

2014 NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

The deadline for submission of the reports is 1 May 2014. The reporting period is 15 June 2011 to 1 May 2014.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

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The questions below combine elements of Resolution 4.1 (Party Reports) adopted by the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi, June 1994) and Resolution 6.4 (Strategic Plan for the Convention on Migratory Species 2000-2005), adopted by the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Cape Town, November 1999), the COP8 Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and Resolution 8.24 adopted by the Conference of the Parties (Nairobi 2005), as well as commitments arising from other operational Resolutions and Recommendations of the Conference of the Parties.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

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> Ghana

Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?

> WILDLIFE DIVISION OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

Please list any other agencies that have provided input

> N/A

I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

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Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country
> 01/04/1988

Territories to which the Convention applies
> Ghana

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Implementation

Competent Authority:

> WILDLIFE DIVISION (FORESTRY COMMISSION)

Relevant implemented legislation:

> WILD ANIMALS PRESERVATION ACT, 1961 (Act 43)

Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:

> CBD, CITES, RAMSAR, AEWA

National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):

> NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (2004)

NATIONAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN (2007)

GHANA FOREST AND WILDLIFE POLICY (2012)

CMS Agreements/MoU**Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution****AEWA (1999)****AEWA (1999)** Party**National Focal Point**

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Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)

> FISHERIES COMMISSION,
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
GHANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY
FRIENDS OF RAMSER SITES

2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:

> VERY COOPERATIVE

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?

No

4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:

> GHANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY

(PUBLIC AWARENESS CREATION ON MIGRATORY BIRDS)

4a. Please provide detail on any devolved government/overseas territory authorities involved.

> N/A

5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> SOME PRIVATE BEACH RESORT OPERATORS ARE INVOLVED IN MARINE TURTLE PROTECTION,
WILDSEAS CONSERVATION (NGO) IS INVOLVED IN SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> GHANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY
MEETINGS,
EDUCATION PROGRAMS
SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

I(b). Information about involved Authorities

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

1- Birds

> WILDLIFE DIVISION (FORESTRY COMMISSION)

2- Aquatic Mammals

> FISHERIES COMMISSION

3- Reptiles

> WILDLIFE DIVISION (FORESTRY COMMISSION)

4- Terrestrial Mammals

> WILDLIFE DIVISION (FORESTRY COMMISSION)

5- Fish

> FISHERIES COMMISSION

II. Appendix I species

1. BIRDS

1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:

Electrocutation

Habitat destruction

Pollution

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> LAW ENFORCEMENT / AWARENESS CREATION/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> SLOW PROGRESS / LIMITED SUCCESS

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL

PUBLICATIONS

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Illegal trade

Poaching

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> LAW ENFORCEMENT / AWARENESS CREATION

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> SLOW PROGRESS / LIMITED SUCCESS

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> LIMITED RESOURCES (FINANCIAL AND PERSONEL IN ENFORCING THE LAWS)

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL

PUBLICATIONS

1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Aythya nyroca*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection

Species name: **Falco naumanni**

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

- not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

- not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection

Species name: **Calidris canutus rufa**

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

- not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

- not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

- Education/awareness rising
- Habitat protection

2. AQUATIC MAMMALS

2.1 General questions on Appendix I aquatic mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

- Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I aquatic mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

- No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I aquatic mammals:

- By-catch
- Collision with fishing traffic
- Pollution
- Illegal hunting

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> LAW ENFORCEMENT (BASED ON REVISED FISHERIES REGULATIONS / AWARENESS CREATION

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> SLOW PROGRESS / LIMITED SUCCESS

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PUBLICATIONS

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I aquatic mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

- Pollution
- By-catch

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger aquatic mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> LAW ENFORCEMENT

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> SLOW PROGRESS / LIMITED SUCCESS

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> LIMITED RESOURCES (FINANCIAL AND PERSONEL IN ENFORCING THE LAWS)

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PUBLICATIONS

2.2 Questions on specific Appendix I aquatic mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I aquatic mammals species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Trichechus senegalensis*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Education / awareness rising

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

3. REPTILES

3.1 General questions on Appendix I reptiles

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I reptiles species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I reptiles species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I reptiles species:

By-catch

Pollution

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS CREATION

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> SLOW PROGRESS / LITTLE SUCCESS

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I reptiles species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Collection of eggs

Predation of eggs

Destruction of nesting beaches

Other (please specify)

> Hunting

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger reptiles species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AWARENESS CREATION

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> SLOW PROGRESS / LITTLE SUCCESS

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> LIMITED FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO EFFECTIVELY ENFORCE THE LAWS

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> FINANCIAL AND TECHICAL SUPPORT

