

Inventory

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

Czech Republic				
Party since 1 May 1994				
National Reports submitted: COP12 (2017), COP11 (2014), COP10 (2011), COP9 (2008)				
Relevant Legislation				
	• Act 114/1992 on Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection.			
Article III.5				
	Laws that Implement the Take Prohibition			
		Aquatic Mammals	Unknown	
		Terrestrial Mammals	Unknown	
		Birds	Taking of all Appendix I birds is prohibited by Act 114/1992 on Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection.	
		Reptiles	Unknown	
		Fish	Taking of all Appendix I fish is prohibited by Act 114/1992 on Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection.	
	Exceptions to the Take Prohibition			
		Aquatic Mammals	Unknown	
		Terrestrial Mammals	Unknown	
		Birds	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.	
		Reptiles	Unknown	
		Fish	None granted, but no law is identified to determine the scope of permissible exceptions.	
	Article III.4			
		Laws to conserve and, where feasible and appropriate, restore habitats of CMS Appendix I species		
		• At present 41 SPAs are declared by individual decrees of the Government of the Czech Republic. Potential Sites of Community Importance (pSCI), proposed according to the European Council Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora 92/40/EEC, cover also localities of important animal species (listed in the Annex II and IV of the Habitats Directive), incl. bats. Altogether 1075 SCIs are included in the European list at present. However, insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations for these activities.		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Czech Republic has designated 25 Protected Landscape Areas, 236 National Nature Reserves and National Nature Monuments and 2074 Nature Reserves and Nature Monuments. However, insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations for these activities.
	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)	Methodological instructions prepared by the Ministry of the Environment to standardize legislative procedures of competent authorities when evaluating wind turbine projects. Methodology for impact assessment of wind turbines on bats (to be agreed by the Ministry of the Environment). However, insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations.
	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)	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.	
	<u>Birds</u> (1) Establishment of temporary protected areas where necessary. (2) A legislative obligation for energy enterprises (responsible for powerlines) to save all powerlines in the Czech Republic against electrocution till 6 June 2024. (3) National programme “Free Wings” (prepared and organized by the Czech Society for Ornithology) devoted to all illegal human activities negatively influencing bird populations (e.g. birds of prey, hunting, nest robberies, poisoning, trade etc.). (4) Development of the cooperation among the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Interior on preservation and successful solution of cases of illegal poisoning of birds. (5) The important and potential breeding sites of some bird species are designated as wetlands of international importance (Ramsar sites) and most of them are protected by national legislation. Special Protected Areas (SPA), declared according to the European Council Directive on the Conservation of the Wild Birds 79/409/EC, cover important breeding grounds and important sites of concentration of migrating and wintering birds (for species listed in the Annex I of the Birds Directive).	

		<p>However, insufficient information is provided to identify the content of any obligations for these activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology was finished in 2016 to determine and monitor important migration corridors of birds and bats in the Czech Republic.
Reservations, territorial inclusions, and territorial exclusions		
	Reservations	The Czech Republic has reservations to all species added to Appendices I and II at COP12. Consistent with past practice, it is expected that these reservations will be withdrawn once the appropriate domestic procedures are completed.
	Territorial Scope	“Czech Republic”. Thus, presumed to apply to all territory, including any overseas territories and semi-autonomous zones.