12th MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Manila, Philippines, 23 - 28 October 2017
Agenda Item 8

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

With reference to Article VII paragraph 9 of the Convention, the present document includes a list of agencies and bodies that have notified the Secretariat of their desire to be represented at the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) by observers through pre-registration.

Admission of these agencies and bodies will be confirmed at the beginning of the Meeting. Should any Party have an objection on the participation of any of the agencies or bodies included in the list, it is requested that they inform the Secretariat as soon as possible in advance of the Meeting.

Rev.1 accounts for agencies and bodies registered for the meeting after distribution of the original version.
ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

1. Article VII, paragraph 9 of the Convention stipulates that

‘Any agency or body technically qualified in protection, conservation and management of migratory species, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at meetings of the Conference of the Parties by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

a) international agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and

b) national non-governmental agencies or bodies which have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.

Once admitted, these observers shall have the right to participate but not to vote.’

2. The present document includes as Annex 1 a list of agencies and bodies belonging to the categories inter-governmental organizations, national governmental agencies and bodies, and non-governmental organizations that have notified the Secretariat of their desire to be represented at the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP12) through pre-registration as at 21 October 2017. Admission of these agencies and bodies will be confirmed at the beginning of the Meeting. Should any Party have an objection on the participation of any of the agencies or bodies included in the list, it is requested that they inform the Secretariat as soon as possible in advance of the meeting.

Recommended actions

3. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:

a) take note of the list of observers.
ANNEX 1

LIST OF AGENCIES AND BODIES PRE-REGISTERED FOR COP12

(as at 21 October 2017)

1. Inter-governmental organizations

Africa Union Economic Social and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOCC)
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
Asian Development Bank
Conservation of Arctic Fauna and Flora (CAFF) - Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative (AMBI)
Coral Triangle Initiative
Federation of Nile Basin Countries
International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
International Whaling Commission (IWC)
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

2. National governmental agencies and bodies

Amrita University, India
Arizona State University, United States of America
Biodiversity, Coastal, Wetlands and Ecotourism Research Center, the Philippines
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
City University of Pasay
Climate Change Commission, the Philippines
De La Salle University Manila
Department of Animal Management, the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Philippines
Department of Tourism, the Philippines
Duke University, United States of America
Far Eastern University
Florida International University, United States of America
House of Representatives, the Philippines
Lewis and Clark Law School, United States of America
Local Government of Dumalinao, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, the Philippines
Management Committee of Qoliqoli Cokovata, Great Sea Reef, Fiji
Monash University, Australia
National Committee on Climate change (NCCC), Libya
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), United States of America
Office of Municipal Tourism, the Philippines
Population Education Resource Centre, India
Protected Area Management Board - Turtle Islands Wildlife Sanctuary, the Philippines
Protected Area Management Office, El Nido/Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area, the Philippines
Provincial Government of Palawan
San Beda Graduate School of Law, the Philippines
TransDisciplinary University, India
Tubbataha Management Office, the Philippines
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Colombia
University of Regina, Canada
University of Santo Tomas, the Philippines
University of Tehran, Iran
University of the Philippines Institute for Maritime Affairs and Law of the Sea
3. Non-governmental organizations

African Heritage
Asian Illicit Trade Monitors (AITM)
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Associazione Nazionale Produttori Armi e Munizione (ANPAM)
Avidesc Centrafrique
Bagna
Big Blue Network
BirdLife International
Blue Resources Trust
Bombay Natural History Society
Born Free Foundation
Born Free USA
British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)
CARE4Biodiv
Center for Conservation Innovations PH, Inc
Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development (CEED)
Center for Environmental Concerns
Centre International de Droit Comparé de l’Environnement
Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)
China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF)
Climate Reality Project Philippines
Community Centred Conservation
Conservation International
Conservation International Philippines Foundation, Inc.
Crocodylus Porosus Philippines Incorporated
CropLife Philippines, Inc.
Dalit Welfare Association
Daluhay Daloy ng Buhay Inc
Defenders of Wildlife
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Germany
Divers for Sharks
Earthguards
East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP)
Ecomonitors Society
Endangered Wildlife Trust
Enterpriser Photographer Nature Foundation
Environment for the Americas
European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE)
Fondation Franz Weber
Global Centre Compliance, Hazards, Disaster Management
Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI)
Global Primate Network Nepal
Good Planet Foundation
Greenpeace
Haribon Foundation
Humane Society International
Huqooq-ul-Ebad Development Foundation (HEDF)
International Association for Falconry & Conservation of Birds of Prey (IAF)
International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)
International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)
Kepco Philippines
Large Marine Vertebrates Research Institute Philippines (LAMAVE)
Ligue des Amis de la Nature
Manta Trust
MigraMar
Minority Self Empowerment Foundation
MUNI, The Philippines
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nature Conservancy
Nature Solution Association
Nature Tropicale
NGOs for Fisheries Reform, Inc.
Oceana
OceanCare
Outreach Social Care Project
Peregrine Fund
Pew Charitable Trusts
Philippine Center for Terrestrial and Aquatic Research
Philippine Wilderness Land Trust
Philippine Youth for Climate Movement
Plastic Bank
Plateforme Océan et Climat
Pro Wildlife
Project AWARE
Project Sharklink
Protect Wildlife/Tanggol Kalikasan
Reef-World Foundation
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)
Safari Club International Foundation
Saint Francis Xavier Solicitors
Sajha Foundation
Salinas (IM) Corporation
Save Philippine Seas
Sea Shepherd Global
Sea Shepherd Legal
Shark Advocates International
Sociedad Española de Ornitología (SEO) – BirdLife Spain
Society for the Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Inc.
Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal
Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers’ Institute (SAAMI)
Suganthi Devadason Marine Institute
Sustainable Eel Group
Turtle Conservation Society of the Philippines
West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change
Wetlands International
Whale and Dolphin Conservation
Wild Bird Club of the Philippines
Wild Migration
WildAid Hong Kong
Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust
Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
Wildlife Research Center, Sudan
World Animal Protection
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Australia
World Wide Fund for Nature International (WWF)
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Malaysia
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines
Zoological Society of London