**EUROPEAN EEL**

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*(Prepared by the Aquatic Working Group)*

DRAFT DECISION

***Directed to Parties that are Range States to the European Eel:***

13.AA Parties that are Range States to the European Eel are urged to:

1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat on the structure and scope of the proposed Action Plan for the European Eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) by 31 May 2020, so that a draft can be prepared, circulated and finalised in time for submission to the Standing Committee at its 52nd or 53rd meeting.
2. Provide funding for the development of the Plan, including the convening of a Range State Meeting to finalize it.

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

13.BB Request the Standing Committee to adopt the Action Plan, if provided to the Standing Committee, at its 52nd or 53rd meeting.

***Directed to Intergovernmental Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations***

13.CC Intergovernmental and Non-Governmental Organizations are urged to:

1. Provide expertise and funding for the development of the Plan, including the convening of a Range State Meeting to finalize the plan.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

13.CC The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of resources:

1. Develop a draft Action Plan for the European Eel (*Anguilla anguilla*), following guidance provided by Range State Parties.
2. hold consultations among the Range States and relevant IGOs and NGOs, on the draft Action Plan, by correspondence and if funding permits, by convening another meeting of Range States.
3. Submit the draft plan to the Standing Committee at its 52nd or 53rd meeting for adoption, or, if not finalised in time, to COP14.