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15. Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023

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Main objectives of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-23 (SPMS)

- Overarching framework for all efforts to conserve migratory species;
- Identify and demonstrate the relevance of Aichi Targets for migratory species, and vice versa;
- Provide overall targets for migratory species while allowing further tailoring to specific CMS instruments through sub-targets.



Strategic goals and targets



- Goals (5)
- Targets (16) → Aichi
- Indicators



Goals

- 1) Address the underlying cause of decline of migratory species by mainstreaming relevant conservation and sustainable use priorities across government and society
- 2) Reduce the direct pressures on migratory species and their habitats
- 3) Improve the conservation status of migratory species and the ecological connectivity and resilience of their habitats
4. Enhance the benefits to all from the favourable conservation status of migratory species
5. Enhance implementation through participatory planning, knowledge management and capacity building



Goal 4: Enhance the benefits to all from the favourable conservation status of migratory species

- **Target 11:** Migratory species and their habitats which provide important ecosystem services are maintained at or restored to favourable conservation status, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable
- **Target 12:** The genetic diversity of wild populations of migratory species is safeguarded, and strategies have been developed and implemented for minimizing genetic erosion.



Annex A. Correspondence between SPMS and Aichi Targets

SPMS	Aichi Targets
Target 11	<p>Aichi Target 14: By 2020, ecosystems that provide essential services, including services related to water, and contribute to health, livelihoods and well-being, are restored and safeguarded, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities, and the poor and vulnerable.</p> <p>Aichi Target 15: By 2020, ecosystem resilience and the contribution of biodiversity to carbon stocks has been enhanced, through conservation and restoration, thereby contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to combating desertification.</p>
Target 12	Aichi Target 13: By 2020, the genetic diversity of cultivated plants and farmed and domesticated animals and of wild relatives, is maintained, and strategies have been developed and implemented for minimizing genetic erosion and safeguarding their genetic diversity.
Target 13	Aichi Target 17: By 2015 each Party has developed, adopted as a policy instrument, and has commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan



CMS COP Res. 11.2



- **Adopted the SPMS 2015-2023** provides a broad framework **and strategic guidance** for policy and political terms for the CMS priorities across the entire CMS Family.
- Requested for **additional inter-sessional work**, including on:
 - a) indicators for the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, and
 - b) a Companion Volume on Implementation for the Strategic Plan, based on available tools
- Extended the **mandate of the Strategic Plan Working Group (SPWG)** to address these points during the triennium 2015-2017
- Requested the Secretariat to **consider amendments to the format for National Reports (Doc. 19.2)** to assess implementation of the Strategic Plan



Companion Volume for SPMS

- ✓ provided as online tool <http://www.cms.int/en/strategic-plan/companion-volume>
- ✓ Matrix-like framework - collecting implementation tools and instruments available in the CMS Family
- ✓ CMS Instruments and tools presented according to the 16 Targets and the key functions (capacity building, monitoring, partnerships, awareness raising, etc),
- ✓ need for regular updating and additions
- ✓ by its nature a “work in progress”
- ✓ as much as possible in three languages where an official language version exists
- ✓ supports coherent implementation of CMS objectives across the Family

Approach and draft content was submitted to public consultation from April-June 2017

COP12 is invited to endorse the approach taken to its development, as well as its further development and maintenance, as an evolving on-line resource on the CMS website.



Companion Volume for SPMS

16 targets of the SPMS

- A Outreach, promotion and uptake of the Plan**
- B The delivery framework**
- C Key partnerships and other supporting delivery frameworks**
- D Capacity development**
- E Resourcing for biodiversity**
- F Monitoring and evaluation**
- G Reporting on and review of progress**

	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	T10	T11	T12	T13	T14	T15	T16
A	T1A	T2A	T3A	T4A	T5A	T6A	T7A	T8A	T9A	T10A	T11A	T12A	T13A	T14A	T15A	T16A
B	T1B	T2B	T3B	T4B	T5B	T6B	T7B	T8B	T9B	T10B	T11B	T12B	T13B	T14B	T15B	T16B
C	T1C	T2C	T3C	T4C	T5C	T6C	T7C	T8C	T9C	T10C	T11C	T12C	T13C	T14C	T15C	T16C
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G	T1G	T2G	T3G	T4G	T5G	T6G	T7G	T8G	T9G	T10G	T11G	T12G	T13G	T14G	T15G	T16G



Target 3

National, regional and international governance arrangements and agreements affecting migratory species and their migration systems have improved significantly, making relevant policy, legislative and implementation processes more coherent, accountable, transparent, participatory, equitable and inclusive.

