



2017 - NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

The deadline for submission of the reports is 24 April 2017. The reporting period is from May 2014 to April 2017.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

The reporting format was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 40th Meeting (Bonn, November 2012) for mandatory use by Parties, for reports submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11). The 45th meeting of the Standing Committee recommended the use of the same format for reports submitted to COP12, with necessary adjustments to take into account relevant COP11 decisions, in particular amendments to the Appendices and resolutions.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

Please enter here the name of your country

> Israel

Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?

> Israel Nature and Parks Authority

Please list any other agencies that have provided input

> Ministry of Environmental Protection

I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

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Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country
> 17/05/1983

Period covered
> 2014-2017

Territories to which the Convention applies
> Israel

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Implementation

Competent Authority:

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Relevant implemented legislation:

> Wildlife Protection Law, 1955

Plant Protection Law, 1956

Water Law, 1959

Streams and Springs Authorities Law, 1965

Planning and Building Law, 1965

Prevention of Marine Pollution by Oil Ordinance, 1980

Planning and Building Regulations (Environmental Impact Statements), 1982

Prevention of Marine Pollution (Dumping of Waste) Law, 1983

Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land Based Sources Law, 1988

Hazardous Substances Law, 1993

National Parks, Nature Reserves, Memorial Sites, and National Sites Law, 1998 (first enacted 1963, revised 1992 and 1998) ("the Nature Reserves Law")

Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:

> Convention on Wetlands of International Importance ("Ramsar Convention")

Convention on Biological Diversity

Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (Barcelona Convention)

Convention on Climate Change

Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora ("CITES")

World Heritage Convention

Convention to Combat Desertification

National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):

> National protected areas: nature reserves and national parks.

National Strategy for the Conservation of Nature and Biodiversity

National Strategy for Sustainable Development

CMS Agreements/MoU

Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

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Non Range State

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ASCOBANS (1994)

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Non Range State

AEWA (1999)

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ACAP (2001)

ACAP (2001)

Non Range State

Gorilla Agreement (2008)

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Non Range State

ACCOBAMS (2001)

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Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)

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Non Range State

Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

Non Range State

Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)

Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)

Non Range State

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Non Range State

IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

Non Range State

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

Non Range State

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

Non Range State

West African Elephants MoU (2005)

West African Elephants MoU (2005)

Non Range State

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Non Range State

Dugong MoU (2007)

Dugong MoU (2007)

Non Range State

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Non Range State

Birds of Prey (Raptors) MoU (2008)

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Non-signatory Range State

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High Andean Flamingos MoU (2008)

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Non Range State

Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)

> Ministry of Environmental Protection

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?

Yes

4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:

> Society for the Protection of Nature (SPNI), involved in projects of protection, reintroduction, and rehabilitation of raptors, risks of toxicoses from pesticides and pollutantants in raptors, protection of common cranes, preparation of species red list, reports on wild animals status, and in struggles for habitat protection. Israeli Marine Mammal Research & Assistance Centier (IMMRAC)- involved in surveys and rehabilitation of Mediterranean dolphins.

Rehabilitation Center for Marine Turtles - takes care of stranded and injured marine turtles.

5. Describe any involvement of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> Private companies are supporting projects for management and conservation of raptors, research for the cause of a declining population of mountain gazelles, surveys and rehabilitation of marine mammals.

6. Note any interactions between these sectors in the conservation of migratory species in your country:

> Most of the projects described above are done jointly with the INPA. Rehabilitation centers for all wildlife is supervised by the INPA.

I(b). Information about involved Authorities

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

1- Birds

> Israel Nature and Parks Authority

2- Aquatic Mammals

> Israel Nature and Parks Authority

3- Reptiles

> Israel Nature and Parks Authority

4- Terrestrial Mammals

> Israel Nature and Parks Authority

5- Fish

> Israel Nature and Parks Authority and
Dept of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture

II. Appendix I species

1. BIRDS

1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:

Electrocutation

Habitat destruction

Wind turbines

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Construction of anti-electrocution structures over electric poles; declaration of protected areas; Mapping of appropriate positions for wind turbines based on migration routes

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> New powerlines are constructed in a safe design in IBA, protected areas, near water reservoirs and open landscape. Anti-electrocution should be changed to mounting insulating gear on dangerous pylons and birds divertors to prevent collisions.

