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### Summary



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PROMOTING CONSERVATION OF CRITICAL INTERTIDAL AND OTHER COASTAL HABITATS FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES

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- Draft resolution submitted by Government of Philippines
- Proposes:
  - initiation of a "Coastal Wetland Forum"
  - establishment of multi-stakeholder Working
     Group
  - Build a 'Caring for Coasts' initiative to restore coastal wetlands
- Aim: promote protection of remaining intertidal wetlands and other associated wetlands of international importance
- → COP is recommended to consider draft Resolution for adoption









## Background

- Critical importance of intertidal and associated coastal and estuarine habitats for migratory species
- Intertidal habitats are under extreme pressure in many parts of the world (e.g. coastal development, pollution, unsustainable use)
- Difficulties of conservation and sustainable use because areas often straddle borders and fall within jurisdiction of multiple national and local government agencies.













#### Related MEAs and instruments



Convention on Biological Diversity
Ramsar Convention



Wadden Sea Seals Agreement

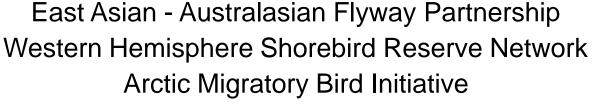




**IOSEA MOU** 

**Dugong MOU** 

**Sharks MOU** 



→ International relevance























#### Related Resolutions and Documents

- Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023
- Resolution 11.25 "Advancing Ecological Networks to Address the Needs of Migratory Species"
- Resolution 11.14 "Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways"











#### Actions

- Initiate a Coastal Wetland Forum (Secretariat & Scientific Council)
- Protected Areas (Parties)
- II. Solutions to loss of intertidal flats (Parties)
- III. Public awareness (Parties)
- IV. Reporting (Parties)



















#### Conclusion

The draft Resolution promotes the conservation of critical intertidal and other coastal habitats for migratory species by asking the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to initiate a Global Wetland Forum and a multi-stakeholder Working Group that then establishes a "Caring for Coasts" initiative. The Parties shall participate in the conservation of these habitats by

- identifying and reviewing protected areas
- halting the loss of critical intertidal areas
- ensuring maintenance and restoration of critical intertidal areas
- raising public awareness
- reporting









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