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## OUTCOMES OF THE TENTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND DECISIONS RELEVANT TO CMS AND ITS PARTIES

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

1. This document has been prepared following the CBD CoP10, which took place in Nagoya, Japan, from 18-29 October 2010. An earlier version of this document was considered by the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMS Standing Committee held in November 2010 but it has since been updated, taking into account relevant follow-up decisions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in December 2010, for further consideration by the CMS COP.
2. In September 2010, the Secretariats of five biodiversity-related conventions (CBD, CMS, CITES, Ramsar and the World Heritage Convention) met in a retreat convened by the Executive Secretary of CBD, to prepare for the UN General Assembly High Level Summit and the CBD CoP. Amongst other matters, the Secretariats supported the adoption of an inclusive strategic plan for biodiversity and agreed that National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs), when revised and updated, should cover the full range of activities needed to implement all biodiversity-related conventions, which includes CMS.
3. On 26 November 2010, during the High Level Segment of the CBD CoP, the Secretary General of CITES delivered a joint statement to Plenary on behalf of the Secretariats of the Ramsar Convention, World Heritage Convention, CMS and CITES. The Statement, stressed that while each MEA has a specific, operational mandate, they are complementary and all contribute towards achieving the same objectives as CBD. It also reiterated the agreement reached at the earlier retreat, that the Strategic plan be inclusive, and that the NBSAPs should cover the activities of and implement the other biodiversity related conventions. The fact that we made a joint statement received very positive feedback from Parties and organizations alike, for its clear demonstration of cooperation and coherence. This development led to the positive decisions adopted at Nagoya relating to the implementation of other biodiversity MEAs through the revised and updated NBSAPs in line with the revised Biodiversity Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020 and the revised Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
4. The Secretariats of CMS, CITES and Ramsar Convention worked very closely together during the COP, making interventions to the working groups in support of, or on behalf of each other, thus ensuring the above spirit was expressly reflected in the relevant decisions.

5. The following decisions, relevant to CMS, were adopted by the Parties to CBD, in the final plenary:

- Decision X/2. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Decision X/5. Implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
- Decision X/8. United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011–2020
- Decision X/9. The Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties for the Period 2011-2020 and Periodicity of Meetings
- Decision X/20. Cooperation with Other Conventions and International Organizations and Initiatives
- Decision X/23. Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development

**A. Decisions relevant to CMS**

Decision	Relevant Text	Actions
<b>Overall Mandate of CMS within the CBD Process</b>		
X/20 Para 13	Recalling that decision VI/20 recognizes <i>the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals as the lead partner in conserving and sustainably using migratory species over their entire range</i> , requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species, to update the joint work programme between the two conventions and to collaborate on providing support and guidance to Parties on the integration of migratory species considerations in national biodiversity strategies and action plans;	
<b>Joint Work Programme between CMS and CBD</b>		
X/20 Para 11	Recognizing the importance of the coherent and synergistic implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions, requests the Executive Secretary to:  (a) Review and, where necessary, update working arrangements, such as the joint work plans, with the other biodiversity-related conventions;	CBD and CMS secretariats
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<b>Strategic Plan</b>		
X/2 Para 16	Invites:  (a) Parties and other Governments at the forthcoming meetings of the decision-making bodies of biodiversity-related conventions <sup>1</sup> and other relevant agreements to consider appropriate contributions to the collaborative implementation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets;	Parties
X/2 Annex	IV. STRATEGIC GOALS AND THE 2020 HEADLINE TARGETS  (Find the specific targets in section: <b>B. Targets relevant to CMS</b> )	
<b>National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)</b>		
X/2 Paras 3b-f	Urges Parties and other Governments, with the support of intergovernmental and other organizations, as appropriate, to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and in particular to:  (b) Develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan and its Aichi Targets, as a flexible framework, in accordance with national priorities and capacities and taking into account both the global targets and the status and trends of biological diversity in the country, and the resources provided through the strategy for resource mobilization, with a view to contributing to collective global efforts to reach the global targets, and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;  (c) Review, and as appropriate update and revise, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the Strategic Plan and the guidance adopted in decision IX/9, including by integrating their national targets into their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, adopted as a policy instrument, and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh or twelfth meeting;  (d) Use the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets into national development and poverty reduction policies and strategies, national accounting, as appropriate, economic sectors and spatial planning processes, by Government and the private sector at all levels;	Parties and biodiversity-related agreements

<sup>1</sup> Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the World Heritage Convention, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources.

