



2017 - NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

The deadline for submission of the reports is 24 April 2017. The reporting period is from May 2014 to April 2017.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

The reporting format was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 40th Meeting (Bonn, November 2012) for mandatory use by Parties, for reports submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11). The 45th meeting of the Standing Committee recommended the use of the same format for reports submitted to COP12, with necessary adjustments to take into account relevant COP11 decisions, in particular amendments to the Appendices and resolutions.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

Please enter here the name of your country

> Samoa

Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?

> Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

Please list any other agencies that have provided input

> n/a

I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

Party

Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country

> 16 August 2005

Period covered

> May 2014 - April 2017

Territories to which the Convention applies

> Samoa national waters and Exclusive Economic Zone

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Implementation

Competent Authority:

> Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

Relevant implemented legislation:

> Lands, Surveys and Environment Act 1989

Environment Management and Conservation Bill 2013

Marine Wildlife Protection Regulations 2009
Trade in Endangered Species Bill 2013

Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:
> CBD, CITES, Ramsar, Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their habitats in the Pacific Islands

National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):
> National Biodiversity and Action Plan 2015 - 2020,
National Environment Sector Plan 2013-2016

CMS Agreements/MoU

Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

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Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)

- > 1. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) (Fisheries Division)
- 2. Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development (MWCSO) (Internal Affairs Division)
- 3. Samoa Tourism Authority (STA)
- 4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)

2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:

- > 1. The Fisheries Division of the MAF is more directly involved with the fisheries and fisheries management aspect in terms of cetaceans and turtle interaction with the longline and other fishing methods.
- 2. MWCSO mainly deals with community awareness, encouraging the local communities to take responsibility and report incidences affecting migratory species such as cetaceans and marine turtles in their waters.
- 3. The STA encourages sustainable tourism activities one of which involves opportunistic cetacean watching which is done according to the national cetacean watching guidelines. These departments are all represented to the National Marine Species Committee and all are responsible for reporting, data collection and through the Committee, responding to stranding incidences involving migratory species.
- 4. MFAT supports and strengthens foreign trades and communication with the international bodies under the convention

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?

Yes

4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:

- > The Samoa Hotels Association which comprises of local hotel and marine tour operators mainly contributes by reporting incidences and sighting of cetaceans in the areas of tourism operations.
- 2. Aleipata and Safata Marine Protected Area Society - The ASMPA implements a MPA Management Plan which bans any activities involving whales, dolphins and marine turtles in the MPA waters.

4a. Please provide detail on any devolved government/overseas territory authorities involved.

> None

5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

- > As in 4 above, the local hotel operators are the main point of contact who help through the collection of related information (using a prescribed template) and reporting incidences and sighting of cetaceans in the areas of tourism operations.

6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:
> Coordination between and among the sectors especially in terms of reporting is quite good. The STA has mainstreamed environment conservation (includes conservation of marine species) into its sector plan.

I(b). Information about involved Authorities

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

1- Birds

> Division of Environment and Conservation (DEC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

2- Aquatic Mammals

> Division of Environment and Conservation (DEC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

3- Reptiles

> 1. Division of Environment and Conservation (DEC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

2. Fisheries Division (FD) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF)

4- Terrestrial Mammals

> Division of Environment and Conservation (DEC) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

5- Fish

> Fisheries Division (FD) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

II. Appendix I species

1. BIRDS

1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

No

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> n/a

1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

> n/a

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:

Habitat destruction

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Mainstreaming and integrating ecosystem based adaptation approaches and ecosystem restoration into sustainable agricultural practices, increasing the total area of terrestrial habitats as protected areas, awareness to reduce impacts of hunting on birds in the wild and protection of coastal beaches.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> The Environment Management and Conservation Bill is currently in its final stages before approval from the Cabinet Committee which includes a review of the existing Protection of Wildlife Regulation 2004 to extend its focus to species listed in the Appendix 1 and II and also those listed in the IUCN list of endangered species, integration of ecosystem management and protection in new development proposal and EIA.

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Review of the list of species listed in Appendix 1 and II of CMS, review of the existing laws to integrate migratory shore birds and terrestrial mammals, effective awareness at the community level on CMS.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Other

> habitat destruction

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> There is little information known on important sites for migratory birds in Samoa so identifying migratory sites/route to conduct baseline surveys and work in partnership with communities and land owners to raise awareness on migratory bird species recorded in the country and monitor those sites for further management actions.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> review of existing legislations governing migratory birds is in progress, actions to manage sites important for migratory bird species is low.

