



# SAFEGUARDING SPECIES IN ENERGY PLANNING

## Introduction

The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Energy Task Force (ETF) is a multi-stakeholder platform that works towards reconciling energy developments with the conservation of migratory species.

### FACING A CHANGING CLIMATE

The science is clear. We must limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C.

Achieving the Paris Climate Goals will require a significant acceleration of the uptake and deployment of renewable energy infrastructures and technologies. This, combined with improved electrification and energy efficiency, can achieve over 90% of the energy-related carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions reductions needed by 2050 to meet the Paris Climate Targets.



### AIM OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

Ensuring that best practice and technical guidance for nature-safe renewable energy developments reaches the relevant players involved in the planning, funding, deployment, and monitoring of renewable energy infrastructures is vital. CMS and the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) recognize the need to integrate the conservation of migratory species across the energy sector and have adopted several resolutions and guidelines to this end.

Since 2016, the CMS Energy Task Force (ETF; established in accordance with [Resolution 11.27 \(Rev.COP13\) Renewable Energy and Migratory Species](#)) supports the implementation of environmental standards that would avoid negative impacts to migratory species.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

The ETF works collaboratively to bring together governments, multilateral environmental agreements, investors, the private sector, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations to:

- promote and develop guidance and tools for the sustainable deployment or retrofitting of renewable energy technologies and powerlines
- exchange and disseminate best practices
- provide recommendations for specific problems
- deliver research to address knowledge gaps.



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## MEMBERS OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

The ETF is a multi-stakeholder platform with the full list of members found on the ETF website:

[www.cms.int/en/taskforce/energy-task-force](http://www.cms.int/en/taskforce/energy-task-force)

The ETF offers members the opportunity to:

- Be part of a global network of sector leaders, engaging with members at global meetings and workshops
- Share and promote their success stories
- Support other members to build capacity.

## MANDATE OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

- [CMS Resolution 11.27 \(Rev. COP13\): Renewable Energy and Migratory Species](#)
- [AEWA Resolution 6.11.: Addressing Impacts of Renewable Energy Deployment on Migratory Waterbirds](#)

## ABOUT CMS

The CMS, also known as the Bonn Convention, works for the conservation of a wide array of endangered migratory animals worldwide, engaging all relevant stakeholders through negotiation and implementation of agreements and species action plans. It has 133 Parties (as of 1 March 2022).

Animals receive protection under CMS through listing on its two Appendices, through global or regional agreements and through action plans.

## GETTING INVOLVED

BirdLife International, the world's largest conservation partnership, coordinates the ETF on behalf of the CMS.

If you wish to learn more about the work of the ETF, become a member or engage otherwise, please contact:

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