

Inventory

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

Cyprus		
Party since 1 November 2001		
National Reports submitted: COP12 (2017), COP11 (2014), COP10 (2011), COP9 (2008)		
Relevant Legislation		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law for the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife (Law No. 153 (I)/ 2003). • Law for the Protection of Wild Birds and Game (Law No. 152 (I)/ 2003). • Fisheries Law (CAP 135) and amendments to 2007. • Fisheries Regulations (1990 to 2009). 	
Article III.5		
	Laws that Implement the Take Prohibition	
	Aquatic Mammals	Taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals is prohibited, but relevant law is not identified.
	Terrestrial Mammals	Unknown
	Birds	Taking of all Appendix I birds is prohibited, by Law No. 152 (I) / 2003 [For the Protection and Management of Game and Wild Birds]
	Reptiles	Taking of all Appendix I reptiles is prohibited, but relevant law is not identified.
	Fish	Not clear
	Exceptions to the Take Prohibition	
	Aquatic Mammals	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.
	Terrestrial Mammals	Unknown
	Birds	None granted.
	Reptiles	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.
	Fish	Not clear
Article III.4		
	Laws to conserve and, where feasible and appropriate, restore habitats of CMS Appendix I species	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The habitat conservation and other actions that have been taken by the Republic of Cyprus is through the implementation of the Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds and the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora. Designation of Specially 	

		Protected Areas according to EU Wild Birds Directive 2009/147/EC. However, insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and conservation of the Natura 2000 and Ramsar sites, as well as other protected areas. Management Plans have been prepared for all Specially Protected Areas, for the protection of a range of Appendix I species. However, 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)	Unknown
	Dams (fish)	Unknown
	Road construction (mammals)	Unknown
	Train tracks (mammals)	Unknown
	Fishing gear/bycatch (marine mammals, sea turtles, fish)	EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed.
	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.		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information campaigns and other events are also taking place for the awareness of the public. • The Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR) has been running the Turtle Conservation Project successfully since 1978, aiming at the protection and conservation of the two marine species, <i>Caretta caretta</i> and <i>Chelonia mydas</i>, and their habitats. A Coastal/Marine Reserve was established in the Lara/Toxeftra area on the west coast of the island in 1989 to protect the nesting grounds. In 2005 a second nesting area for Loggerhead turtles was proposed and accepted by the EC as a Natura 2000 site (Polis – Yialia). Moreover, turtle nests are protected <i>in situ</i> on all nesting beaches using special aluminum cages in order to protect the nests from any disturbances including prevention from predation by foxes. • EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations relating to invasive species are being followed. However, insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations.
Reservations, territorial inclusions, and territorial exclusions		
	Reservations	None

	Territorial Scope	“Republic of Cyprus.” Thus, presumed to apply to all territory, including any overseas territories and semi-autonomous zones.
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