



# SAFEGUARDING SPECIES IN ENERGY PLANNING

## Introduction

The Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) Energy Task Force (ETF) is a multi-stakeholder platform that works towards reconciling energy developments with the conservation of migratory species.

### FACING A CHANGING CLIMATE

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report warned about the consequences of temperature rising exceeding 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

The Paris Agreement is expected to generate action and investment towards low carbon-based economies through the development of renewable energy. However, in some cases renewable energy infrastructure and powerlines have adverse impacts on species and ecosystems if placed in wildlife sensitive areas. It is therefore critical that renewable energy infrastructure is sited and operated with biodiversity considerations taken into account.



### AIM OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

The CMS ETF brings together governments, multilateral environmental agreements, investors, the private sector and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with an aim of avoiding and minimizing the negative impacts of energy developments on migratory species.

The ETF is therefore spearheading the discussion on mainstreaming the conservation of migratory species across the energy sector, via innovative and responsible renewable energy solutions.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

- Develop guidance and tools for the sustainable deployment or retrofitting of renewable energy infrastructure and powerlines.
- Exchange information and experience, and disseminate good practices.
- Addressing knowledge gaps through research.
- New membership nominations to achieve greater business and industry involvement.



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## MEMBERS OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

The ETF is a multi-stakeholder platform, funded by the generous support of the German Government. The full list of members can be found on the ETF website:

[www.cms.int/en/taskforce/energy-task-force](http://www.cms.int/en/taskforce/energy-task-force)

The ETF offers members the opportunity to:

- Be part of a global network of sector leaders, engaging with members at global meetings and workshops
- Share and promote their success stories
- Support other members to build capacity

## MANDATE OF THE ENERGY TASK FORCE

- CMS Resolution 11.27 (Rev. COP13): Renewable Energy and Migratory Species
- AEWA Resolution 6.11.: Addressing Impacts of Renewable Energy Deployment on Migratory Waterbirds

## ABOUT CMS

CMS, also known as the Bonn Convention, works for the conservation of a wide array of endangered migratory animals worldwide, engaging all relevant stakeholders through negotiation and implementation of agreements and species action plans. It has 131 Parties (as of August 2020).

Animals receive protection under CMS through listing on its two Appendices, through global or regional agreements and through action plans. CMS engages all relevant stakeholders in addressing threats to migratory species in concert with all other aspects of wildlife conservation and management.

## GETTING INVOLVED

BirdLife International, the world's largest conservation partnership, coordinates the ETF on behalf of CMS.

If you wish to learn more about the work of the ETF, become a member or engage otherwise, please do contact the ETF coordinator:

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