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CAPACITY BUILDING STRATEGY

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Aware that capacity building and training at systemic, institutional and individual level are of fundamental importance for the effective implementation of CMS;

Also aware of the need to strengthen coordination of capacity building efforts under CMS with those of UNEP, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and other organizations in accordance with the Bali Strategic Plan, which is a key objective for UNEP;

Noting the need to identify priorities and requirements of the Parties in implementing capacity building, as well as of the role and involvement of the Secretariat in meeting this need;

Noting further that national capacity assessments have already been undertaken by some countries and that the outcome of these assessments could be useful inputs in identifying priorities for capacity building strategies under CMS;

Conscious of the role the Convention has in facilitating the achievement of the World Summit on Sustainable Development 2010 biodiversity targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);

Recognizing that financial support for capacity building is imperative in order to implement workshops and training courses;

Acknowledging that past and current CMS capacity building initiatives are subject to review;

Supporting the use of computer-based learning including free and open access to data, information exchange and technology transfer as part of the Convention's capacity building activities; and

Recalling that the Convention's decision making on the scientific aspects of capacity building should be based on the best and most recent technical data available;

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

1. *Requests* the Parties to afford capacity building high priority in their national programmes and international cooperation in line with the adopted strategy for 2009-2011;
2. *Calls* on the Parties to provide financial support and fundraising guidance for the capacity building strategy adopted;
3. *Encourages* the Parties to identify priorities for future research, in particular which challenges for migratory species, based on best available evidence, benefit from capacity building; at the same time as strengthening links with MEAs and other implementing instruments that have undertaken research into the impacts of capacity building for conservation and sustainable development policy implementation and to take account of that research;
4. *Calls* on Parties and relevant partners to assist the Secretariat in the implementation of the capacity building strategy, by undertaking activities mentioned in document UNEP/CMS/Conf. 9.30 and by providing the financial contributions needed to support the implementation of current capacity building toolkits and to initiate new activities, in particular regional workshops and national training centres;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to focus on cooperation with CMS agreements and other MEAs, highlighting common strategies, needs and actions by using TEMATEA and through consultation work of the Biodiversity Liaison Group;
6. *Further requests* UNEP to support the Secretariat in holding regional workshops and other capacity building events in conjunction with meetings already scheduled for the region;
7. *Instructs* the Secretariat to work with the Scientific Council and secretariats of the CMS daughter agreements and their scientific advisory bodies on producing guidance encompassing regional, sub-regional and thematic workshops and the knowledge management project to promote capacity building among Parties and consider and decide on the various options as well as on the main elements in the Capacity Building strategy for 2009-2011;
8. *Further instructs* the Secretariat to develop computer-based learning material in relevant languages including free and open access to data, information exchange and technology transfer; and
9. *Further encourages* the Secretariat and UNEP to identify possible regional, multilateral, bilateral collaborations and involve relevant stakeholders including other MEAs and the private sector in order to secure funding and enhancing training capacity.