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SYNTHESIS OF PARTY REPORTS

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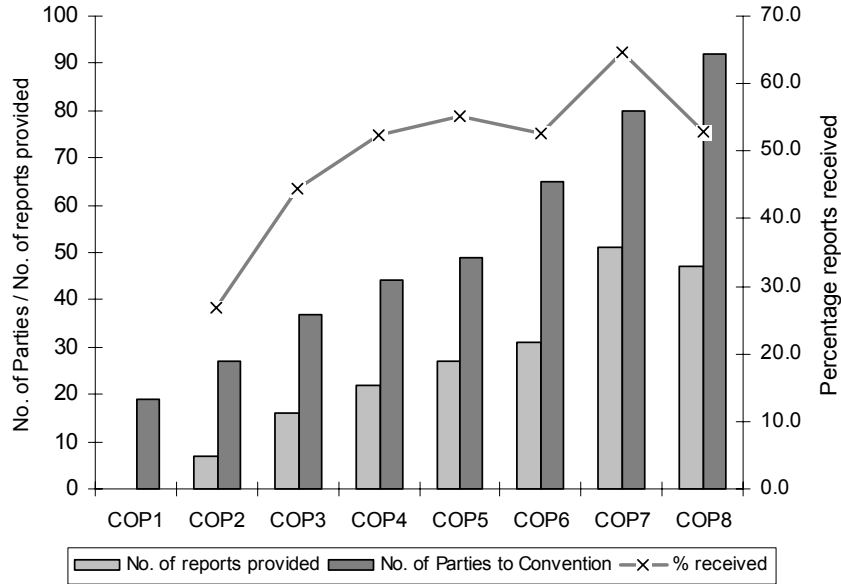
Background

1. Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) are required by Article VI, paragraph 3, to inform the Conference of the Parties (COP) of measures that they are taking to implement the provisions of the Convention for species listed in Appendix I and II. Reports should be provided to the Secretariat, at least six months prior to each ordinary meeting of the Conference.
2. As part of the ongoing implementation of the CMS Information Management Plan, (Resolution 6.5 – Cape Town, 1999), a standard National Report format was developed to facilitate the reporting process and to standardise the information provided by Parties, in order to make this information easier to use and to analyse.
3. The standard format, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh Meeting, was used on a trial voluntary basis by most Parties providing national reports in 2002. The feedback received and lessons learned from that exercise were used to fine-tune the standard format, and these changes were adopted by the Standing Committee at its 26th Meeting.
4. In preparation for the production of National Reports, Parties were supplied with electronic versions of the National Report format, which were pre-filled with the information provided by them in 2002 that was likely not to have changed, in order to further simplify and minimise the reporting effort undertaken by national authorities. As done with reports provided in 2002, National Reports received from Parties in 2005 are being incorporated into the CMS Information Management System to facilitate public access and thematic analysis of the information.
5. The present analysis summarises the current situation regarding the reports provided by Parties for COP8, and sets it in the context of reports produced since 1988 (COP2). For the purpose of the analysis of reports provided for COP8, only reports received by the CMS Secretariat by the extended deadline of 31 August 2005 have been considered.

Analysis

6. Figure 1 shows the number of Parties to the Convention and the number of reports produced since COP2. The percentages of reports received were calculated excluding Parties that had joined CMS (based on the date of entry into force of the Convention) after the formal deadline for provision of reports, six months before the COP.

Figure 1: Number of Parties to CMS and reports provided since COP2



7. Figure 1 shows that the number of reports provided has increased consistently since 1988. This increase has broadly been in line with the steady increase in Parties over the same period. The *percentage* of Parties providing reports, meanwhile, remained relatively constant (around 50–55%) for COP4, COP5 and COP6, but increased noticeably at COP7, when the standard format for National Reports was first introduced, and 65% of the Parties to the Convention produced a national report.

8. With regards to the reports provided in preparation for COP8, by 31 August 2005, 47 of the current total of 92 Parties have provided national reports, which – excluding the three Parties that joined the Convention since May 2005 – equates to a rate of 53%, significantly below that achieved for COP7. **However, we expect additional reports to be submitted before COP8 opens on 20 November 2005.**

9. Of the 47 reports currently received for COP8, five are from Parties that have joined the Convention since 2002, and 32 are from Parties that also provided reports for COP7. Nevertheless, reports for COP8 have not yet been received from 19 Parties that issued reports for COP7. Although 19 Parties currently have a 100% record of report provision up to and including COP8 (see Annex 1), a total of 35 Parties have produced fewer than 50% of their expected reports. Sixteen of these Parties have never issued a national report.

10. Table 1 provides a breakdown of reports produced, by region. Although there is a certain amount of variation between COPs, broadly the number of reports produced by Parties in each region increased between COP2 and COP7. However, for all except one of the five regions, the number of reports currently produced for COP8 remains lower than for COP7.