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Practical guidelines related to wind turbine positioning, and functioning and mitigation measures to prevent collisions.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Poaching

Other

> There's strong pressure to develop wind turbine farms and it is imperative to help prevent it in such a narrow corridor of migration as in Israel

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> Power line defense designed and implemented specifically for Golden Eagle *Aquila heliaca* and White-tailed eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla*.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Significant reduction in electrocutions. Reintroductions of App. I species.

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> Unavailability of appropriate habitat.

1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Aquila clanga*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

Species name: Aquila heliaca

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Habitat protection

> areas of concentration of wintering Imperial eagles - power pylons are insulated in order to prevent electrocution

Species name: Aythya nyroca

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

increasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

increasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

> illegal to hunt

Species restoration

> A CAPTIVE BREEDING AND RELEASE OF captive bred ducks started in 2013 with release in protected wetlands

Habitat protection

Habitat restoration

Species name: Falco naumanni

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

decreasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Species restoration

> captive breeding, rehabilitation of chicks the fell from nests, reintroduction

Habitat restoration

> nesting boxes in areas with problems with nesting sites due to changes

Species name: Haliaeetus albicilla

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species restoration

> the species was reintroduced and few captive born eaglets are released each year until self sustained population will settle

4. If no activities have been carried out for this species in the reporting period, what has prevented such action being taken?

> Captive breeding and release

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Captive breeding and release

Species name: Marmaronetta angustirostris

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

Control hunting / poaching

> illegal to hunt

Habitat restoration

> constructing artificial islands in artificial reservoir in the Hula Valley

Species name: Neophron percnopterus

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

increasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Species restoration

> bY CAPTIVE BREEDING AND release in Mt. Carmel where the species was locally extinct for 50 years ago.

Species name: Oxyura leucocephala

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

increasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Species protection

> No hunting in overwintering region in the Shefela Area

Habitat protection

> No hunting in overwintering region in the Shefela Area

Habitat restoration

Species name: Serinus syriacus

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

- Monitoring
- Control hunting / poaching
- > Hunting illegal
- Habitat protection

Species name: Vanellus gregarius

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

- stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

- stable

Species name: Pelecanus onocrotalus (only Palearctic populations)

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

- stable

> 70,000 - based on migration monitoring

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

- Research

> research on movement, genetics, physiological condition

- Monitoring

> specific monitoring migration in and out of Israel, include by radar

- Education/awareness rising

> cooperative program with Fishwries Department and local fisherman to stock fish in a specific resevoir for the birds to feed upon

- Species protection

> it is strictly illegal to shoot at Pelicans

- Control hunting / poaching

> it is strictly illegal to shoot at Pelicans

- Species restoration

- Other

> established specific reservoir for stop-over and feeding (up to 250 tons of fish are stocked specifically for the species to feed upon)

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> 2 new academic studies started this year and cooperation with the aquaculture industry and Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Aagriculture were established recently

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I birds in general:

> Over 70'000 white pelicans migrate over Israel. To prevent conflict with fish farmers the government buys fish from the farmers that are too small to market, and puts them in designated ponds for the pelicans which then "fuel up" and continue their migration.

2. AQUATIC MAMMALS

2.1 General questions on Appendix I aquatic mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

- Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I aquatic mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

- No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I aquatic mammals:

- By-catch

- Pollution

- Other

> Underwater anthropogenic noise from oil and gas exploration

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Outreach and enforcement of pollution prevention regulations

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Situation improves

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Guidelines for preventing underwater anthropogenic noise from oil and gas exploration

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I aquatic mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Other

> Underwater anthropogenic noise from oil and gas exploration

2.2 Questions on specific Appendix I aquatic mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I aquatic mammals species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Monachus monachus*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

Species name: *Delphinus delphis* (Mediterranean population)

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> D. Kerem, N. Hadar, O. Goffman, A. Scheinin, R. Kent, O. Boisseau and U. Schattner, (2012). Update on the Cetacean Fauna of the Mediterranean Levantine Basin. The Open Marine Biology Journal, 2012, vol. 6, pages 6-27.

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine mammals in general:

> D. Kerem, N. Hadar, O. Goffman, A. Scheinin, R. Kent, O. Boisseau and U. Schattner (2012). Update on the Cetacean Fauna of the Mediterranean Levantine Basin. The Open Marine Biology Journal, 2012, vol. 6, pgs. 6-27.

