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**CMS CONTRIBUTION TO THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY
FRAMEWORK**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

This document reports on progress to implement Decision 14.7 *CMS Engagement in CBD Processes Including the Global Biodiversity Framework*. The document proposes new draft Decisions and the deletion of Decisions 14.6-7.

The attached draft Decisions, which promote the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, would support the achievement of all targets of the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024–2032.

CMS CONTRIBUTION TO THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Background

1. The Conference of the Parties, at its 14th meeting (COP14, 2024), adopted Decisions 14.6 and 14.7 *CMS Engagement in CBD Processes Including the Global Biodiversity Framework*. The latter mandated the CMS Secretariat to enhance cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and contribute to the implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).

14.6 Directed to Parties:

Parties are requested to:

- a) *ensure that migratory species' needs and considerations are integrated in the revision and update of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and national targets in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework including relevant national action plans and in bilateral and regional cooperation as part of their Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework implementation; and*
- b) *consider engaging in the Bern Process, facilitated by UNEP, to contribute to effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and consider its relevant outcomes.*

14.7 Directed to the Secretariat:

The Secretariat is requested, subject to the availability of external resources, to:

- a) *contribute to supporting the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;*
 - b) *continue actively engaging in the Bern Process, facilitated by UNEP, to contribute to effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;*
 - c) *support the CMS Family Working Group on the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;*
 - d) *consider how to support and apply the monitoring framework agreed under the CBD for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in measuring progress towards the goals and targets of the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032, including promoting the status of migratory species as headline indicators, as well as disaggregating the current headline indicators and strengthening complementary indicators for better measuring of progress towards achieving the ecological connectivity and integrity elements of the framework;*
 - e) *produce updated Guidelines for CMS Parties on the integration of migratory species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs);*
 - f) *develop a new Joint Work Programme with the CBD Secretariat; and*
 - g) *report to the Standing Committee at its 56th and 57th meetings and to COP15 on the progress in implementing this Decision*
2. COP14 also adopted [Resolution 11.10 \(Rev.COP14\) Synergies and Partnerships](#) which contains provisions relating to promoting collaboration in the implementation and monitoring of the KMGBF. A full report on the implementation of this resolution is contained in [UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.18.1. Synergies and Partnerships](#) which should be read in conjunction with the present document.

Implementation of Decision 14.7 a) - Support for KMGBF implementation

3. In late 2024, the Kunming Biodiversity Fund (KBF), which is a China-launched, UN-backed fund supporting developing countries in implementing the KMGBF, launched a call for proposals with several thematic focus areas of great relevance to CMS and its instruments. The Secretariat liaised with focal points of Parties from developing countries as well as partner non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and submitted numerous project proposals to support both country-level and regional implementation and 2 were accepted. Further details are included in [UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.14.3 Resource Mobilization](#).
4. CMS projects aim to translate KMGBF goals and targets into concrete, on-the-ground actions for migratory species and coordinated conservation measures along migratory routes and shared ecosystems. They promote international cooperation, which is a core principle of the KMGBF. In this way, CMS engagement with the KBF serves as a practical mechanism for turning the KMGBF from a global framework into coordinated, and results-oriented action for migratory species conservation.

Implementation of Decision 14.7 b) and c) - Engagement in the Bern Process

5. The CMS Secretariat actively participated in the Bern III Conference (23–25 January 2024), which focused on identifying collaboration opportunities among MEAs to implement the KMGBF.
6. With financial support from the Government of Switzerland, CMS convened an online preparatory meeting on 9 January 2024, gathering representatives from:
 - CMS Parties attending the Bern III Conference,
 - Members of the Standing Committee,
 - The Chair of the CMS Scientific Council, and
 - Members of the CMS Family Working Group on the KMGBF.
7. This engagement resulted in the integration of CMS priorities within the Bern III outcomes, emphasizing connectivity conservation, species migration corridors, and the role of migratory species in ecosystem resilience.
8. The conference report captured several concrete proposals for joint implementation among MEAs, highlighting CMS's leadership in promoting ecological connectivity within the KMGBF framework.
9. The Secretariat took part in an [Expert Workshop](#) on the Bern Process and the contribution of MEAs to the implementation of the KMGBF, on 27-28 August 2025 in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland, which was convened by UNEP in partnership with the Government of Switzerland and with technical support from the CBD Secretariat. The workshop aimed to support the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the KMGBF by facilitating information exchange and promoting complementarity of inputs from the MEAs to the global review, in line with their respective mandates, and in response to CBD COP decision 16/323 on *Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review*. It further sought to provide elements of advice on the future role and objectives of the Bern Process, building on lessons learned, outcomes, and impacts from previous activities. The Bogis Bossey Workshop Report was submitted as an information document under the 27th meeting of the CBD Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice ([CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/15](#)).

10. Following the workshop, on 1 October 2025, the Secretariat submitted inputs in response to [CBD Notification 2025-099](#) on the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the KMGBF.

Implementation of Decision 14.7(d) - Alignment of CMS Monitoring Framework with the KMGBF

11. In accordance with Decision 14.7(d), through the work of the Intersessional Working Group on the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (SPMS) 2024–2032, indicators for SPMS targets were identified using a set of guiding principles. These draw partly on the criteria adopted during CBD COP15 to select indicators for the monitoring framework ([CBD/COP/DEC/16/31](#)) for the KMGBF, and partly on additional considerations specific to CMS. Further details are contained in [UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.15](#) *Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032*.

