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FOLLOW-UP TO COP8 DECISIONS: DEVELOPMENT OF MIGRATORY SPECIES INDICATORS (Res. 8.7)

1. Development of migratory species indicators was recognized by COP8 as an appropriate step towards an assessment of the contribution of the Convention in the achievement of the 2010 target. In this regard, COP8 requested the Secretariat to continue to liaise with the CBD Secretariat and the other Biodiversity-related conventions and relevant institutions with a view to adopting suitable indicators to measure the achievement of the 2010 target and, in collaboration with the Scientific Council, to develop a Migratory Species Index within the context of Living Planet Index.
2. In pursuance of this mandate, the CMS Secretariat joined in early 2006 a 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (2010 BIP). The Partnership is an initiative bringing together over 40 organisations and agencies working on 2010 biodiversity indicators in support of the 2010 target. It is coordinated by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC).
3. The BIP aims at supporting the regular delivery of the 2010 indicators at the global level in a way that is useful for policy intervention and communicating degree of success in achieving the 2010 target. It is expected to establish links between global and regional biodiversity indicator development, and relate this work to other targets and indicators used in the various multilateral environmental agreements such as CMS, and other international initiatives such as the Millennium Development Goals. Detailed information on the BIP is available from the BIP website: <http://www.twentyten.net/partnership.htm>
4. The representative of the Secretariat participated in the 2nd 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership Meeting, which was held in Cambridge, 7-8 February 2006. The meeting allowed to finalize a proposal for a GEF Full-Sized 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership project, submitted to GEF in March 2006. The Secretariat has subsequently been informed by the project coordinator that the proposal has been successful. Funds allocated by the GEF to the 2010BIP amount to over \$3.6 million, and cover activities from late 2006 to late 2009, including establishing and maintenance of the Partnership, developing and delivering the range of indicators showing progress towards the 2010 target at a global scale (including a few already recognized as of particular interest to CMS, notably the Living Planet Index (LPI) and the Red List Indices (RLIs)), implementing a communications strategy, and increasing the capacity of national governments and regional organizations to develop and use biodiversity indicators in the context of the 2010 target. While the

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confirmation of GEF funding represents a very significant step forward, the project counts on the capacity of partners to raise a quite significant amount of resources to match GEF core funding. In this regard, the Secretariat is engaged in identifying matching resources in support of the activities of more direct interest to CMS within the project.

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