

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

- Listing criteria-



CMS conserves

- **“Migratory species”** = a significant proportion of a population must “cyclically and predictably” cross one or more jurisdictional boundaries;
 - **“Cyclically”** = relates to “a cycle of any nature, such as astronomical, life or climatic, and of any frequency;
 - **“Predictably”** = “implies that a phenomenon can be anticipated to recur in a given set of circumstances, though not necessarily regularly in time”;

Appendix I

- **“Endangered”** species = species “facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future”
 - Based on reliable evidence, including the best scientific evidence available
 - Species listed on the IUCN Red List as ‘Extinct in the wild’, ‘Critically endangered’, or ‘Endangered’
 - Species listed on the IUCN Red List as ‘Vulnerable’ or ‘Near threatened’ would not normally be considered for Appendix I, unless there is substantive information that provide evidence of deteriorating conservation status and information about the benefits that an Appendix I listing would bring.

Appendix I

- Parties **shall endeavor** to:
 - conserve and restore habitat
 - enable migration
 - prevent factors that are endangering or likely further endanger the species
- Parties **shall prohibit** the taking of animals, unless it is for
 - scientific purpose
 - enhancing survival
 - accommodate needs of traditional subsistence users
 - extraordinary circumstances

Appendix II

- **Either:** “Species which have an unfavourable conservation status and which require international agreements for their conservation and management”
- **Or:** “Species which have a conservation status which would significantly benefit from the international cooperation”
 - Species listed on the IUCN Red List as ‘Extinct in the wild’, ‘Critically endangered’, ‘Endangered’, ‘Vulnerable’ or ‘Near Threatened’
 - Specific conservation and management measures are concluded within agreements or memoranda of understanding

Added value of CMS

- Protects and conserves species AND their habitats (migration routes)
- Provides platform for information exchange and best practices
- Can support standardization of assessments and data collection
- Support with development of Action Plans
- Can support monitoring of implementation
- Facilitates transboundary cooperation
- Can assist resource mobilization