



# CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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## ***MODUS OPERANDI FOR CONSERVATION EMERGENCIES***

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1. Mortality events, disease outbreaks and other conservation emergencies can significantly threaten the conservation status of migratory species. CMS has in the past assisted in facilitating emergency response in close cooperation with Parties, experts and other stakeholders. To date CMS's intervention in conservation emergencies has been on an *ad hoc* basis, without a formal mandate from Parties.
2. A draft Resolution is submitted to the Conference of the Parties to address this situation and to seek guidance on how CMS could best contribute to improving the response to emergencies which threaten the conservation status of migratory species.
3. Through its network, CMS has often rapidly brought together relevant stakeholders, to convene initial teleconferences to evaluate the circumstances, to dispatch initial expert teams and to guide intervention. Some emergencies have given rise to global taskforces, such as the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza, as well as the Scientific Taskforce on Wildlife Disease, which include global campaigns.
4. The 16<sup>th</sup> Scientific Council and 37<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee have already discussed the issue and recommended a *modus operandi* as outlined in Resolution 10.2 on the basis of documents UNEP/CMS/ScC16/Doc.13 and UNEP/CMS/StC37/16.
5. It has been estimated that approximately €60,000 per annum will be required to fully implement Resolution 10.2.

### **Action requested:**

The Conference of the Parties is invited to:

- a. consider the proposed draft Resolution on *modus operandi* for conservation emergencies (Resolution 10.2); and
- b. allocate adequate resources for emergency action to the CMS budget 2012-2014.