



**CONVENTION ON  
MIGRATORY  
SPECIES**

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**ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Campo Grande, March 2026)

*Aware* of the crucial role played by migratory species in the delivery of ecosystem services for human well-being, and the need for coordinated international responses to the transboundary pressures that threaten their survival,

*Noting* that the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species for the period 2024-2032 identifies future financing of the Convention's programmes to ensure the cost-effectiveness and long-term viability of CMS activities and initiatives for the next nine years,

*Mindful* of the need to avoid creating additional reporting burdens that risk diverting attention from implementation,

*Recalling* that resourcing limitations have a proportionately greater constraining effect in developing countries, while at the same time such countries are host to some of the world's richest and most vulnerable biodiversity, including migratory species,

*Recalling* that the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in its Decisions VI/20 and X/20 has recognized CMS as its lead partner in the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, and that many CMS priorities are important elements of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,

*Expressing satisfaction* for the programming directions of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (GEF-8, July 2022 to June 2026) including its Integrated Programmes and Focal Areas, which provide multiple entry points for the implementation of numerous CMS mandates,

*Welcoming* the CMS Secretariat's participation in the Steering Committee for the implementation of the GEF-8 Integrated Programme on Wildlife Conservation for Development led by the World Bank,

*Noting* the importance of increased consideration of CMS-related priorities by Parties when requesting GEF funding, and

*Noting also* the fact that CMS does not have a financial mechanism dedicated to supporting implementation international environmental commitments at the national level,

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

1. *Encourages* CMS National Focal Points to seek opportunities for enhancing dialogue with the National Focal Points of the CBD and the GEF, with a view to focusing attention on relevant prioritization and decision-making processes for GEF funding at the national and regional level on the needs of migratory species and opportunities for their conservation and sustainable use, in line with the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032;
2. *Further encourages* interested CMS National Focal Points to enhance collaboration with National Focal Points for the CBD and GEF to implement the options available under the relevant GEF Focal Areas and Integrated Programmes, and specifically to:
  - a) develop habitat-based projects;
  - b) develop species-based projects;
  - c) integrate relevant objectives into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs);
3. *Further encourages* Parties to contribute to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) by mainstreaming the Samarkand Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2024-2032 into their NBSAPs in order to benefit fully from the relevant GEF funding available;
4. *Welcomes* CBD COP Decision 15/7 on Resource Mobilization and the establishment of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund under the GEF, and encourages Parties to utilize this mechanism to support the delivery of their national priorities for CMS;
5. *Welcomes* CBD COP Decision 16/33 on the Financial Mechanism to enhance programmatic synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions and, in this context, reiterates the invitation to the Standing Committee to develop elements of advice for the GEF concerning the funding of national priorities for CMS;
6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to communicate the elements of advice as developed by the Standing Committee in time to be considered at meetings of the CBD COP so that they may be referred on to the GEF through the CBD COP;
7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to explore options for strengthening support of the GEF for implementing CMS;
8. *Invites* the Secretariat of the GEF to participate in the follow-up to the present Resolution through discussions with the CMS Secretariat, and by other appropriate means, including exploration of all opportunities to enhance GEF support to countries for activities relevant to the implementation of CMS;
9. *Invites* the GEF to support the implementation of the CMS in the framework of the relevant GEF Focal Areas and Integrated Programmes;
10. *Requests* the Secretariat to engage with the GEF and its agencies at all appropriate levels in pursuing the implementation of the present Resolution;
11. *Requests* UNEP and other GEF agencies to provide support and input, as appropriate, to the implementation of the present Resolution;

12. *Instructs* the Secretariat to report on progress in implementing the present Resolution to meetings of the Standing Committee.