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**INTEGRATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY
STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND INTO ON-GOING AND FUTURE
PROGRAMMES OF WORK UNDER THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Eighth Meeting (Nairobi, 20-25 November 2005)

Recalling Resolution 7.9 (Bonn, 2002) which invited the Secretariat to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in generating guidance on integrating migratory species into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and into on-going and future programmes of work under the CBD;

Recalling the adoption by the CBD Conference of the Parties (COP) at its sixth meeting of the CBD Strategic Plan and *further recalling* that the CBD COP stated that the CBD Strategic Plan would be implemented through the CBD programmes of work, implementation of NBSAPs, and other national, regional and international activities;

Also recalling that the CBD COP at its seventh meeting decided to develop a framework to enhance the evaluation of achievements and progress in the implementation of the CBD Strategic Plan and, in particular, the 2010 biodiversity target and that, as a part of this framework, it decided to establish goals and sub-targets to help assess progress towards the target and promote coherence among the programmes of work of the Convention;

Noting the adoption of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 whose purpose is to ensure a coherent and strategic approach to the implementation of the Convention at national, regional and global levels and which represents the Convention's planned contribution to achieving the 2010 target;

Recognizing that implementation of the strategic plans of both Conventions and achieving the 2010 target will require greater cooperation between the two conventions and that the integration of migratory species into NBSAPs and on-going and future programmes of work under the CBD represents the basis for such cooperation; and

Recalling also the need to develop a revised CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme;

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Invites* CMS Parties to take the necessary steps at the national level to ensure that migratory species are integrated into NBSAPs, as well as into their other activities to implement the on-going and future programmes of work under the CBD;
2. *Invites* CMS Parties to make use of the indicative list of actions contained in Annex I, and the indicative list of categories of relevant information on migratory species in Annex II, of this resolution as a basis to promote such integration, and to contribute to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target;
3. *Requests* CMS national focal points to cooperate fully with CBD national focal points, NBSAP managers and other national bodies responsible for CBD implementation with a view to ensuring coordination in the implementation of both conventions;
4. *Invites* the CMS Secretariat to continue to collaborate with the CBD Secretariat with a view to developing common guidelines to integrate migratory species into NBSAPs, making use of the preliminary guidance provided in Annex I to this resolution, and to report on progress made to the CMS Scientific Council at its 14th meeting and to appropriate meetings of the CBD SBSTTA;
5. *Further invites* the CMS Secretariat to continue to collaborate with the CBD Secretariat to ensure that on-going and future CBD programmes of work appropriately integrate migratory species at the global level when they are respectively reviewed or developed; and
6. *Endorses* the revised CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme (2006-2008) contained in Annex III to this resolution, *invites* CMS national focal points to undertake the Joint Work Programme's relevant activities in collaboration with their CBD counterparts or other national bodies responsible for CBD implementation, and *also invites* the Secretariat to collaborate with the CBD Secretariat to implement the activities identified in the Annex and others that may be mutually agreed in light of future developments in either forum.

Annex I

Guidance for integrating migratory species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and other national-level activities to implement on-going and future CBD work programmes

To promote the integration of migratory species into NBSAPs, CMS focal points should, if they have not already done so:

- (i) Identify the agency or multi-agency body responsible for NBSAP management, establish contact and arrange to participate fully in the national biodiversity planning process;
- (ii) Familiarize themselves with the CBD provisions, existing NBSAP guidelines, CBD decisions relevant to the implementation of its Articles 6 to 20 (including the programmes of work, tools and guidance, and the framework for monitoring progress towards the 2010 target), the arrangements and procedures for developing implementing and reviewing the NBSAP, and the current status of the NBSAP;
- (iii) Provide relevant NBSAP managers or bodies with information on those migratory species for which the country is a Range State, in particular those already listed on one or both CMS Appendices, those whose conservation status is unfavourable, those which require international agreements for their conservation and management or those that would significantly benefit from the international cooperation that could be achieved by an international agreement;
- (iv) Provide information on participation in CMS Agreements and the national commitments deriving from these;
- (v) Provide further information on migratory species relevant to the national implementation of CBD Articles 6 to 20, to be considered in the development of a NBSAP (An indicative list of categories of such information is contained in Annex II to this Resolution);
- (vi) Provide, as an on-going activity, information on the further identification and monitoring of migratory species, measures taken to conserve such species and their habitats, and other information relevant to the implementation of CBD Articles 6 to 20, as such information becomes available through the implementation of measures undertaken within the framework of CMS and its Agreements, including its Strategic Plan 2006-2011;
- (vii) Provide relevant CMS documentation and information, including: amendments to the Appendices, resolutions and recommendations, reports of meetings of CMS and Agreement bodies, details of new and future Agreements and details of outreach and communication activities;
- (viii) Provide access to previous CMS national reports and invite the participation of NBSAP bodies and actors in the preparation of future CMS national reports;
- (ix) Identify and contact the CBD focal points or other bodies responsible for implementing the different CBD programmes of work in the country with a view to jointly identifying where measures already taken or which could be taken under CMS could contribute to the development of national indicators, goals and sub-targets for, and/or to the further implementation of, the programme of work in question; and
- (x) Identify those national measures undertaken in response to the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 that also contribute to the goals and targets of the CBD Strategic Plan and the 2010 biodiversity target, and bring these to the attention of the CBD national focal point or other bodies responsible for implementation of the CBD.