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Limited technical capacity and human resources, little information available on migratory birds and their habitats in Samoa.

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> Financial assistance to implement surveys and develop management plans for important migratory birds feeding grounds and or resting sites.

1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: Numenius tahitiensis

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> n/a

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat restoration

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Very little information available on the species and its know habitats in Samoa, little research done on the species.

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Monitor the species from possible suitable sites around the country, records of observations to guide planning programs for further research on the species and its habitat.

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I birds in general:

> Trading of bird species endemic to Samoa is not practicable and is prohibited. A review of the existing laws needs integration of trade of endangered species and protection of their natural habitats. Improve research and monitoring of the species throughout the year.

2. AQUATIC MAMMALS

2.1 General questions on Appendix I aquatic mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Marine Wildlife Protection Regulations 2009

Trade in Endangered Species Bill 2013

Fisheries Regulation 1996

1a. If the taking of Appendix I aquatic mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7):

> n/a

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I aquatic mammals:

Other

> Stranding

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> 1. Countrywide awareness campaign.

2. Research and monitoring surveys to determine population status and migration

3. Enforcement and implementation of related national legislations including Marine Mammals Action Plans and EIA Guidelines for land-based and coastal development activities.

4. Well-coordinated national Stranding Committee established and in operation.
5. Cetaceans Stranding Manual (Guidelines) developed and is being use for stranding incidences.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> The said actions are continuous and are progressing well. However stranding is sometimes not reported by the local communities because of unavailability of communication means.

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

- > 1. Financial and technical assistance to do research and monitoring.
2. Increase in awareness campaigns to ensure that the general public are aware of the appropriate authorities to report any stranding incidents.
3. Conduct stranding rescue training programs for communities where stranding is frequent.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I aquatic mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Other

> Stranding

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger aquatic mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> Train the local communities on rescuing stranded marine mammals so they are capable of helping and saving the animal immediately instead of waiting for the Stranding Committee to arrive at the scene.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Training has been completed for the key community representatives of the national Stranding Committee but will continue (funds permitting) for other communities.

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Insufficient funds

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> More funds

2.2 Questions on specific Appendix I aquatic mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I aquatic mammals species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Megaptera novaeangliae*

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Constantine et al. 2013. Remote antarctic feeding ground important for east Australian humpback whales.
Constantine et al. 2012. Abundance of humpback whales in Oceania using photo-identification and microsatellite genotyping.
Garland et al. 2013. Humpback whale song on the Southern Ocean feeding grounds: implications for cultural transmission.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

> Project title: Increasing the survey efforts to monitor trends of humpback whales migrating through Samoa's waters

Project title: Improving our understanding on the distribution and monitoring trends of humpback whales migrating through Samoa

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such

action being taken?

> n/a

3. REPTILES

3.1 General questions on Appendix I reptiles

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I reptiles species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Marine Wildlife Protection Regulations 2009

Fisheries Regulation 1996

Trade in Endangered Species Bill 2013

1a. If the taking of Appendix I reptiles species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Include the date on which the exception was notified to the CMS Secretariat pursuant to CMS Article III(7)):

> n/a

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I reptiles species:

By-catch

Other

> Illegal take of marine turtles for consumption

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Awareness and education

Tag and release of captured turtles

Enforcement of existing legislations

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Improved reporting of captured turtles so as the response through the tag and release of these turtles.

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Funding to conduct surveys eg, in-water survey around resting and feeding sites and the establishment of a community-based turtle monitoring program and protected area

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I reptiles species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Collection of eggs

Destruction of nesting beaches

Other

> erosion of nesting beaches

illegal take of turtles for consumption

use of turtle shells for handicraft

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger reptiles species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> Awareness and education in the communities

Enforcement of regulations

Monitoring

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Improved reporting of turtle nesting

Improved reporting of turtles caught in fishing nets

Improved turtles tagged and released back into the wild

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Insufficient funds

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> More funds needed for monitoring in the nesting beaches and awareness countrywide

3.2 Questions on specific Appendix I reptiles

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I reptiles species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Chelonia mydas*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Identification and establishment of protected areas

> existing MPAs protect turtles

Monitoring

Education/awareness rising

> conducted in public, schools and local communities

Species protection

> developed and implemented species-specific local regulations

Control hunting / poaching

> village rules enforced to ban hunting

Habitat protection

Habitat restoration

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> n/a

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Continue with activities in 3 above

