



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



## RECOMMENDATION 4.6

### THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CONVENTION ON CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

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

*Recalling* that Article IX of the Convention provides for assistance from and liaison with, *inter alia*, suitable non-governmental bodies technically qualified in the protection, conservation and management of wild animals, and international organizations concerned with migratory species;

*Aware* that these organizations have continued to make important technical, promotional and financial contributions to the implementation of the Convention, and to support the Convention Secretariat;

*Further aware* that national environmental non-governmental organizations can represent influential movements in society and that - through their expertise - they can play an active role in the conservation of migratory species of wild animals;

*Conscious* that the Convention on Biological Diversity signed at Rio de Janeiro in 1992 stresses the importance of and the need to promote co-operation among States and intergovernmental organizations and the non-governmental sector for the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components;

*Taking account* of the Strategy for the Future Development of the Bonn Convention (accepted under Resolution 4.4);

1. *Recommends* that Parties strongly support and give particular attention to the development and functioning of national and international non-governmental organizations which aim for conservation of migratory species of wild animals.
2. *Encourages* Parties to consult non-governmental organizations, provide them with relevant information and offer them ample opportunities to contribute to the formulation and implementation of governmental policy on migratory species conservation;
3. *Recommends* that Parties to Agreements concluded under the Convention invite appropriate representatives of non-governmental organizations to participate in meetings held to discuss the development or implementation of such Agreements;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to organize periodic briefing sessions with non-governmental organizations, in order to involve them more fully in the activities of the Convention and to solicit their support.