Implementation of Decision 14.7 e) - Support for National Implementation through NBSAPs

12. In response to Decision 14.7 e), in July 2024, the Secretariat issued [Notification 2024/017](#) to inform Parties about guidance documents and other tools to support the integration of migratory species' needs and considerations in the revision and update of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).
13. Among these, a guidance document was developed by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) as a contribution to the Work Plan 2023-2025 of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW), in which both are members. It focuses on the need to consider work under CMS and CITES when developing NBSAP actions related to the three species-related targets of the KMGBF.
14. Another guidance document to note supports the integration of ecological connectivity into NBSAPs by providing practical approaches, actions and tools to assist countries with effectively addressing ecological connectivity in connection to goals and targets of the KMGBF, including those related to means of implementation at the national level. It was developed by the Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group (CCSG) of the International Union for Conservation Nature World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN WCPA).

Implementation of Decision 14.7 f) - Further collaboration with CBD

15. The CMS Secretariat cooperates closely with the CBD Secretariat both bilaterally and within the framework of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG), ensuring coherence and mutual reinforcement in the implementation of global biodiversity commitments. The CMS Secretariat attended the first and second resumed sessions of CBD COP16 and actively engaged in relevant discussions and negotiations. While a Joint Work Programme is still in the making, strong collaboration with the CBD Secretariat was advanced on numerous fronts including:
 - Area-based conservation measures and Ecological Connectivity: the CBD Secretariat joined the Global Partnership on Ecological Connectivity, and in this context, collaboration focused on supporting the dissemination and application of tools and guidelines for implementing and monitoring connectivity with regard to the KMGBF. Further details are included in [UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.2](#) *Ecological Connectivity*. The CMS Secretariat provided inputs in response to [CBD Notification 2025-135](#) with views and information relating to the strategic review and analysis of

the current Programme of work on protected areas (PowPA) in the context of the KMGBF. The CMS Secretariat has been engaging in the CBD [Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative \(PBDI\)](#) which promotes transboundary cooperation in protected areas globally.

- Oceans: the Secretariat participated in the Fourth meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies in June 2024 and the SOI meeting on the margins of the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, France, in June 2025.
- Climate change: the CMS Secretariat provided views and information on migratory species and climate change in line with [CBD Notification 2025-005](#). The CBD Secretariat attended the CMS Expert Workshop on Migratory Species and Climate Change, held in February 2025. Further details are included in [UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.12 Climate Change](#).
- Sustainable wildlife management: the Secretariat actively participated in the preparation of a draft global guidance on the sustainable management of wildlife, as requested in CBD decision 16/15 and submitted inputs in line with [CBD Notification 2025-014](#). The Secretariat will take part in the dedicated expert meeting which will take place on 9- 11 February 2026 in Bonn.
- Energy: the CBD Secretariat participates in the work and meetings of the CMS Energy Task Force. Further details are included in [UNEP/CMS/COP15/Doc.28.11 Renewable Energy](#).
- Private Sector Engagement: consultations have been initiated on the work of CBD on business engagement, and how the Secretariats might collaborate on relevant workstreams infrastructure, energy, pollution, corporate plans and land conservation.
- Indigenous People and Local Communities Engagement: consultations have been initiated on ways to increase the involvement of Indigenous Peoples, youth groups and local communities in CMS processes, building on CBD well established processes and programmes.
- Biodiversity and Health: consultations are ongoing on the development of outreach materials on linkages between biodiversity and health and the importance of cross-sectoral cooperation.

Discussion and analysis

16. The Secretariat plays a pivotal role in advancing the KMGBF by bridging global and regional biodiversity goals with migratory species-specific conservation actions. Through its Strategic Plan (SPMS 2024–2032), participation in the Bern Process, and integration into NBSAPs, the Secretariat ensures that migratory species conservation remains a core pillar of global biodiversity efforts. The ongoing collaboration between CMS and CBD, underpinned by a forthcoming Joint Work Programme, will further enhance synergies, optimize resources, and strengthen collective progress toward the KMGBF's 2030 and 2050 goals.

Recommended actions

17. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) adopt the draft Decisions contained in the Annex of this document; and
 - b) delete Decisions 14.6–14.7

ANNEX

DRAFT DECISIONS

**CMS ENGAGEMENT IN CBD PROCESSES INCLUDING THE KUNMING-MONTREAL
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

Directed to Parties

15.AA Parties are requested to:

- a) ensure that migratory species' needs and considerations are integrated in the revision and update of the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and national targets in line with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) including relevant national action plans and in bilateral and regional cooperation as part of their KMGBF implementation; and
- b) consider engaging in the Bern Process, facilitated by UNEP, to contribute to effective and efficient implementation of the KMGBF, and consider its relevant outcomes.

Directed to the Secretariat

15.BB The Secretariat is requested, subject to the availability of resources, to:

- a) continue contributing to the implementation of the KMGBF;
- b) continue actively engaging in the Bern Process, facilitated by UNEP, to contribute to effective and efficient implementation of the KMGBF;
- c) develop a new Joint Work Programme with the CBD Secretariat.