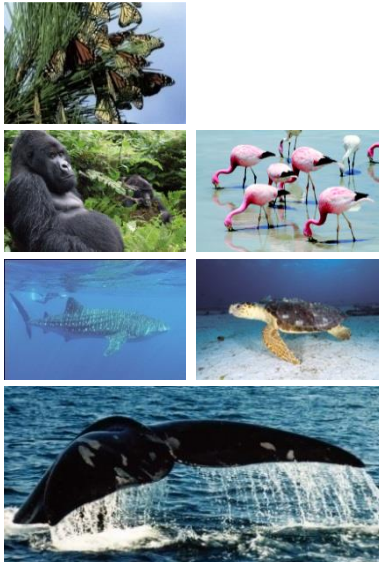


# OPTIONS FOR AN INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR AEMLAP



# POSSIBLE OPTIONS

Remain as a stand alone Action Plan (status quo)

Develop a Landbirds Agreement

Develop a Landbirds MoU

Extend an existing instrument (AEWA, Raptors MoU, Aquatic warbler MoU)

Develop a Landbirds Initiative (like the Central Asian Mammals Initiative, CAMI)



# What is an Initiative?

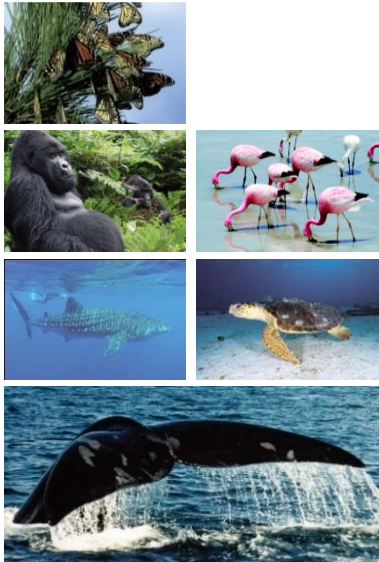
## Res 11.24 on CAMI

Recalling the decisions under the Future Shape process urging Parties to “identify opportunities for cooperation and coordination at the local and regional level through the creation of synergies based on geography”, and “to seek opportunities to develop synergistic relationships either based on geography or species clustering“, such as with the development of a common conservation programme



# Res 11.24 on CAMI

Endorses the concept of the *Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI)* as an innovative and integrative approach building on a regional programme of work, that identifies synergies based on common or shared work programmes, geography, species and interests in line with Future Shape decisions, to enhance cooperation and coordination at the local, regional and international level, to minimize institutional overlap and to improve efficient implementation of CMS and its instruments on large mammals in the region



## Criteria for Assessing Proposals for new instruments (Res 11.12)

- (i) Conservation priority
- (ii) Serving a specific COP mandate
- (iii) Clear and specific defined purpose
- (iv) Absence of better remedies outside the CMS system
- (v) Absence of better remedies inside the CMS system
- (vi) If a CMS instrument is best, extending an existing one is not feasible
- (vii) Prospects for funding



## Criteria for Assessing Proposals for new instruments (Res 11.12)

- (viii) Synergies and cost-effectiveness
- (ix) Prospects for leadership in developing the instrument
- (x) Prospects for coordination of the instrument's implementation
- (xi) Feasibility in other respects
- (xii) Likelihood of success
- (xiii) Magnitude of likely impact
- (xiv) Provision for monitoring and evaluation



# ACTION PLAN FOR MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS IN THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN REGION (Resolution 11.17)

“9. Further instructs the Secretariat, subject to the availability of funds, to organize in the intersessional period between COP11 and COP12 a consultation meeting of Range States to agree on whether the Action Plan should remain as a stand-alone document or whether a new CMS instrument should be developed or an existing CMS instrument should be used as institutional framework.”



# The way forward?

- ❖ Under the current economic and political circumstances, it is difficult to take into consideration the development of a new CMS instrument
- ❖ An Action Plan that is actively being implemented and monitored is probably the more advisable option at this stage, without closing the door to other possible options in the future

