



**CONVENTION ON  
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SPECIES**

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**SAHELO-SAHARAN MEGAFUNA**

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Gandhinagar, February 2020)

*Recognizing* that the large mammal fauna of the arid lands of North Africa and Eurasia has many species with threatened populations that are in a profoundly unsatisfactory, and often critical, state of conservation,

*Noting* with satisfaction the progress made by this Sahelo-Saharan Ungulates Concerted Action,

*Acknowledging* in particular the paramount contribution of the Sahara Conservation Fund and its partners to improve the conservation and the restoration of Sahelo-Saharan megafauna in particular in Niger and Chad,

*Conscious* that the arid lands, with their exceptional natural and cultural heritage and their unique migration phenomena, are a crucial area for the action of the Convention,

*Recalling* that several species found in that biome are on Appendix I of the Convention,

*Noting* that recommendation 4.5 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fourth Meeting (Nairobi, 7-11 June 1994) requested that the Scientific Council, in cooperation with the Secretariat, establish a Concerted Action for Sahelo-Saharan Ungulates,

*Taking into account* the intersessional process on the future shape of CMS, and *conscious* that the development of new instruments is to be linked to this process,

*Acknowledging* the recommendation of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Scientific Council that the Sahelo-Saharan Ungulates Concerted Action be continued and extended to other species of large mammals occurring within the area of the Concerted Action.

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

1. *Encourages* Range States and other interested Parties to prepare, in cooperation with the Scientific Council and the Secretariat, the necessary proposals to include in Appendix I or Appendix II threatened species that would benefit from the Concerted Action;
2. *Encourages* the Secretariat to pursue efforts to bring into the Convention, Range States of the Sahelo-Saharan fauna that are not yet Parties, and to liaise with other concerned Conventions to enhance synergies;
3. *Urges* Parties to apply an ecosystem approach and to strengthen efforts to conserve and restore habitats for Sahelo-Saharan megafauna, in particular, in the context of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030);
4. *Urges* Non-Party Range States to support the Concerted Action, in recognition of its global significance.