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COMMUNITIES AND LIVELIHOODS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document reports on the implementation of Decision 14.200 and proposes follow up activities to implement the ten Guiding Principles and the recommendations from the study, *Potential for Community-based Wildlife Management in Central Asia*.

Implementation of the Decision would support the achievement of Target 1.3, Target 2.3, Target 3.1, Target 4.2, Target 5.1 and Target 6.1 of the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032.

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Background

1. At its 14th meeting, the Conference of the Parties (COP14) adopted [Resolution 14.17 on Community Participation and Livelihoods](#), including ten Guiding Principles, which aim to support community-led conservation efforts for migratory species along their pathways. COP14 also adopted Decision 14.200 requesting the Secretariat to:
 - a) *publish the case studies contained in Section 10 of UNEP/CMS/COP14/Inf.30.2.3 on the CMS website; and*
 - b) *report to the Standing Committee at its 56th or 57th meeting on the progress in implementing this Decision.*

2. As part of its mandate under Decision 14.170 *Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI)*, the Secretariat published the study, [Potential for Community-based Wildlife Management in Central Asia](#), also contained in Information Document Inf.27.3. This study sets out the history of and further recommendations for community-based conservation approaches for Saiga Antelope, Argali Sheep, Snow Leopard and Bukhara Deer.

Activities of the Secretariat (Decision 14.200)

3. In accordance with the above Decision, the Secretariat created a new webpage, accessible through a new 'Topics' tab – [Community Participation & Livelihoods | CMS](#) – to give more visibility to the ten Guiding Principles of community engagement, as well as the case studies contained in Section 10 of UNEP/CMS/COP14/Inf.30.2.3. It reported to the Standing Committee on this action through [UNEP/CMS/StC56/Doc.22](#).



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4. It should be noted that case study 65 on Dugong (*Dugong dugon*) in the China Guangxi Hepu Dugong National Nature Reserve was removed from the list, as it was not possible to verify the project.

Discussion and analysis

5. With the Guiding Principles and the study on community-based approaches for CAMI species, a solid theoretical foundation has been established to advance the conservation of CMS-listed species through community engagement. It is thus proposed that, in close cooperation with partners on the ground, Parties and communities are supported in turning the theory into practice. The Decision proposed in the Annex to this document aims at facilitating this.

Recommended actions

6. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) adopt the draft Decision contained in the Annex of this document;
 - b) delete Decision 14.200.

DRAFT DECISION

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Directed to the Secretariat

15.AA The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external resources, work with partners to support Parties with the implementation of the ten Guiding Principles annexed to Resolution 14.17 on *Community Participation and Livelihoods* and the recommendations from the study, *Potential for Community-based Wildlife Management in Central Asia*, and, in particular:

- a) develop joint funding proposals;
- b) organize exchange visits for decision makers to successful community-based conservation initiatives; and
- c) organize capacity-building workshops to support decision makers in setting up community-based initiatives to successfully conserve and manage migratory species.