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**OPTIONS FOR A FOLLOW-UP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES 2015-2023**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

Resolution 11.2 adopted the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species for the period 2015-2023.

This document provides background information and makes suggestions for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species after 2023

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Background

1. The Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting (COP11, Quito, 2014) adopted the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS) 2015-2023 (Annex 1 to [Resolution 11.2](#)).
2. The development of a Strategic Plan for the period 2015-2023 was decided by the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP10, Bergen, 2011) through the adoption of [Resolution 10.5](#), which also established a dedicated working group made of Party representatives selected within the CMS regions to draft the Strategic Plan to be submitted to COP11 for consideration and adoption.
3. With a view to lifting migratory species issues to a higher political level in order to support the implementation of the objectives of the CMS and its daughter agreements, the Working Group decided to develop the SPMS based on and aligned to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for the period 2011-2020, including its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as adopted by the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in [Decision X/2](#).
4. The development of the SPMS 2015-2023 also took into account strategic documents of other global biodiversity-related Conventions, other relevant documents that the working group considered appropriate, as well as lessons learned from experience in implementing the previous Strategic Plan 2006-2014, as reported in [UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.15.2](#).
5. In adopting the SPMS, CMS Parties recognized in Resolution 11.2 the need for further enabling activities or instruments concerning implementation and monitoring – essential components of a successful and effective Strategic Plan – and made provisions for additional inter-sessional work to strengthen the suite of materials to support implementation of the SPMS, including:
 - a) indicators for the SPMS, drawing as far as possible from existing work, such as that under the global Biodiversity Indicators Partnership; and
 - b) a Companion Volume on Implementation for the Strategic Plan, based on available tools, to provide guidance on implementation of the Plan.
6. The Parties in the same Resolution decided to extend the mandate of the working group to include the tasks of elaborating the indicators and Companion Volume during the triennium 2015-2017. The mandate was accomplished with the adoption by 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12, Manila, 2017) of a set of indicators for the SPMS and a technical [Companion Volume on Implementation](#).
7. [Resolution 11.2 \(Rev.COP12\)](#) reaffirmed that the implementation of the SPMS should be reviewed by the Conference of the Parties at its 13th and 14th Meetings, in light of the Plan's stated goals, targets and indicators. In relation to this mandate, an interim assessment on progress in the implementation of the SPMS is provided in UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.14.1.

Follow up to the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023

8. With the current Strategic Plan for Biodiversity due to expire by the end of 2020, a process has been launched within CBD for the development of a successor Plan. In its [Decision 14/34](#) the Conference of the Parties to CBD adopted a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The CMS Family is actively participating in this process, with a view to ensuring that migratory species concerns are

adequately reflected in the post-2020 framework. An account of the initiatives undertaken within CMS to contribute to the development of the post-2020 framework is provided in document UNEP/CMS/COP13/Doc.17. The post-2020 framework is expected to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties to CBD at its 15th meeting in October 2020.

9. The current SPMS covering the period up to 2023, any possible follow-up for the period after 2023 should be planned and developed during the intersessional period between COP13 and COP14, with a view to having a proposal for consideration and adoption by COP14.

Discussion and analysis

10. Given the timing of the development of the post-2020 framework, it would be helpful to have an analysis prepared in order to develop a follow-up to the SPMS for the post-2023 period. Such analysis could identify ways in which to align with the new framework, the role of CMS in contributing to its implementation, linkages to other relevant global governance and processes such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and a consideration of approaches adopted by other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements.
11. Draft Decisions being proposed to COP13 can be found in the Annex to this document. They mandate the Secretariat to carry out an analysis of the post-2020 framework once adopted, aimed at assessing its relevance to the mandates of CMS and identifying those aspects of it in which the CMS Family could play a role. They also mandate the Standing Committee to consider the analysis prepared by the Secretariat and possible options for a follow-up to the SPMS, and decide on next steps best suited to deliver the preferred option(s).

Recommended actions

12. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a). take note of this document;
 - b). review and adopt the draft Decisions contained in the Annex to this document.

DRAFT DECISION

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Directed to the Secretariat

13.AA The Secretariat is requested to:

- a) undertake an analysis of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework once adopted, aimed at assessing its relevance for the mandates of CMS and identifying those aspects of it in which the CMS Family could play a role;
- b) compile information on approaches adopted by other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements in considering the implications for them of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
- c) compile information on lessons learned from experience in implementing, monitoring and assessing previous strategic plans and, in particular, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023;
- d) based on the information and analysis from paragraphs a - c above, provide recommendations to the Standing Committee for its consideration.

Directed to the Standing Committee

13.BB The Standing Committee is requested to:

- a) consider the analysis and compilations prepared by Secretariat pursuant to Decisions 13.AA a-c;
- b) consider available options for a follow up to the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 and take a decision on next steps.