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## SINGLE SPECIES ACTION PLAN FOR THE LOGGERHEAD TURTLE (*Caretta caretta*) IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Quito, 4-9 November 2014)

*Noting* that the Loggerhead Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) was listed on CMS Appendix II in 1979 and Appendix I in 1985 and was designated for Concerted Actions for the period 2012-2014;

*Noting also* that there are numerous existing instruments and mechanisms that address sea turtles in the South Pacific and the Eastern Pacific, including the Secretary of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) the Inter-American Sea Turtle Convention (IAC), and the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific (CPPS) as well as fora that address sea turtle bycatch, such as the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC);

*Aware* that, while there is one management unit for *Caretta caretta* in the South Pacific Ocean, there are no international instruments that address conservation issues of this species across the entire Pacific Ocean;

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the COP Appointed Councillor for Marine Turtles in the development of this Action Plan; and

*Further noting with appreciation* the role of the Australian Government in funding a Meeting of Range States, convened by CMS in Brisbane, Australia, 25-27 March 2014 to develop a draft Single Species Action Plan;

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

1. *Adopts* the Single Species Action Plan for the Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*) in the South Pacific Ocean as submitted to COP11 in document UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.23.2.2/Rev.1;
2. *Urges* South Pacific Parties and other Parties with fishing fleets operating in the South Pacific Ocean, and *invites* South Pacific non-Party Range States to implement relevant provisions of the Action Plan;

3. *Encourages* other Parties to provide technical and/or financial support to activities outlined in the Action Plan;
4. *Invites* other relevant intergovernmental frameworks, such as the Inter-American Turtle Convention, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations operating in the South Pacific Ocean, to take into account the provisions of the Action Plan in the consideration of their activities and to support implementation of relevant Action Plan activities that fall within their mandate, as appropriate;
5. *Instructs* the Secretariat to bring the Action Plan to the attention of all Range States and relevant intergovernmental organisations and to monitor the implementation of the Action Plan; and
6. *Requests* the COP appointed Councillor for Marine Turtles to provide guidance for the implementation of the Action Plan and report on progress to COP12.