3.2 Questions on specific Appendix I reptiles

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I reptiles species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Chelonia mydas*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Education/awareness rising

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> RESEARCH

EDUCATION

SPECIES PROTECTION

Species name: *Lepidochelys olivacea*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

increasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Education/awareness rising

Species restoration

Habitat protection

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> RESEARCH

EDUCATION

SPECIES PROTECTION

Species name: *Dermochelys coriacea*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

increasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

- Monitoring
- Education/awareness rising
- Species protection
- Control hunting / poaching
- Habitat protection

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

- > RESEARCH
- EDUCATION
- SPECIES PROTECTION

5. FISH

5.1 General questions on Appendix I fish species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I fish species prohibited by the national legislation listed as being implementing legislation in Table I(a) (General Information)?

- Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I fish species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

- No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I fish species:

- Lack of legislation

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

- > LEGISLATION SENT TO PARLIAMENT FOR APPROVAL

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

- > None

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

- > None

3. What are the major threats to Appendix I fish species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

- Other (please specify)

- > Hunting

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger fish species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

- > LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC AWARENESS CREATION

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

- > QUITE SIGNIFICANT

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

- > WEAK ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

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6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I?

(according to the latest IUCN red data list). N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

- No

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose listing any of these species?

- No

If yes, please provide details:

- > N/A

1b. What assistance/measures, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of these species?
> N/A

III. Appendix II Species

1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

AEWA (1999)

Date of last report:

> 2006-08

Period covered

> 3 years

2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> N/A

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation?

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II?

No

1b. What assistance, if any, does your country require to initiate the listing of this/these species?

> N/A

IV. National and Regional Priorities

1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues

High

2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

Yes

2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of the habitats of migratory species, including protected areas

Minimizing or eliminating barriers or obstacles to migration

Research and monitoring of migratory species

Transboundary co-operation

3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

Yes

3.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> All biodiversity related conventions ratified by Ghana has Strategy and Action Plans, as well as other biodiversity policy documents features the conservation of migratory species

3a. Do these policies/plans cover the following areas?

Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)

Yes

Economic development

Yes

Land-use planning

Yes

Pollution control

Yes

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

Development of ecological networks

Yes

Planning of power lines

Yes

Planning of fences

No

Planning of dams

Yes

V. Protected Areas

1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?

Yes

1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

> Mole NP, Digya NP, Bui NP, Ankasa Nini Suhien NP, Kyabobo NP, Kakum NP, Gbele Resource Reserve, Kogyae Strict Nature Reserve, Assin Attandanso Reserve, Kalakpa Resource Reserve, Bia NP and Bia Resource Reserve, Bomfobiri Wildlife Sanctuary, Shai Hills Resource Reserve, Owabi Wildlife Sanctuary, Boabeng-Fiema Monkey Sanctuary, Densu Delta Ramsar Site, Keta Lagoon Complex Ramsar Site, Muni-Pomadze Ramsar Site, Sakumo Ramsar Site, Songor Ramsar Site

1b. Do these protected areas cover the following areas?

Terrestrial

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> 15

Aquatic

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> 5

Marine

No

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> WILDLIFE DIVISION OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?

No

2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?

No

If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):

> N/A

If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:

> No idea as to whether future conservation/research projects will require the use of satellite telemetry

VII. Membership

1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-Parties that have been identified by the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)

> N/A

1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> WILDLIFE DIVISION OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Awareness programmes have been part of all management activities at national level including annual celebration of Wildlife Week and all other International Convention days (WWD, WMBD, etc.)

2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> WILDLIFE DIVISION OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> ENCOURAGING

IX. Mobilization of Resources

1. Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> There has been government annual financial releases for the management of all wildlife protected areas and all the migratory species therein

2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

No

3. Has your country made other voluntary financial contributions to support conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in other countries (particularly developing countries)?

No

4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?

No

5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

No

6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country?

No

X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

Please provide information about measures undertaken by your country relating to recent Resolutions and Recommendations since the last Report. For your convenience please refer to the list of COP Resolutions and Recommendations listed below:

Resolutions

Oil Pollution and Migratory Species (7.3)

> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Electrocution of Migratory Birds (7.4 / 10.11)

> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Wind Turbines and Migratory Species (7.5)

> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Migratory Species and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (8.27 / 10.22)

> AWARENESS CREATION, NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Poisoning Migratory Birds (10.26)

> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Impact Assessment and Migratory Species (7.2)

> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. New Parties which have acceded since COP10 in 2011 and Parties which did not submit a National Report in time in 2011 are requested to complete the entire form.

Parties that did submit a timely report in 2011 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP9 and COP10).

Chiroptera

Eidolon helvum (African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State