



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RESOLUTION 6.7*

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Sixth Meeting (Cape Town, 10-16 November 1999)

Noting that Article VIII of the Convention describes the position and tasks of the Scientific Council and that it shall, *inter alia*:

(a) Provide scientific advice to the Conference of the Parties, to the Secretariat, and, if approved by the Conference of the Parties, to any body set up under the Convention or an Agreement or to any Party;

(b) Recommend and coordinate research in order to ascertain the conservation status of migratory species, evaluate the results of such research and report to the Conference of the Parties on the conservation status of species and ways to improve it;

(c) Make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on species to be included in Appendices I and II, and recommendations as to specific conservation and management measures to be included in Agreements on migratory species;

(d) Recommend solutions to the Conference of the Parties to problems relating to the scientific aspects of the implementation of the Convention, in particular with regard to the habitats of migratory species;

Further noting that the Scientific Council was directed to undertake the following additional tasks by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting, held in Nairobi in 1994:

(a) keeping under review the composition of Appendices I and II of the Convention;

(b) advising on measures for the conservation of Appendix I species and their priorities;

(c) advising on the development of existing Agreements and on priorities for development of new Agreements with its mandate; and

(d) advising on selecting and monitoring small-scale pilot projects which will promote the implementation of the Convention;

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Emphasizes* the need to establish close links between the Scientific Council and the network of scientists and experts in equivalent bodies of those conventions with which a memorandum of understanding is in place, namely, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance;

* The original draft of this resolution, considered by the Conference of the Parties, was numbered 6.6.

2. *Recalls* Rule 7 of the rules of procedure approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting (Geneva, 1997) which states that the Chair may invite any person or representative of any Party, non-Party State or organization (including from the advisory bodies to Convention-related Agreements), to participate in meetings of the Council as an observer without the right to vote;

3. *Recognizes* and thanks a number of key organizations for their continued involvement in and technical support of the work of the Convention;

4. *Decides* to formalize the involvement of a number of key bodies and organizations in the deliberations of the Scientific Council;

5. *Invites* the following bodies and organizations to participate as observers in the meetings of the Scientific Council and to consider establishing close working cooperative arrangements on matters of common interest:

- (a) Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- (b) Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance;
- (c) Wetlands International;
- (d) BirdLife International;
- (e) International Whaling Commission;
- (f) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species;
- (g) World Conservation Monitoring Centre;
- (h) IUCN - The World Conservation Union
- (i) World Wide Fund for Nature; and
- (j) Commission on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

6. *Determines* that the expenses for the attendance of the Chairman of the Scientific Council at meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel, cited in paragraph 5(a) and (b) above, shall be met from the Convention budget (when they cannot be met by his or her own country), provided the cost of participation does not exceed US\$1,000;

7. *Notes* that Article VIII of the Convention provides for the appointment by the Conference of the Parties of suitably qualified experts; and

8. *Further* decides to appoint for the 2001-2002 biennium the following six experts, with a view to providing expertise in specific areas:

- Dr. Colin Limpus (Australia) - marine turtles;
- Dr. Michael Moser (United Kingdom) - waterbirds/wetlands;
- Dr. William Perrin (United States) cetaceans and fishes;

- Dr. Pierre Pfeffer (France) - large terrestrial mammals;
- Dr. Roberto Schlatter (Chile) - neotropical fauna.
- A Conference appointed Councillor for Asiatic fauna, whose selection shall be confirmed by the Standing Committee at its next meeting, following the Secretariat's invitation to Parties to nominate appropriate candidates.