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	<p>(e) Monitor and review the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in accordance with the Strategic Plan and their national targets making use of the set of indicators developed for the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework and to report to the Conference of the Parties through their fifth and sixth national reports and any other means to be decided by the Conference of the Parties;</p> <p>(f) Support the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective instruments to promote the implementation of the Strategic Plan and mainstreaming of biodiversity at the national level, taking into account synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions in a manner consistent with their respective mandates;</p>	
X/5 Para 3	Invites Parties and Governments to involve national focal points of all the biodiversity-related agreements, as appropriate, in the process of updating and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and related enabling activities;	Parties
X/20 Para 11b	<p>Recognizing the importance of the coherent and synergistic implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary to:</p> <p>(b) Consider ways to assist Parties to reflect the full range of activities of all biodiversity-related conventions in the context of the revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as in relevant capacity-building activities;</p>	Parties
X/20 Para 13	Recalling that decision VI/20 recognizes the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals as the lead partner in conserving and sustainably using migratory species over their entire range, <i>requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species, to update the joint work programme between the two conventions and <i>to collaborate on providing support and guidance to Parties on the integration of migratory species considerations in national biodiversity strategies and action plans</i> ;	CBD and CMS secretariats
X/23 Para 4	<i>Invites</i> regional organizations and their secretariats, international organizations, United Nations bodies, other Biodiversity Liaison and Rio conventions, donors, indigenous peoples organizations, non-governmental organizations, and centres of excellence to contribute to the further development of the Multi-Year Plan of Action, in coordination with their national Governments and the Group of 77 and China;	
<b>National Focal Points</b>		
X/5 Para 3	Invites Parties and Governments to involve national focal points of all the biodiversity-related agreements, as appropriate, in the	Parties

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	process of updating and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and related enabling activities;	
X/20 Para 5	Urges Parties to establish close collaboration at the national level between the focal points for the Convention on Biological Diversity and focal points for other relevant conventions, with a view to developing coherent and synergetic approaches across the conventions at national and (sub-)regional levels;	Parties
<b>Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG)</b>		
X/20 Para 4	Requests the Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the executive heads of the other biodiversity-related conventions, proposals on ways to strengthen the effectiveness of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, its relevance to the needs of Parties, and its linkages to the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio conventions;	CBD and CMS Secretariats plus Biodiversity Liaison Group (BLG)
X/20 Para 8	Invites the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions to continue giving consideration to the harmonization of national reporting and, in this context, <i>welcomes</i> the progress made in the GEF Project on Facilitating National Reporting to Rio Conventions (FNR-Rio), as well as the project to streamline reporting by Pacific island countries to the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements;	CBD and CMS Secretariats plus BLG
X/20 Para 9	Invites the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions and the Liaison Group biodiversity-related conventions to address at their future meetings options for enhanced cooperation, <i>inter alia</i> , with regard to <i>work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, scientific criteria for the identification of ecologically or biologically significant areas in need of protection, and invasive alien species</i> , in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes of work and <i>with a view to developing a coherent approach on these matters</i> ;	CBD & CMS Secretariats plus BLG and CSAB
X/20 Para 10	Requests the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation at its fourth meeting to, in order to increase the involvement of Parties in the work of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions and the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio conventions, determine the form and content of a process to enhance coordination, coherence and national level synergies among the biodiversity conventions;	Parties
<b>Scientific Advisory Bodies</b>		
X/20 Para 9	Invites the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions and the Biodiversity Liaison Group to address at their future meetings options for enhanced cooperation, <i>inter alia</i> , with	CBD, BLG, CSAB which include CMS

