration: 01.07.2011-01.06.2013

Total budget: 361 424 EURO

Activities related to *Crex crex*, *Aquila pomarina*, *Pandion haliaetus*, *Haliaetus albicilla*, *Acrocephalus paludicola*, *Botaurus stellaris*.

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

If Yes, please provide details:

> N/A

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

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

> N/A

4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?

No

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

> N/A

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

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

> N/A

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?

Yes

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

> Activities related to *Crex crex*, *Aquila pomarina*, *Pandion haliaetus*, *Haliaetus albicilla*, *Acrocephalus paludicola*, *Botaurus stellaris*, *Ciconia nigra*

## X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

**Please provide information about measures undertaken by your country relating to recent Resolutions and Recommendations since the last Report. For your convenience please refer to the list of COP Resolutions and Recommendations listed below:**

### Resolutions

Bycatch (incl. Recommendation) (6.2 / 7.2 / 8.14 / 9.18 / 10.14)

> In the accordance with Cabinet of Ministers Regulations No 296 "Regulations regarding Commercial Fishing in Territorial Waters and Economic Zone Waters" introduced obligation to report any birds or marine mammal species by-catch to Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment - "BIOR"

Oil Pollution and Migratory Species (7.3)

> National Action Plan in Case of Oil Pollution in Marine Area adopted by Cabinet of Ministers (2004)

Electrocution of Migratory Birds (7.4 / 10.11)

> The state owned energy supply company "Latvenergo" and Latvian Ornithological Society signed agreement on cooperation on protection of birds in 2011.

Monitoring of *Ciconia ciconia* nesting on power lines. Removal of dangerous nest, construction of platforms and artificial nesting places.

Wind Turbines and Migratory Species (7.5)

> The Project "The Gulf of Riga as a Resource for Wind Energy (GORWIND)" (2010-2012)

This project is financed by Estonia-Latvia Programme and Environmental Investment Centre (KIK), Estonia. Estonia - Latvia Programme is implemented according to the principles of the European Territorial Cooperation and it supports cross-border cooperation between Estonia and Latvia. It is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia.

One of Activities-Birds and Seals

Birds and seals are considered to be most vulnerable to the installation of wind parks. The Gulf of Riga was classified among the four most important bird areas of the Baltic Sea with up to 1, 5 million wintering water birds and is a very important habitat for ringed seals. Offshore wind parks may seriously conflict with important areas for breeding seals, as well as staging areas and migratory routes of water birds.

The objectives:

To generate density estimates and spatial model of bird distributions in the Gulf of Riga.

To map the distribution of ringed seals, their breeding areas and the habitat use.

The activities:

Transect aerial survey of wintering and migration staging water birds and for the mapping of breeding areas of ringed seals.

Breeding bird survey on about 50 islands.

Ringed seals' habitat use will be studied by a telemetry survey.

Fine scale spatial distribution of seabirds in all seasons (winter, spring, summer and autumn), island breeding birds and their feeding grounds and three dimensional habitat use by ringed seals produced.

Project "Assessment of potential wind parks to birds and bats" (2013; Latvian Ornithological Society) for 4 areas:

Ventspils-birds and bats

Dundaga-birds

Liepaja-birds and bats

Priekule birds

Migratory Species and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (8.27 / 10.22)

> N/A

Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species (8.13 / 9.7 / 10.19)

> Project "Supporting national adaptation strategies to climate change in the Baltic States" (BaltClim) (2011-2013)

The project BaltClim support national adaptation strategies to climate change in the Baltic States. The project is implemented by the BEF network and the Institute for Ecological Economy Research (IÖW) in close cooperation with the Baltic Ministries of Environment. The goal of BaltClim is to develop roadmaps which shall lay down the way to the final adaptation strategy and which will show options for actions and how to overcome barriers and obstacles.

Biodiversity protection including migratory species and Climate Change are parts of Environmental Policy Strategy 2009-2015

## Marine Debris (10.4)

- > No

## Poisoning Migratory Birds (10.26)

- > No

## Adverse Anthropogenic Impacts on Cetaceans and other Biota (8.22 / 9.19 / 10.24)

- > No

## Southern Hemisphere Albatross Conservation (6.3)

- > N/A

## Impact Assessment and Migratory Species (7.2)

- > Protected species including migratory species are important part of EIA procedure

## Antarctic Minke, Bryde's and Pygmy Right Whales (7.15)

- > N/A

## Sustainable Use (8.1)

- > Sustainable use is background principle for nature protection

## Implementation of Existing Agreements and Development of Future Agreements (8.5)

- > No

## Concerted Actions for Appendix I Species (8.29)

- > No

## Concerted and Cooperative Actions (9.1 / 10.23)

- > N/A

## Priorities for CMS Agreements (9.2 / 10.16)

- > N/A

## Migratory Marine Species (9.9 / 10.15)

- > No

## Saker Falcon (9.20 / 10.28)

- > N/A

## Modus Operandi for Conservation Emergencies (10.2)

- > N/A

## Ecological Networks (10.3)

- > Natura 2000 network

## Global Flyway Conservation (10.10)

- > N/A

## Migratory Freshwater Fish (10.12)

- > N/A

## Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region (10.27)

- > No

## Cooperation with Other Bodies and Processes (7.9)

- > N/A

## CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 (8.2)

- > N/A

## Contribution of CMS in Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target (8.7)

- > N/A

## Synergies and Partnerships / Cooperation with other Conventions (8.11 / 9.11 / 10.21)

- > Close cooperation with focal points for other nature conservation conventions

National Reports for the Eighth and Ninth Meetings of the Conference of the Parties (8.24)

> N/A

CMS Information Priorities (9.3)

> No

Outreach and Communication Issues (9.5 / 10.7)

> No

Capacity Building Strategy (9.12 / 10.6)

> No

Financial and Administrative Matters and Terms of Reference for the Administration of the Trust Fund (10.1)

> No

Future strategies of the CMS Family / "Future Shape" (10.9)

> No

## **Recommendations**

Recommendation 7.6 - Improving the Conservation Status of the Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

> N/A

Recommendation 8.17 - Marine Turtles

> N/A

Recommendation 9.1 - Central Eurasian Aridland Mammals

> N/A

Recommendation 9.2 - Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna

> N/A

Recommendation 9.3 - Tigers and other Asian Big Cats

> N/A

Recommendation 9.5 - Cooperative Action for the Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) in Central Africa

> N/A

## **Other resolutions/recommendations:**

> NO

Other remarks:

> No

## Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. New Parties which have acceded since COP10 in 2011 and Parties which did not submit a National Report in time in 2011 are requested to complete the entire form.

Parties that did submit a timely report in 2011 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP9 and COP10).

### Coraciiformes

#### Merops apiaster

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> BirdLife International 2014. Species factsheet: Merops apiaster. Downloaded from <http://www.birdlife.org>  
 Celmiņš A., Millers K., Roze V. 2003. Pirmais bišu dzeņa Merops apiaster ligzdošanas gadījums Latvijā.  
 Interneta publikācija - [http://www.putni.lv/index\\_apiaster.htm](http://www.putni.lv/index_apiaster.htm)

#### Coracias garrulus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> BirdLife International 2014. Species factsheet: Coracias garrulus. Downloaded from <http://www.birdlife.org>

References cited in the Annex:

> N/A