3. REPTILES

3.1 General questions on Appendix I reptiles

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I reptiles species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I reptiles species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I reptiles species:

By-catch

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Outreach

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Situation improves

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I reptiles species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Destruction of nesting beaches

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to

further endanger reptiles species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> An action plan for sea turtles is implemented

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Situation improves

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> funding

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I marine turtles in general:

> No updates since last report

4. TERRESTRIAL MAMMALS

4.1 General questions on Appendix I terrestrial mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I terrestrial mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I terrestrial mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I terrestrial mammals species:

Lack of trans-boundary management

Man-made barriers

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I terrestrial mammals species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Habitat fragmentation

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger terrestrial mammals species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> Protected areas and management plans for the species

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Slow progress

4.2 Questions on specific Appendix I terrestrial mammals

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I terrestrial mammal species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: **Oryx dammah**

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Extinct in the wild. Ex-situ captive breeding population at Hai Bar Yotvata, Israel.

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Other

> Ex-situ captive breeding population at Hai Bar Yotvata.

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Exports to North African countries.

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I terrestrial mammals in general:

> No updates since last report

5. FISH

5.1 General questions on Appendix I fish species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I fish species prohibited by the national legislation listed as being implementing legislation in Table I(a) (General Information)?

Yes

1a. If the taking of Appendix I fish species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

No

5.2 Questions on specific Appendix I fish species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I fish species, for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: **Mobula mobular**

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

not known

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Control hunting / poaching

> Species is over-hunted in offshore waters outside Israeli territorial waters near the Gaza Strip

Miscellaneous information or comments on Appendix I bats in general:

> No updates since last report

6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I? (according to the latest IUCN red data list). N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose listing any of these species?

No

III. Appendix II Species

1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

AEWA (1999)

Date of last report:
> 2012

2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation?

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Rhinobatos rhinobatos

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> Submission of proposal to list Rhinobatos rhinobatos in Appendices

IV. National and Regional Priorities

1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues

Medium

2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

Yes

2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:

Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species

> Only conservation. No sustainable use is allowed.

3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

Yes

3.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> The national policy incorporates the protection of migratory species

3a. Do these policies/plans cover the following areas?

Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Actions to reduce conflicts

Economic development

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Environmental assessment

Land-use planning

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Environmental assessment

Pollution control

No

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

Development of ecological networks

Yes

Planning of power lines

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Environmental assessment

Planning of fences

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Environmental assessment

Planning of dams

Yes

If Yes, please provide details

> Environmental assessment

4. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Planning and protected areas designation improves protection of migratory species

V. Protected Areas

1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?

Yes

1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

> Hula Nature Reserve and Afek Nature reserve (birds); Mediterranean sea and shore (marine mammals and reptiles)

1b. Do these protected areas cover the following areas?

Terrestrial

Yes

Aquatic

Yes

Marine

Yes

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> INPA - Israel Nature and Parks Authority

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If yes what is the state of those projects

on-going

Please provide details

> Migrating pelicans, storks and large birds; also wolves

2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?

Yes

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Monitoring in place

VII. Membership

1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Ministry of Environmental Protection

VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation?

Yes

2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Israel Nature and Parks Authority; Ministry of Environmental Protection;

IX. Mobilization of Resources

1. Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> Actions and funding to reduce conflict with fish farms (waterbirds) and reducing electrocution (waterbirds and raptors); actions for conservation of bats; legal protection of sharks and rays.

2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

No

3. Has your country made other voluntary financial contributions to support conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in other countries (particularly developing countries)?

No

4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> Support Kenya Wildlife Service in establishing forensic DNA laboratory for combatting illegal elephant hunting.

5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

No

6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country?

No

X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

Please provide information about measures undertaken by your country relating to recent Resolutions and Recommendations since the last Report. For your convenience please refer to the list of COP Resolutions and Recommendations listed below:

Strategic and Institutional Matters

World Migratory Bird Day (Res. 11.9)

> Israel has many active activities for the public annually to publicize World Migratory Bird Day

Development of CMS Agreements (Res. 11.12)

> In 2015 Israel joined Eurobats and MOU-Raptors

Concerted and Cooperative Actions (Res. 11.13)

> 1. *Oxyura leucocephala*, White-headed Duck - A large proportion of the global population occurs in Israel during overwintering, and Israel has set aside a large protected no-hunting area where they occur in winter to contribute to the conservation status of the species.

2. *Oryx dammah*, Scimitar-horned oryx, the species is Extinct in the Wild and Israel maintains a breeding center with individuals available for any country interested in a proper reintroduction.

