

Inventory

Implementation of Articles III.4 and III.5 of the Convention

Austria		
Party since 1 July 2005 ¹		
National Reports submitted: COP12 (2017), COP11 (2014), COP10 (2011), COP9 (2008)		
Relevant Legislation		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Austria reports more than 30 pieces of legislation from its Länder (states). • EU Bird's Directive 2009/147/EC. 	
Article III.5		
	Laws that Implement the Take Prohibition	
	Aquatic Mammals	Unknown
	Terrestrial Mammals	Unknown
	Birds	Taking of all Appendix I birds is prohibited pursuant to EU Bird's Directive 2009/147/EC.
	Reptiles	Unknown
	Fish	Unknown
	Exceptions to the Take Prohibition	
	Aquatic Mammals	Unknown
	Terrestrial Mammals	Unknown
	Birds	None granted, but scope of permissible exceptions not described.
	Reptiles	Unknown
	Fish	Unknown
Article III.4		
	Laws to conserve and, where feasible and appropriate, restore habitats of CMS Appendix I species	

¹ Records indicate a discrepancy as to when CMS entered into force for Austria. Austria reports that it became a party on 17 August 2005. The CMS website records a date of 1 August 2005. Article XVIII, paragraph 2, of the Convention states that, after the Convention has entered into force, a State acceding to CMS thereafter becomes a party "on the first day of the third month following the deposit . . . of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession". As Austria's instrument of ratification is dated 28 March 2005, its date of entry into force should be 1 July 2005, as recorded by Germany, the depositary government, in a Note Verbale of 27 June 2005.

		Austria has designated a large number of protected areas. However, insufficient information is provided to determine whether any Appendix I species inhabit these areas, and insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations.
	Laws that prevent, remove, compensate for or minimize, as appropriate, the adverse effects of activities or obstacles that seriously impede or prevent the migration of the species	
	Windmills (birds and bats)	Unknown
	Cell towers (birds and bats)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marking of high voltage lines effectively, so that birds can see them much better than without marking (success proved). • Removing of low voltage lines and digging them into the earth.
	Dams (fish)	Unknown
	Road construction (mammals)	Unknown
	Train tracks (mammals)	Unknown
	Fishing gear/bycatch (marine mammals, sea turtles, fish)	Unknown
	Shipping (marine mammals)	Unknown
	Laws that prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger the species, including strictly controlling the introduction of or controlling or eliminating, already introduced species.	
		Austria has implemented conservation projects, identified no-go-areas for windparks, and implemented environmental impact assessment and Article 6 Habitats Directive. However, insufficient information is provided to determine whether any Appendix I species benefit from these projects, and insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations.
	Reservations, territorial inclusions, and territorial exclusions	
	Reservations	None
	Territorial Scope	“Austria”. Thus, presumed to apply to all territory, including any overseas territories and semi-autonomous zones.