Annex II

Indicative list of categories of information on migratory species to be considered in the development of a NBSAP¹

- Available information including CMS Range State lists, on the presence within the country of migratory species listed in the CMS appendices, and their status and trends;
- Details of measures taken:
 - for the *in situ* conservation of migratory species, including for the conservation of habitats and the maintenance of viable populations; for habitat restoration and the recovery of threatened species; for controlling alien species that threaten migratory species; for the preservation and application of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species; to develop relevant legislation or regulatory provisions; or to regulate or manage processes or activities that represent a significant adverse effect on migratory species;
 - for the ex situ conservation of migratory species; and
 - for the sustainable use of migratory species;
- Details of:
 - Existing or potential economically and socially sound measures that aim to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species;
 - Existing or necessary research and training measures, in particular co-operative programmes;
 - Public education and awareness activities that focus on migratory species;
 - Relevant impact assessment measures designed to avoid or minimize adverse impacts of proposed projects on migratory species, including those addressing potential threats from power transmission lines and wind farms;
 - Applications for access to genetic resources or associated traditional knowledge involving migratory species and accompanying benefit sharing arrangements according to international and domestic law;
 - Measures promoting access to and transfer of technology relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species or which make use of genetic resources derived from migratory species;
 - Measure taken to facilitate the exchange of information relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species and of relevant international technical and scientific cooperation;
 - Financial resources needed for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species and of financial resources received for this purpose from the CBD financial mechanism and other bilateral, regional and multilateral channels.

¹ Adapted from CBD Articles 6-20 and CMS Articles II and III.

Annex III

The CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme (2006-2008)

1. The CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme (2006-2008) comprises a list of activities to be undertaken by the Parties, and by the Conventions' institutions, including the secretariats and other actors. The elements include the following.

Parties

2. The identification of specific national action will depend on the specific circumstances of each country. Those responsible for the national implementation of each convention should adopt a flexible approach, based on proactive cooperation between the CBD national focal point and the CMS national focal points, which will maximize the chances of identifying the key issues, the opportunities available and the synergies to be captured with regard to the implementation of both conventions. The indicative list includes:

- a. The integration of migratory species into the national-level implementation of the CBD's programmes of work, primarily through national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- b. The investigation, and, as appropriate, implementation of joint activities, to promote implementation of CBD Article 6(b) on mainstreaming biodiversity into national planning and sectoral activities;
- c. The preparation of case studies on all aspects of measures taken that involve migratory species, as a response to the various calls for these from either Conference of the Parties;
- d. The harmonization and/or interoperability of national data management systems under each convention, in order to facilitate access to relevant information by those responsible for the implementation of both conventions; and
- e. The coordination of communication, public education and outreach activities.

Convention bodies

3. For the Convention bodies, the thematic framework of the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme includes (1) the ecosystem and migratory range approaches; (2) tools to measure the achievement of the 2010 target; (3) protected areas, including site networks; (5) impact assessment; (6) sustainable use; (7) information management; and (8) national reporting. Initial activities which could be undertaken by the scientific bodies and/or the Secretariats, with the possible assistance of liaison groups, expert groups, specialist organizations or individual experts, within the thematic framework of the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme include:

- a. Reviewing the relationship between the CBD ecosystem approach and the CMS migratory range approach in order to provide further guidance on the implementation of both;
- b. Collaborating to meet the goals of both conventions' strategic plans, including the 2010 target, and on how to best monitor and assess the respective achievements in the context of migratory species;
- c. Considering the experience gained using CMS Agreements as catalysts for networks of protected areas between countries to conserve migratory and other species, as well as their habitats;
- d. Integrating migratory species considerations into environmental impact assessments procedures;
- e. Collaborating to explore the applicability to migratory species of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity;
- f. Facilitating data accessibility and interoperability among the CMS Information Management System and Global Register of Migratory Species tools and the CBD Clearing-house Mechanism including its national nodes; and
- g. Collaborating to explore how the national reporting systems of both Conventions can be used to measure the implementation of the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme.