

## REPORT

### */Republic of Armenia/*

#### ***Meeting to Negotiate the Legal and Institutional Framework for the Central Asian Flyway for Migratory Waterbirds, (Abu-Dhabi, 12-13 December 2012)***

Republic of Armenia in recent years has a success progress in environmental policy, Since 2007 –In our country were established 2 national parks-“Lake Arpi”(2009) and “Arevik”(2009), first of which in future have a high probability to become part of transboundary protected area with Georgia, There were established 3 state sanctuaries-“Khor-Virap”, “Zangezour” and “Zikatar”, and 230 natural monuments also.

In 2010 our government was approved animal and plant new Red Data Books which already include many additional species also.

Now in discussion stage the draft version of “Law about changing in law about Special Protected Areas”. I highly value the fact, that in this draft was determined new categories of protected areas and more high legal status and definition for migration routes.

As it is known, CMS Convention has come into force in the Republic of Armenia since March 1, 2011.

The following actions were taken for the Convention implementation in the Republic of Armenia:

1. Under the November 10, 2011, RA governmental decision N1594-N, four actions were defined for 2012-2016 concerning fulfillment of CMS Convention in line with other conventions.
2. Analysis of occurring in the Republic of Armenia species, which are included in Appendices I and II of the Convention, and amendment of their list were carried out; and suggestions concerning new species to be included in the list were prepared, they should be discussed by the appropriate research institutes.
3. Works on drafting the RA government's protocol decision on Approval of the Concept for Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and National Action Plan have started.
4. Meetings and discussions were held with representatives of mapping and specialized organizations to create information and map base concerning the ecological peculiarities and distribution of migratory species of wild animals occurring in the Republic of Armenia.

5. Some agreements of CMS family (AEWA, EUROBATS) now in the agenda of ecological policy of Armenia and in coming years we will have some progress in this sphere also.

In these activities have a huge role Scientific Institutions of NAS of Armenia also. There were many valuable scientific works published by Science-Research organizations.

We will try to combine the results of all these activities and contribute to overall biodiversity conservation.

At the same time, please be informed that there are methodological, technical and financial problems for ensuring progress in the aforementioned actions for the Convention implementation, since the actions are project packages, the implementation of which requires scientific, expert, research and analytical work.

We would like also to ask to Secretariat within the bounds of possibility, during the future discussions please taken into consideration the issue of provision of technical, methodological and financial assistance to those countries, which have recently become members of the Convention, such as Armenia, for implementation of the first important actions and steps, which will contribute to increasing the efficiency of these countries integration into CMS family.

Best Regards

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