Species name: *Eretmochelys imbricata*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Identification and establishment of protected areas

> important nesting beaches are included in the MPA programs

Monitoring

> Monitoring on nesting beaches during the nesting season

Education/awareness rising

> Awareness on the status of turtles been conducted for communities and schools

Species protection

> 1. legislations exist which protects all marine turtle species from being harvested, injured and caught

2. turtles caught in by-catch alive are to be released according to the tuna management and development plan

3. no turtle is to be exported and commercially traded under the Trade in Endangered Species Bill 2013

Control hunting / poaching

> MPA have village by-laws that prohibits that hunting of turtles in their marine environment

Habitat protection

> Main nesting beaches around Aleipata are included in the MPAs and therefore turtles are not allowed to be

harvested.

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> n/a

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Depending on availability of funds, monitoring of new nesting beaches will be conducted to determine the number of hawksbill turtles nesting. It is also envisaged that other important nesting beaches for hawksbill turtles will involve the communities in the monitoring program.

6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I?

(according to the latest IUCN red data list). N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

III. Appendix II Species

1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Date of last report:

> September 2007

Period covered:

> 2006-2007

2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> n/a

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Background information regarding the agreement or memorandum of understanding, main objectives, potential benefit and opportunities and potential costs.

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> n/a

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Funding, background information with regards to the new agreement or memorandum of understanding, main objectives, potential benefits and opportunities, potential cost.

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> n/a

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

3. If your country has initiated or is participating in the development of a new Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding, what assistance, if any, does your country require in order to initiate or participate in the instrument's development?

> Funding, background information, main objectives, potential benefits and opportunities and potential cost.

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> Samoa would like to propose and support the need to also develop an MoU for the conservation of marine turtles and their nesting areas in the Pacific Island Region.

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> n/a

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

If Yes, what is the current state of development?

> n/a

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

4.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation?

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

IV. National and Regional Priorities

1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues

High

2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

Yes

2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of the habitats of migratory species, including protected areas

Actions to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger migratory species (e.g. alien invasive species or by-catch)

Research and monitoring of migratory species

Transboundary co-operation

3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

Yes

3.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> SPREP Regional Marine Species Action Plan

National Biodiversity Strategy Action plan

3a. Do these policies/plans cover the following areas?

Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> .

Economic development

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> .

Pollution control

Yes

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

Development of ecological networks

Yes

Other

Yes

V. Protected Areas

1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> The Aleipata and Safata Marine Protected Areas protect the nesting hawksbill turtles and the nesting beaches, as well as some of the resting areas for whales and dolphins.

1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

> Aleipata MPA for marine turtles

1b. Do these protected areas cover the following areas?

Terrestrial

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> The Aleipata islands (Nuutele, Namua, Nuulua and Fanuatapu) are protected under the Aleipata MPA program

Marine

Yes

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Improved conservation and protection of nesting hawksbill turtles and their nesting beaches

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If yes what is the state of those projects

completed

Please provide details

> satellite tags were placed on turtles during the SPREP Year of the Turtle 2006

2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):

> There are plans to satellite tag nesting hawksbill turtles as well as the green turtles, however, this depends on the availability of funds.

If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:

> n/a

VII. Membership

1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-Parties that have been identified by the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)

> n/a

VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Awareness on Conventions are done during the National events such as the International Biodiversity Day and Environment week

2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Increase awareness of the general public on CMS and other Conventions

IX. Mobilization of Resources

1. Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> marine turtles and whales and dolphins

2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> n/a

4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> n/a

5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> whales and dolphins

6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> marine turtles and whales and dolphins

X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

Other remarks:

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Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. Parties which did not submit a National Report in 2014 are requested to complete the entire form. Parties that did submit a report in 2014 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP11).

2. All species of each of the Families below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for any of the species in these Families, please indicate whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published distribution references.

Order CHARADRIIFORMES, Family CHARADRIIDAE

Pluvialis fulva

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order CHARADRIIFORMES, Family SCOLOPACIDAE

Arenaria interpres

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris alba

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Limosa lapponica

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Numenius madagascariensis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Numenius phaeopus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Numenius tahitiensis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Tringa incana

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order TESTUDINATA, Family CHELONIIDAE

Eretmochelys imbricata

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order TESTUDINATA, Family DERMOCHELYIDAE

Dermochelys coriacea

Choose the one that applies.

Range State