



Sustainable use for conservation – How CMS can provide a complementary tool to CITES

*Thursday, 29 September 2016
12-13.15 hrs, Exhibition 2C*

The session will address aspects of sustainable use of migratory species, focusing on Argali sheep and trophy hunting as a potential conservation tool. The speakers will share their experiences in terms of population management and import regulations. In this respect, CMS can provide legal instruments and guidelines for necessary conservation measures not (sufficiently) addressed by CITES, such as ensuring benefits for local communities and sustainable livelihoods, while avoiding negative impacts on the species and its habitat. In the future, CMS and CITES complementarity should be strengthened in order to ensure sustainability of wildlife trade.

Presentations by:

1. Convention on Migratory Species (CMS): How CMS Instruments provide a governance framework for sustainable use and how this relates to implementation of CITES;
2. Tajikistan Delegation: Management of Argali sheep in Tajikistan;
3. Panthera: Well-managed trophy hunting can conserve Argali sheep and its predator, the Snow Leopard;
4. United States of America Delegation: How the permitting program for imported trophies can contribute to sustainable use.