



CMS Family Capacity Building Workshop

for African National Focal Points

An Overview of the CMS Family Manual

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Background

- The Manual has been developed by the Secretariat of CMS in collaboration with the Secretariat (UNEP/AEWA)
- Invaluable assistance was provided by other CMS Family Secretariats and in close consultation with the CMS Family (NFPs), key CMS Family partners (Ramsar Secretariat, UNEP/ WCMC, Sahara Conservation Fund, BirdLife International, CITES and Wetlands International , Wildlife Conservation Society,
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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose and outline of this manual

- A guiding resource and practical training tool to support the NFPs in implementing the CMS Family instruments;
- Addresses gaps in information and the lack of guidance on the roles and responsibilities of CMS Family NFPs;
- Aims to involve NFPs effectively in processes related to the CMS Family.

Introduction

Defining CMS Family NFP

- **CMS Family:** includes CMS itself as well as its instruments — the Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed under its auspices;
- **CMS Family NFPs:** the person(s) designated by the government of a Member State to one (or more) CMS Family instruments to deal with issues relating to the instrument concerned.

2. Background Information

Chapter 2 provides an overview of CMS and its instruments. The following topics are addressed:

Rational for protecting migratory species

Role of CMS

Instruments under CMS

Bodies of the CMS and its instruments

Funding of the CMS Family

3. Functions relating to Administration, Finance and Communication

This Chapter addresses the processes related to the NFPs and their roles and responsibilities, particularly:

The appointment of NFPs and other representatives and experts;

Communication and dissemination of information;

Financial matters.

4. Meetings of the CMS Family Decision-Making Bodies

This Chapter is intended to support the NFPs in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities with regard to meetings of decision-making bodies and meetings to negotiate new instruments.

Guidance on **preparation** for meetings of CMS and its instruments including the formal preparation for delegations and the preparation for negotiations

Guidance on effective **participation** in meetings of CMS and its instruments;

Relevant actions required from the NFPs as a **follow-up** to a meeting of CMS and its instruments.

5. Implementation

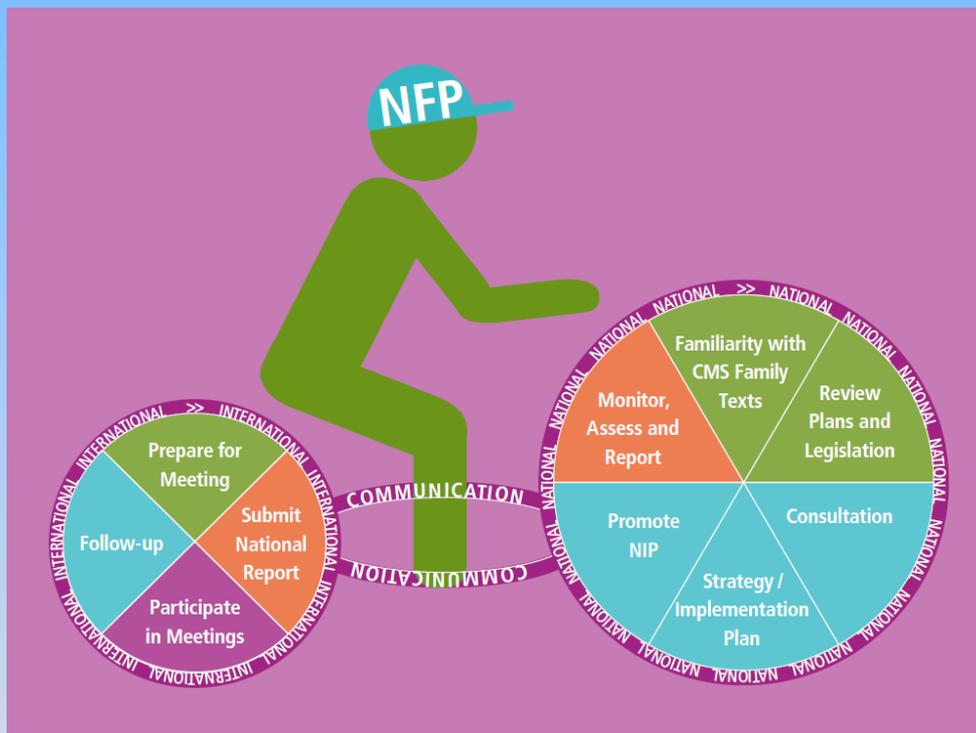
intends to provide information of implementation in order to support NFPs with recommendations of how the CMS and its instruments could be implemented at the national, regional and international levels.

What does implementation actually involve?

Implementation;

International aspects of implementation

5.2 Implementation cycle



- **Step 1: Familiarize and Analyze** the text of the instrument(s) and National Reporting requirements
- **Step 2: Review** existing national legislation and identify gaps
- **Step 3: Set up** a national consultation process
- **Step 4: Develop** national strategy and/or implementation plan
- **Step 5: Promote and facilitate** the implementation of the national strategy and/or implementation plan
- **Step 6:** Find other measures to **enhance** national implementation
- **Step 7: Monitor, assess and report** the developments of national implementation

6. CMS Family National Reporting

National Reports can provide useful guidance to the implementation at national level.

The reports show what countries have done and what still needs to be done, thus identifying progress and gaps in the implementation process.

On the basis of this overview, countries can set priorities for future planning. When at the beginning of an implementation cycle a country is planning its priority activities start from the latest National Report submitted as a blueprint for filling gaps in its implementation