



# CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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FIRST MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO THE AGREEMENT ON  
THE CONSERVATION OF GORILLAS AND THEIR HABITATS  
Kigali, Rwanda, 29-30 March 2011

## Action Points arising from the Meeting

1. National Reports
  - The secretariat will draft a format for national reports, and share with the Parties, as soon as possible.
  - Parties will provide their feedback to the secretariat, who will finalize a draft for the Meeting of the Parties to consider.
  - Each range state will submit a report to the CMS Secretariat 120 days in advance of the Meetings of the Parties on the status of gorilla conservation activities relevant to country and subspecies Action Plans and based on means of verification.
  - Ad-hoc format reports will be accepted for the upcoming 2nd Meeting of the Parties 26-27 November 2011. This report should be submitted to the secretariat by July 29 2011.
2. Identification of Experts for the Technical Committee

Party and non-party members will propose to the secretariat, suitably qualified experts in the following three areas:

  - Forest management and conservation,
  - Environmental law, and
  - Wild animal health
  - The environmental law expert should be either a lawyer with experience in enforcement, or a law enforcement officer (police, customs etc) and can be either an individual or an existing position in an expert agency.
  - The wild animal health expert should have experience with Ebola and other diseases.
  - Peer reviewed publications and membership of relevant professional societies are highly desirable, especially for the animal health position.
3. Members request the CMS Secretariat to contact the CITES MIKE (Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants) program to discuss the possibility of expanding this initiative to include monitoring of gorilla populations for the Gorilla Agreement.
4. Members request the CMS Secretariat to approach the International Consortium Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC) to recognize the seriousness of illegal trade in gorillas, to take account of this in developing its workplan, and, if possible, identify ways in which it could support implementation of the Gorilla Agreement.
5. Members request the secretariat to liaise with COMIFAC on the development of its Wildlife Trade Enforcement Plan, to explore synergies and opportunities for collaboration.