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	regard to work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change, scientific criteria for the identification of ecologically or biologically significant areas in need of protection, and invasive alien species, in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes of work and with a view to developing a coherent approach on these matters;	Scientific Council
<b>National Reporting</b>		
X/20 Para 8	Invites the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions to continue giving consideration to the harmonization of national reporting and, in this context, welcomes the progress made in the GEF Project on Facilitating National Reporting to Rio Conventions (FNR-Rio), as well as the project to streamline reporting by Pacific island countries to the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements;	CBD & CMS Secretariats plus BLG
<b>United Nations Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020</b>		
X/8 Para 1	Invites the United Nations General Assembly to consider declaring 2011-2020 the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity;	
X/8 Para 2	<i>Requests</i> the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with relevant partners, in particular the secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions:  (a) To encourage full participation of Parties, and all relevant organizations and stakeholders in the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and their support for implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;	CBD and CMS secretariats, Parties
X/9	(a) The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place in 2012 and address, <i>inter alia</i> , the following issues:  (v) <i>Cooperation among international biodiversity-related organizations taking into account, inter alia, proposals for: a United Nations Decade on Biodiversity; possible options for cooperation among the Rio conventions, including the preparation of possible joint activities</i> <sup>2</sup> ;	BLG which includes CMS Secretariat
<p>As a result of the above decision inviting the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to declare 2011 to 2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, UNGA adopted Resolution 65/161 at its 65<sup>th</sup> session, declaring 2011-2020 as the UN Decade on Biodiversity (paragraph 19), with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.</p> <p>In this regard, the UN Secretary General has been requested, in consultation with Member States, to lead the coordination of activities of the Decade on behalf of the UN system with the support</p>		

<sup>2</sup> This issue is being considered under agenda item 5.6 (Biodiversity and climate change) and will be adjusted in the light of the outcomes of the discussions on that item.

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	<p>of the secretariat of CBD as well as secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions, among other institutions. The Decade coincides with and will support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.</p> <p>In this regard, CBD Secretariat, supported also by the CMS Secretariat, has encouraged its Parties (which include all CMS Parties) that had established a national committee for the International Year of Biodiversity to extend its mandate to cover the period of celebration of the UN Decade on Biodiversity.</p> <p>A global strategy to celebrate the Decade is being prepared by CBD secretariat and will be made available to its Parties.</p>	

## B. Targets relevant to CMS

6. The Annex to the Strategic Plan includes 20 targets. While Target 12 is the one most generally applicable to CMS, the others listed below are also relevant.

### Strategic Plan

X/2 Annex	<p>IV. STRATEGIC GOALS AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS</p> <p>13. The Strategic Plan includes 20 headline targets for 2015 or 2020 (the “Aichi Biodiversity Targets”), organized under five strategic goals. The goals and targets comprise both: (i) aspirations for achievement at the global level; and (ii) a flexible framework for the establishment of national or regional targets. Parties are invited to set their own targets within this flexible framework, taking into account national needs and priorities, while also bearing in mind national contributions to the achievement of the global targets. Not all countries necessarily need to develop a national target for each and every global target. For some countries, the global threshold set through certain targets may already have been achieved. Others targets may not be relevant in the country context.</p> <p><i>Strategic goal B. Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use</i></p> <p><i>Target 5:</i> By 2020 the rate of loss of all natural habitats, including forests, is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero, and degradation and fragmentation is significantly reduced.</p> <p><i>Target 6:</i> By 2020 all fish and invertebrate stocks and aquatic plants are managed and harvested sustainably, legally and applying ecosystem based approaches, so that overfishing is avoided, recovery plans and measures are in place for all depleted species, fisheries have no significant adverse impacts on threatened species and vulnerable ecosystems and the impacts of fisheries on stocks, species and ecosystems are within safe ecological limits.</p> <p><i>Target 9:</i> By 2020, invasive alien species and pathways are identified and prioritized, priority species are controlled or eradicated, and measures are in</p>
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	<p>place to manage pathways to prevent their introduction and establishment.</p> <p><i>Target 10:</i> By 2015, the multiple anthropogenic pressures on coral reefs, and other vulnerable ecosystems impacted by climate change or ocean acidification are minimized, so as to maintain their integrity and functioning.</p> <p><i>Strategic goal C: To improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity</i></p> <p><i>Target 11:</i> By 2020, at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscape and seascapes.</p> <p><i>Target 12:</i> By 2020 the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, has been improved and sustained.</p> <p><i>Strategic goal D: Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services</i></p> <p><i>Target 14:</i> By 2020, ecosystems that provide essential services, including services related to water, and contribute to health, livelihoods and well-being, are restored and safeguarded, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable.</p>
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**Action Requested:**

The Conference of the Parties is requested to:

- a. Note the contents of the paper; and
- b. Adopt the actions proposed in the draft resolution UNEP/CMS/Resolution 10.18.