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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

NOMINATIONS FOR THE WORKSHOP "TOWARDS A CMS PROGRAMME OF WORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE" 9-11 April 2014 Host Country: Costa Rica (precise venue to be determined)

The Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) is pleased to inform you that a workshop "Towards a CMS Programme of Work on Climate Change will be held in Costa Rica, from 9 to 11 April 2014 (tentative dates). This workshop is being convened by the COP Appointed Councillor for Climate Change, Mr. Colin Galbraith in collaboration with the CMS Secretariat and Costa Rica's Ministry of Environment, Energy and Telecommunications (MINAET), and with the generous financial support of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany and Monaco. The workshop will be held in English.

The purpose of the workshop, pursuant to Resolution 10.19 of the Conference of the Parties, is to prepare a CMS Programme of Work on climate change and migratory species. The workshop will make provisions for participants to discuss views, and share experiences and best practices, with regards to the impact of climate change on migratory species. It will also assist Parties in developing national guidelines on measures needed to assist migratory species to adapt to climate change.

Results of the workshop will be brought to the attention of the Scientific Council and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as to the relevant bodies of other relevant institutions including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

To ensure that workshop objectives can be achieved, National Focal Points are invited to nominate an expert to participate in this workshop. The expert should be involved in national-level implementation of the CMS and, in particular, be dealing with climate change-related aspects. The expert should also be in a position to prepare and present a single brief report on national experiences and views on the impacts of climate change on migratory species and how they are/could be addressed.

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Available resources for this meeting are limited and only a small number of delegates will be sponsored. The selection of sponsored participants will be made on criteria for the eligibility for sponsorship for CMS meetings (Resolution 10.1, Annex III), relevant expertise and language skills, and geographic and gender balance.

National Focal Points are invited to send the names and coordinates of their nominee, together with a brief outline of the expert's area of expertise, at their earliest convenience, but no later than 1 March 2014, scanned and attached to an email addressed to Marie Mévellec (mmevellec@cms.int).