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MULTI-SPECIES ACTION PLAN FOR AMAZONIAN MIGRATORY CATFISH

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

Recalling Articles II and IV of the Convention on Migratory Species,

Noting that two catfish species, the gilded catfish (*Brachyplatystoma rousseauxii*) and the Laulao catfish (*Brachyplatystoma vaillantii*), were included in CMS Appendix II in 2024,

Recognizing the exceptional ecological, cultural and economic importance of migratory catfish in the Amazon Basin, including the gilded catfish and the Laulao catfish,

Noting with concern the population decline linked to barriers to migration, overexploitation, habitat degradation, mercury and other pollutants, and the lack of data across their transboundary ranges,

Recognizing national and regional regulatory frameworks, as well as the value of coordination among Range States,

Taking note of the outcomes of the regional workshop “Regional Action Plan for Amazonian Migratory Catfish”, held in Brasilia in September 2025 in preparation for CMS COP15,

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

1. *Adopts* the “Multi-species Action Plan for Amazonian Migratory Catfish (2026–2036)” contained in the annex to this Resolution;
2. *Urges* Parties and invites non-Party Range States to implement the relevant provisions of the Multi-species Action Plan;
3. *Urges* the States within the Amazon Basin to implement the Multi-species Action Plan in coordination with fisheries, energy, transport, environment and water authorities;
4. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, river-basin organizations, academia and the private sector to support the implementation of the Multi-species Action Plan;
5. *Requests* Range States to facilitate a coordination mechanism and mobilize resources;
6. *Instructs* the Secretariat to circulate the Multi-species Action Plan to all Range States and relevant intergovernmental organizations, and to monitor its implementation;

7. *Requests* Range States to report on progress made at future meetings of the CMS Conference of the Parties;
8. *Encourages* synergies with intergovernmental organizations, relevant international and regional treaties, regional and international projects, and the private sector; and
9. *Urges* Parties and donors to provide financial and technical support for the implementation of the activities described in the Multi-species Action Plan.