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14<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES Samarkand, Uzbekistan, 12 – 17 February 2024

## **EVENTS IN THE MARGINS OF THE COP14**

## Launch of the State of the World's Migratory Species

The first-ever State of the World's Migratory Species report was launched on 12 February 2024 at the opening press conference.

The press conference was moderated by Ms Narelle Montgomery, Chair of the Scientific Council and counted with H E Mr Aziz Abdukhakimov, Minister of Environment of Uzbekistan, Ms Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP, Ms Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary of CMS and Ms Kelly Malsch, Report Lead Author at UNEP-WCMC as presenters.

## Signing of Memoranda of Understanding

On 13 February, The CMS Executive Secretary, Ms Amy Fraenkel, and the IUCN Director-General, Ms Grethel Aguilar, signed an MOU on African Carnivores and their habitats.

On 15 February, Argentina and the Secretariat were invited to the podium for the signing of the High Andean Flamingos MOU. Argentina noted that its signing of this MOU had been pending for some time and was convinced that this would strengthen the conservation of flamingos in the High Andes through coordinated actions of all Signatories.