Expected result

It is first assumed here that “governance arrangements and agreements affecting migratory species and their migration systems” can be readily identified and listed at national, regional and international levels. Responsibility for doing that will divide between authorities at each of these levels.

Arrangements and agreements specifically directed at the conservation (or management, or exploitation) of migratory species and their migration systems will obviously be relevant; but so too will be any other arrangements or agreements, perhaps directed at a different sector altogether, which nevertheless directly or indirectly “affect” migratory species or their migration systems.

Arrangements or agreements relating specifically to development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes (including on livelihoods) should however not be considered here because they are covered separately by Target 2. Arrangements or agreements relating specifically to National Biodiversity Strategies and

A - Outreach, promotion and uptake of the Plan

- CMS Communication Strategy (under development)

B - The delivery framework

- Resolution 11.13 Concerted and Cooperative Actions
- The Memorandum of Understanding for the conservation of cetaceans and their habitats in the Pacific Islands Region: Whale and Dolphin Action Plan 2013-2017
- Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks; Conservation Plan



D - Capacity development

The CMS Family, Parties and other stakeholders need to address capacity building needs to achieve implementation of the SPMS. Several tools were developed within the CMS Family to support this, in particular the CMS Capacity Building Strategy and the Manual for the National Focal Points for CMS and its Instruments - a capacity building tool to guide the national focal points of CMS and its instruments on their roles and responsibilities, helping them to make a more effective contribution to implementation. Furthermore, a number of resolutions and tools developed and adopted within the CMS Family equally contain provisions in support of capacity development on specific points.

Under this functional heading the Companion Volume aims to provide an overview of the instruments available throughout the CMS Family that support capacity development in support of the SPMS implementation.

Target 1

- CMS Capacity Building Strategy 2015-2017
- Programme of Work of the Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI POW)
- Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope (2016-2020) (MTIWP)
- Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of cetaceans and their habitats in the Pacific Island Region: Whale and Dolphin Action Plan 2013-2017
- Memorandum of Understanding concerning the conservation of the Manatee and small cetaceans of Western Africa and Macaronesia: Action Plan for the conservation of small cetaceans of Western Africa and Macaronesia Annex II of MoU
- Memorandum of Understanding concerning conservation measures for marine turtles of the Atlantic coast of Africa: Conservation and Management Plan for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic coast of Africa
- Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs (Dugon dugong) and their Habitats throughout their Range



Monitoring and indicators

- COP11: “develop new or identify existing detailed indicators for the Strategic Plan”, taking into account among others the headline indicators (SPMS Annex B)
- **29 indicators were developed of which 10 are considered priorities. These are submitted for adoption to COP12** and will become part of the “monitoring & evaluation” section of the Companion Volume
 - Accompanied by **Indicator Factsheets** (UNEP/CMS/COP12/Inf.26)
- Data source: relevant existing data collection, monitoring and reporting processes both from within the CMS Family and beyond
 - COP11 requested to consider amendments to the format for National Reports (see **agenda item 19.2**)
 - **Objective:** a net streamlining of the reporting requirements to reduce the burden on Parties and to support the monitoring of the SPMS



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COP is recommended to:

- a) take note of the report of the work done by the Strategic Plan Working Group during the triennium 2015-2017.
- b) adopt the **amendments to Resolution 11.2** contained in Annex 1 in order to:
 - endorse the approach taken for the Companion Volume to be an evolving on-line resource on the CMS website, including its further development and maintenance;
 - adopt the set of indicators as contained in Annex B; and
 - endorse the further development of the Indicator Factsheets as working documents to support the use of the indicators;
- c) adopt the **draft Decisions** contained in Annex 2 of the document.



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