3. *Equus hemionus* (includes *Equus onager*), Asiatic Wild Ass. Israel has successfully reintroduced this species with hundreds now in the wild and still maintains a breeding center with individuals available for any country interested in a proper reintroduction.

Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. Parties which did not submit a National Report in 2014 are requested to complete the entire form. Parties that did submit a report in 2014 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP11).

Chiroptera

Miniopterus schreibersii (African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Regular monitoring

Tadarida teniotis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Regular monitoring

Cetacea

Tursiops truncatus (Mediterranean population)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Regular monitoring

Carnivora

Lycaon pictus

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Arctocephalus australis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Halichoerus grypus (Baltic Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Monachus monachus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Observed rarely. Last observation in Northern Israel in 2011

Phoca vitulina (Baltic and Wadden Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Otaria flavescens

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Proboscidea

Loxodonta africana

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Loxodonta cyclotis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Sirenia

Dugong dugon

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Trichechus inunguis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Trichechus manatus (Panama and Honduras)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Trichechus senegalensis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Perissodactyla

Equus hemionus (includes E. onager)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Introduced and doing well

Artiodactyla

Vicugna vicugna

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Cervus elaphus yarkandensis (Populations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Ammotragus lervia

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Gazella subgutturosa

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Oryx dammah

Please choose the one that applies.

Extinct at National level

Published distribution reference

> Extinct in the wild. Breeding population ex-situ.

Procapra gutturosa

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Saiga borealis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Saiga tatarica

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Gazella gazella (Asian populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Stable wild populations in many parts of the country. Subspecies *G. g. acaciae* is critically endangered (fewer than 20 individuals in the wild).

Pelecaniformes

Pelecanus crispus

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Pelecanus onocrotalus (W. Palearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Regular monitoring. Migrating pelicans - approx. 70,000 per year. Supplemental feeding of fish to prevent conflict with farmers and to assist birds in migration.

Phalacrocorax nigrogularis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Phalacrocorax pygmeus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Increased nesting sites. Conflict with fish farmers.

Ciconiiformes

Botaurus stellaris stellaris (W. Palearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference
> Regular monitoring

Ixobrychus minutus minutus (W. Palearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Published distribution reference
> Regular monitoring

Ciconia ciconia

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Published distribution reference
> Regular monitoring

Ciconia nigra

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Published distribution reference
> Regular monitoring

Platalea leucorodia

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Published distribution reference
> Regular monitoring

Plegadis falcinellus

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Published distribution reference
> Regular monitoring

Falconiformes

Pandion haliaetus

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Galliformes

Coturnix coturnix coturnix

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Gruiformes

Crex crex

Please choose the one that applies.
 Range State

Fulica atra atra (Mediterranean and Black Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana parva parva

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana porzana (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chlamydotis undulata (Asian populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Regular monitoring

Otis tarda

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Grus spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Grus grus. Large ecotourism project at Agmon Lake for observing and protecting overwintering cranes (approx. 20,000 individuals).

Charadriiformes

Dromas ardeola

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Glareola pratincola

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chlidonias leucopterus (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chlidonias niger niger

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus leucophthalmus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna albifrons

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna hirundo hirundo (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna nilotica nilotica (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Rynchops flavirostris

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Columbiformes

Streptopelia turtur turtur

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Psittaciformes

Amazona tucumana

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Coraciiformes

Merops apiaster

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Coracias garrulus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Testudinata

Podocnemis expansa

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Cheloniidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Extensive project to protect sea turtle nests and to rehabilitate injured sea turtles

Dermochelyidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Extensive project to protect sea turtle nests and to rehabilitate injured sea turtles

Crocodylia

Crocodylus porosus

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Orectolobiformes

Rhincodon typus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Protected in Israel. Appears annually in Israel's Red Sea coastal zone.

Lamniformes

Carcharodon carcharias

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Cetorhinus maximus

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Rajiformes

Manta birostris

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> Protected in Israel. Large scale fishing in Gaza (near Israel) in February 2013

2. All species of each of the Families below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for any of the species in these Families, please indicate whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published distribution references.

Order TESTUDINATA, Family CHELONIIDAE

Caretta caretta

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chelonia mydas

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Eretmochelys imbricata

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Lepidochelys olivacea

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order TESTUDINATA, Family DERMOCHELYIDAE

Dermochelys coriacea

Choose the one that applies.

Range State