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| ***“Accession to CMS”***  **Questionnaire on Non-Party National Issues**  **Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)**  The Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) is organising a series of accession workshops for non-Parties to the Convention, with the aim of strengthening awareness about the Convention in different regions, and providing information to encourage countries to accede to the Convention. Migratory species require concerted conservation management right across their ranges, and many of them face growing threats that require the active participation of all Range States.  In order to guide the format of these workshops, focal institutions are requested to complete this short questionnaire. This will help the Secretariat to plan effective workshops, scheduled for 2015 and 2016. Please complete the following short questions, which should only take a few minutes of your time. Kindly send the questionnaire by fax or e-mail **before 15 July 2015** to the CMS Secretariat, Ms. Hanah Al-Samaraie, Platz der Vereinten Nationen, 53113 Bonn, Germany, Tel. +49 228 815 2481, Fax +49 228 815 2449, E-mail: [**hanah.alsamaraie@cms.int**](mailto:hanah.alsamaraie@cms.int)**.** Thanks you in advance!  You may wish to fill in the tables electronically.   |  | | --- | | Name: Click here to enter text. | | Position: Click here to enter text. | | Institution: Click here to enter text. | | Country: Click here to enter text. |   **A. MEAs**  Which Multinational Environmental Agreements (MEAs) has your country ratified?  *Please tick (*✔*)*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **MEA** | **Party?** | | *a. Conventions* |  | | Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) |  | | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna & Flora (CITES) |  | | Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar) |  | | Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNCCD) |  | |  |  | | *b. CMS Agreements* |  | | ADD CMS AGREEMENTS RELEVANT TO REGION |  | | Click here to enter text. |  | | Click here to enter text. |  | | Click here to enter text. |  | | Others:Click here to enter text.  Click here to enter text.  Click here to enter text.  Click here to enter text. |  |   **B. Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)**  Why has your country not yet ratified CMS?  *Please prioritise any reasons with a number (1 = most relevant) and list other reasons below; leave listed reasons blank if they are not relevant.*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Reason** | **Ranking** | | It is not a priority for our country because we only have a few migratory species | Choose an item. | | We have ratified CBD, which covers all species | Choose an item. | | We are not very aware about CMS | Choose an item. | | We have not had a chance to do it yet for no particular reason | Choose an item. | | We are not aware of any benefits of joining CMS | Choose an item. | | We have signed one or more CMS Agreements, which is enough | Choose an item. | | The annual contribution is too costly | Choose an item. | | The accession process is too complicated | Choose an item. | | The reporting requirements are too much | Choose an item. | | We prefer to manage migratory species independently | Choose an item. | |  |  | | *Other Reasons:* | | | Click here to enter text. | Choose an item. | | Click here to enter text. | Choose an item. | | Click here to enter text. | Choose an item. | | Click here to enter text. | Choose an item. |   **C. Has your country considered ratifying CMS in the past?**  YES / NO (please select)  If YES, why did your country not ratify CMS at that time?   |  | | --- | |  |   **D. Obstacles to joining CMS**  Are you aware of any current obstacles to your country joining CMS?  YES / NO (please select)  If YES, please explain:   |  | | --- | |  |   **E. Support from CMS Secretariat**  In what ways could the CMS Secretariat support your country to overcome any obstacles and to ratify and implement the Convention and its agreements?   |  | | --- | |  |   **F. CMS at the regional level**  1. In what ways could UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP-ROAP) and other regional partners such as the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) support your country to overcome any obstacles and to ratify and implement the Convention and its agreements?   |  | | --- | |  |   2.Have you heard about CMS from CMS Parties in your region?  YES / NO (please select)  If YES, please explain how they might have influenced you:   |  | | --- | |  |   **G. Benefits for countries to accede to CMS**  Some benefits listed by CMS Parties are provided below. Please rank any benefits that would be relevant to your country.  *Please prioritise any reasons with a number (1 = most beneficial)*   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Benefit** | **Ranking** | | Stronger involvement in international co-operation | Choose an item. | | Stronger co-operation between migratory species Range States | Choose an item. | | Stronger co-operation between Developed & Developing Countries | Choose an item. | | Contribution to poverty eradication through sustainable use of species through tourism or other economic activities | Choose an item. | | Mobilisation of financial resources for conservation projects | Choose an item. | | Sharing of scientific knowledge | Choose an item. | | Sharing of information on practical implementation, e.g. managing migratory species, key sites and putting policies into action | Choose an item. | | Sharing of legal information | Choose an item. | | Species’ conservation through regional agreements | Choose an item. | | Species’ conservation through concerted action | Choose an item. | | Species’ conservation through promoted conservation projects | Choose an item. | | Improved scientific basis through the promotion of research | Choose an item. | | Conservation of marine species | Choose an item. | | Conservation of avian species | Choose an item. | | Conservation of terrestrial species | Choose an item. | | Others:  Click here to enter text. | Choose an item. |  H. Obstacles to realising these Benefits Please list any obstacles that may prevent your country realising these benefits, and propose how to overcome these obstacles?   |  | | --- | |  |   **I. Migratory species**  Finally … What are the priority migratory species in your country?   |  | | --- | |  |   **J. Please include any additional comments you may wish to add here:**   |  | | --- | |  |   **Thank you for your contribution!** |  |  |  |  |
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