

**Final Act  
of the Negotiation Meeting  
to adopt the  
Agreement on the Conservation of  
Gorillas and their Habitats (“Gorilla Agreement”)**

The representatives of Range State Governments met in the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, France, from 22 to 24 October 2007 for the purpose of negotiating and adopting an Agreement on the Conservation of the Gorillas and their Habitats, an AGREEMENT pursuant to Article IV, paragraph 3, of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

The Meeting was convened by the UNEP/CMS Secretariat, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the Convention. The following 9 Range States were represented:

Angola, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Uganda.

Representatives of the following United Nations bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended the Meeting as observers:

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Commission Ministérielle des Forêts d’Afrique Centrale (COMIFAC), International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Conservation International (CI), World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF), the Great Apes Survival Project Partnership (GRASP), World Association of Zoos and Aquaria (WAZA), Congo Basin Forests Partnership (CBFP), Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International (DFGFI), Max Planck Institute Leipzig, Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique (IRSNB), the Gorilla Organization, RAPAC, OCFSA.

The Meeting elected as Chairman Dr Samy Mankoto, UNESCO, and Dr Claude-Anne Gauthier, Ministère des Affaires Européennes et Etrangères as Vice-Chair.

The Meeting adopted the following agenda:

- Welcoming remarks
- Adoption of the agenda and meeting schedule
- Election of officers
- Establishment of credentials committee
- Meeting overview
- Conservation status of gorillas defined as migratory under CMS
- CMS Agreements and species conservation

Review and adoption of Agreement's text  
Final Act  
Informal discussion/review of Action Plans  
Next meeting of Signatories  
Any other business  
Closure of the meeting

Opening presentations were given by the UNEP/CMS Executive Secretary; representative Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, Mme Véronique Herrenschildt, GRASP Coordinator Melanie Virtue, UNESCO Dr Samy Mankoto, Congo Basin Forest Partnership, Mr Christophe Besacier; H.E. Patrick van Klaveren on the importance of Art IV CMS Agreements. A presentation on gorillas was made by the Max Planck Institute of Leipzig, Dr Martha Robbins and Dr Damien Caillaud.

The Meeting established a Credentials Committee under the chairmanship of Mr Mahamat Amine, Cameroon

The main documents which served as the basis for the deliberations of the Meeting were:

UNEP/CMS/GOR1/1/Rev.1	Provisional Agenda
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/4	Provisional List of Documents
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/6	Draft Agreement Text
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/5	Status Reports of Gorilla Taxa
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/5a	Western lowland gorilla (Ggg)
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/5b	Cross river gorilla (Ggd)
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/5c	Eastern lowland gorilla (Gbg)
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/5d	Mountain gorilla (Gbb)
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/7	Draft Action Plans
Information Documents	
UNEP/CMS/GOR1/Inf/9	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and Appendices

The Meeting approved the recommendations of its Credentials Committee that the credentials of the participating States as listed below should be recognised as being in order:  
Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Uganda, Republic of Congo.

Equatorial Guinea submitted credentials on the final day, these were deemed to be in order by the CMS Secretariat.

The Meeting adopted by consensus on 24 October 2007 the Agreement on the Conservation of the Gorillas and their Habitats in the English and French languages, appended as Annex I to this Final Act.

The Meeting approved a Resolution on Interim Arrangements for the CMS Gorilla Agreement, appended at Annex II to this Final Act.

The Meeting expressed a vote of thanks to the Government of the French Republic for hosting the Meeting, and to those Governments and organisations which contributed financially to the Meeting.

The Agreement will be open for signature in Paris, France from 26 October 2007 to 25 April 2008.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Representatives have signed this Final Act.

Done in Paris, on the twenty fourth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Seven.

In the name of the delegations of: