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**REVIEW OF ARTICLE IV AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED  
OR UNDER DEVELOPMENT**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat)*

1. Article VII, paragraph 5(b), of the Convention requires the Conference of the Parties to review at each of its meetings progress made towards the conservation of migratory species, especially those listed in Appendix I and II. In accordance with Article IX, paragraph 4(h), of the Convention and Resolution 3.5 (Geneva, September 1991), the Secretariat is submitting two reports summarizing measures carried out under Article IV of the Convention to develop and conclude Agreements.

2. Since the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties, significant progress has been made in the adoption of new Agreements and the implementation of existing ones. The first report (document UNEP/CMS/Conf.7.9.1) reviews Article IV agreements already concluded. Short summaries of the progress made to date have been provided by the various secretariats or interim secretariats. Expanded reports for the following Agreements are also presented, unedited and in the language that they were submitted, in a series of information documents available to the meeting:

- Agreement on the Conservation of Seals in the Wadden Sea (UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.17.1);
- Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas (ASCOBANS) (UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.17.2); and
- Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS) (UNEP/CMS/Inf. 7.17.3).

3. Document UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.9.1 also summarises activities regarding various Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) concluded under CMS and serviced by the CMS Secretariat. These are:

- Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Siberian Crane;
- Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Slender-billed Curlew;
- Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard;
- Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic Coast of Africa;
- Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia ; and

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- Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Conservation and Restoration of the Bukhara Deer.

Action requested:

With regard to Article IV Agreements already concluded, the Conference of the Parties may wish *inter alia* to:

- express its satisfaction with the achievements made to conclude and implement CMS Agreements;
- encourage the examination and further use of CMS Agreements by all relevant stakeholders;
- encourage the Secretariat to further explore partnerships with interested organisations for the provision of secretariat services for selected MoU; and
- call upon all Range States of CMS Agreements that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to Agreements and/or sign relevant MoUs and to contribute to their implementation.

4. The second report prepared by the Secretariat (document UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.9.2) provides information on the state of development of future Agreements, namely those concerning birds, fish, marine turtles, marine mammals and terrestrial mammals, including bats.

Action requested:

For ease of reference, the action points identified in document UNEP/CMS/Conf. 7.9.2 for the Conference of the Parties' consideration are also reproduced below:

Houbara Bustard

The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider the progress made since COP6 on the development of an Agreement/Action Plan for the Houbara bustard, and to provide appropriate advice to the principals involved, with a view to having this instrument finalised as soon as possible.

Aquatic Warbler

The Conference of the Parties is invited to acknowledge the work of BirdLife International to prepare a memorandum of understanding on the Aquatic warbler in close cooperation with the Secretariat, as well as the results already achieved; to endorse preparations for a Range State meeting before the end of 2002; and to express agreement with the intentions of the Secretariat to continue cooperation with BirdLife, including providing financial support for the development of an action plan and the holding of the negotiating meeting.

Sand Grouse

South Africa is invited to provide an update on its progress and future intentions with respect to the pending memorandum of understanding on the Sand grouse. The Conference of the Parties is invited to welcome the South African initiative and to consider any requests that might be forthcoming for resources needed to conclude and effectively implement the instrument.

Sturgeons

The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the activities to date on sturgeons; to urge the resumption of cooperative activities among the lead country, IUCN, the CMS Secretariat and the CITES Secretariat, as appropriate; and to invite the CITES Conference of the Parties to encourage closer collaboration between the CMS and CITES Secretariats with respect to sturgeon conservation in view of the strategic priorities of the two complementary conventions.

Marine Turtles

The Conference of the Parties is invited to endorse the proposal of the Secretariat to explore, by the most appropriate means, the possible development of an instrument for Marine turtles in the Pacific

Ocean, within the context of the CMS Strategic Plan and the existing CMS Indian Ocean -South-East Asian Marine turtle MoU, and to allocate sufficient resources for this purpose.

#### Small cetaceans and manatees in tropical West Africa

The Conference of the Parties is invited to express its support for the continuation of the initiative to develop an appropriate instrument for marine mammals along the West African coast, by allocating sufficient funds for a lead country and consultant to finalise the instrument in consultation with the Range States concerned.

#### Small cetaceans in South-East Asia

The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider its support for the development of an appropriate instrument in the region and, if the signals from Range States are positive, to allocate sufficient funds for this purpose.

#### Cetaceans in the Indian Ocean

The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider this NGO-facilitated initiative in the context of the CMS Strategic Plan and to instruct the Secretariat on the possible further exploration of this initiative as appropriate.

#### Sahelo-Saharan Antelopes

The Conference of the Parties is invited to acknowledge the progress made to date; to endorse the role of the CMS Secretariat as the fund manager and administrator for the FFEM project; and to support the work of the Secretariat and the Sahelo-Saharan Antelope Working Group to develop an Agreement as requested by the Djerba Workshop.

#### Saiga Antelope

The Conference of the Parties is invited to acknowledge the progress made to date; to encourage the early conclusion and opening for signature of the MoU by the Range States; and to request the CITES Conference of the Parties to acknowledge and endorse further cooperation between the CMS and CITES Secretariats.

#### Mongolian Gazelle

The Conference of the Parties is invited to endorse the intentions of the Secretariat with regard to the proposed work programme to develop an MoU for the Mongolian gazelle, and to provide sufficient funding for this purpose.

#### African Elephant

The Conference of the Parties is invited to review Recommendation 6.5 (Cape Town, 1999) and to provide guidance to the Secretariat, the Scientific Council and its working group on elephants on how to proceed with the cooperative action.

#### Bats

The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of the study on the feasibility of developing additional CMS Agreements on bats, to consider the Scientific Council's recommendations, and to instruct the Secretariat accordingly.