**RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MIGRATORY SPECIES**

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DRAFT DECISION

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***Directed to Parties***

14.AA Parties are:

1. requested to integrate biodiversity and migratory species conservation needs into national energy and climate policy and action plans, land and maritime spatial planning and legislation and regulations on siting of new energy infrastructure with the aim of avoiding negative impacts on migratory species, and aligned with the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
2. encouraged to support an evidence-based renewable energy mix in the design and implementation of renewable energy policies such as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Energy and Climate Plans, and integrate Strategic Environmental Assessments and sensitivity mapping for migratory species, especially for those protected at national or international level into decision-making processes for climate targets and into land and maritime spatial planning;
3. invited to provide to the Energy Task Force and the Secretariat information and indicators that have been integrated into national climate action plans and NDCs;
4. requested to report to COP15 on the above activities in their National Reports;
5. recommended to take legal, administrative or policy measures to encourage and enable the energy sector to regularly monitor, assess, and transparently disclose their risks, dependencies and impacts on biodiversity along their operations, supply and value chains, in order to progressively reduce negative impacts on biodiversity, increase positive impacts, and promote actions to ensure sustainable patterns of production.

***Directed to Parties, intergovernmental and non-government organizations, and others***

14.BB Parties, including their representatives from both environment and energy ministries and authorities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders from the energy sector are encouraged to support the implementation of the Energy Task Force Workplan and the ongoing operations of the Energy Task Force.

***Directed to the Energy Task Force***

14.CC The Energy Task Force is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:

1. review tools and provide guidance for assessing and mitigating the impacts of renewable energy and power line developments on migratory species across flyways and throughout species’ ranges, including in areas beyond national jurisdiction; this includes standardized approaches for post-construction monitoring of renewable energy projects, and a review of existing tools, such as AVISTEP;
2. produce guidance on the format and scope of a database on CMS Appendix I species mortality caused by renewable energy developments;
3. coordinate the collation of mortality data for birds and bats with other CMS task forces working on similar initiatives, such as the CMS Saker Falcon Task Force, the CMS Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT)  and the CMS Asia Pacific Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds Intergovernmental Task Force;

c bis) gather information on the risks, and negative impacts on migratory species of the energy sector along their operations, supply and value chains, in order to progressively reduce negative impacts on biodiversity, increase positive impacts and promote actions to ensure sustainable patterns of production;

1. expand the scope of the ETF to include consideration to the Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMAs) and Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs) as well as the impacts on cetaceans of offshore renewable energy;
2. engage with the corporate and international financial sector to support the integration of best practices and mainstreaming of migratory species into industry policies and safeguards;
3. encourage the international donor community to mainstream biodiversity into funding strategies related to the transition to renewable energy.

***Directed to the Secretariat***

14.DD The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of resources:

1. include in its communication strategy the guidance and tools produced by the ETF, as well as the engagement with IFIs and the full range of renewable energy agents;
2. support the ETF and ensure its membership is increased and its scope regularly reviewed to address all potential threats from renewable energy infrastructure to migratory species;
3. seek partnerships with the United Nations Framework Convention againts Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other relevant entites, to expand the role and awareness of the ETF and the implementation of safeguards, spatial planning tools and guidance to avoid the negative impacts on migratory species of renewable energy infrastructure;
4. support the organization of ETF workshops to raise the awareness and increase the capacity of government representatives who are working in the areas of renewable energy and migratory species.