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The aim was to cover all aspects of CMS's history, from its conception when the idea of an instrument to protect migratory species was first suggested, to the present day, over 25 years after the Convention was concluded.

We wanted to devise a flexible, readily digestible and attractive format. This comprehensive compilation of information sheets explains the Convention's history, structure, species coverage and modus operandi. As the Convention and its associated Agreements evolve, the information contained in the Family Guide can be amended, updated and expanded as necessary. Each sheet has been designed to be self-standing and to contain the essential facts concerning the subject covered.

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