



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES) AND CMS

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Recognizing the need for regular and thematic assessments of the status of biodiversity to provide decision-makers with the necessary information basis for adaptive management and to promote the necessary political will for action addressing biodiversity loss in general and the loss of migratory species in particular;

Further recognizing the need to strengthen and improve the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for human well-being through the establishment of a science-policy platform;

Acknowledging the outcomes of the Paris Conference on Biodiversity, Science and Governance held in Paris, France in January 2005, highlighting that there is a need for an objective source of information on the status of biodiversity and its impact on ecosystem services and human well-being;

Welcoming the outcome of the third *ad hoc* intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting held in Busan, Republic of Korea in June 2010, and *recalling* the following recommendations:

- a. that an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services should be established that should be scientifically independent, should ensure credibility, relevance and legitimacy, and perform regular and timely assessments on knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services and their linkages;
- b. that the IPBES Plenary as a decision-making body should be open to participants of all member states of the UN, and regional economic integration organizations as well as for intergovernmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders as observers;
- c. that the IPBES should collaborate with existing initiatives on biodiversity and ecosystem services, including multilateral environmental agreements;

Recalling that the Standing Committee was briefed on progress on the establishment of the IPBES process by the Secretariat through document CMS/StC37/Inf.7 at its 37th meeting held in Bonn, Germany in November 2010;

Recalling the outcome of the 4th meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB) held in Gland, Switzerland in February 2011, where support was expressed for CSAB representation on the IPBES Advisory Panel;

Taking note of decision GC.26/6 of the 26th UNEP Governing Council Meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2011, endorsing the “Busan Outcome” and, based on resolution GA 65/162 of the United Nations General Assembly, requesting UNEP to convene a plenary meeting to determine modalities and institutional arrangements for IPBES in 2011;

Recalling the functions of the Scientific Council as set out in Article VIII of the Convention and as further elaborated in its rules of procedure, which include the provision of scientific advice to the Conference of the Parties, to the Secretariat, and, if approved by the Conference of the Parties, to any body set up under this Convention or an Agreement or to any Party and that its functions are supplemented from time to time by instructions included in resolutions or recommendations adopted by the Conference of the Parties;

Noting that the biodiversity-related conventions have an important role in setting the global agenda on biodiversity and ecosystem services and that the scientific processes informing policy under each of the conventions may provide useful inputs to the work of IPBES;

Noting also that the work of IPBES at the sub-global level can and should support the implementation of the conventions at the regional and sub-regional levels, strengthening the science-policy interface at these levels;

Taking note of the outcome of the 1st Plenary Meeting which took place in Nairobi, Kenya in October 2011 to determine the modalities and institutional arrangements for the Platform, and of the need to contribute to the development of the IPBES work programme;

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Urges* CMS Focal Points and Scientific Councillors to communicate and liaise regularly with the national representatives in the IPBES to ensure that the needs for research and policy guidance related to migratory species, especially those listed under CMS, are being adequately addressed by IPBES;
2. *Invites* IPBES to address science-policy linkages and the need for assessments, policy support, capacity building and knowledge generation relating to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species of wild animals;
3. *Encourages* Parties and relevant organizations to make available funds to support the four functions of IPBES, namely assessments, policy support, capacity building and knowledge generation aimed at improving the science-policy interface related to the conservation of migratory species;

4. *Requests* the Scientific Council, subject to available funds, to undertake a review of needs and opportunities for improving the interface between science and policy in relation to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species. This should include the use of scientific assessments, and consider the potential role of migratory species as indicators of wider ecological change and the results should be communicated to IPBES;
5. *Requests* the Scientific Council to report on the above-mentioned review to the Standing Committee and to the Conference of the Parties at its 11th meeting;
6. *Further requests* the Scientific Council to participate in relevant processes of IPBES, in collaboration with the scientific advisory bodies of other MEAs as appropriate;
7. *Instructs* the Secretariat to maintain cooperative working relationships with IPBES, to participate as appropriate in meetings of the Platform and to report on progress to the Standing Committee, resources permitting.