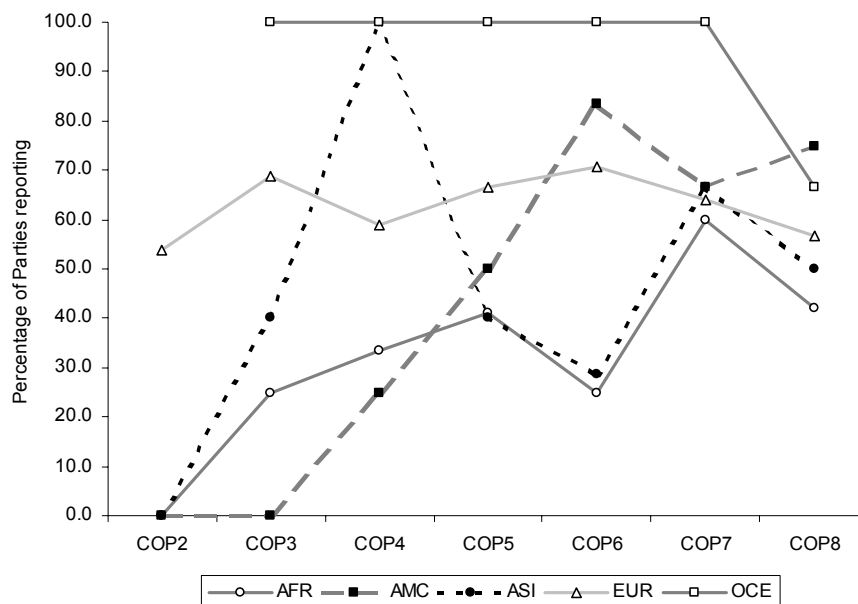
Table 1: Regional breakdown of National Reports produced in relation to the number of Parties at the time of each COP.

	COP2	COP3	COP4	COP5	COP6	COP7	COP8
Africa	0 / 9	3 / 12	5 / 15	7 / 17	5 / 20	15 / 25	13 / 31
Americas & Caribbean	0 / 1	0 / 3	1 / 4	2 / 4	5 / 6	4 / 6	7 / 9
Asia	0 / 3	2 / 5	5 / 5	2 / 5	2 / 7	6 / 9	5 / 10
Europe	7 / 13	11 / 16	10 / 17	14 / 21	17 / 24	23 / 36	21 / 37
Oceania	0 / 0	0 / 0	1 / 1	2 / 2	2 / 2	3 / 3	2 / 3
Overall	7 / 26	16 / 36	22 / 42	27 / 49	31 / 59	51 / 79	50 / 89

Note: Figures exclude Parties that joined CMS after the formal deadline for submission of reports.

11. This downturn in reports produced is even more noticeable when the increase in Parties to the Convention since 2002 is taken into account. Figure 2 shows the percentage of Parties in each region issuing reports for each COP since 1988. Although the overall trend for each region varies, four of the five regions currently show a drop from COP7 to COP8 in the percentage of Parties issuing reports.

Figure 2: Reporting rate by region.



Note: Extent of fluctuations is partly dependent on number of Parties in each region (see Table 1).

12. It should be noted, however, that 18 of the 51 reports produced for COP7 (i.e. about a third of the total) were provided either at the meeting itself or after the meeting, as the COP decided to extend the deadline to December 2002 in order to enable more Parties to provide their reports. In that sense, the number of reports received before COP8 (47 reports) is considerably higher than those received at a comparable point in time for COP7 (33 reports), both in relative and absolute terms. Thus, timeliness of report production for COP8 has also improved notably compared to COP7.

Conclusions

1. National Reports are a valuable source of information for all Parties, and the means by which the Convention can assess its effectiveness. The introduction of the new reporting format in 2002 for COP7 seems to have fostered improvements in the level of reporting. Although the improvements observed in timeliness of reporting for COP8 are encouraging, the number of reports received currently remains lower than the total number of reports provided for COP7, with reports received from only slightly over half the current Parties. Nevertheless, if at least the Parties that produced reports for COP7 but have not yet provided them in 2005 do so, reporting rate could yet approach an unprecedented 75%.
2. Given the large number of reports received late for COP7, it seems advisable to extend the deadline for submission also in this instance. Parties should be reminded nonetheless, of the importance of providing their reports in accordance with the deadline indicated in Article VI, paragraph 3 of the Convention. Failure to do so prevents the Meeting of the Conference of the Parties from having timely access to an adequate reflection of the efforts made and the lessons learned by the Parties in implementing the Convention.
3. Provision of formats pre-filled with recurrent information seems to be achieving the objective of encouraging and facilitating the total number of reports produced, judging from the number of reports received at this stage in comparison to those received at a comparable point in time for COP7.
4. Enabling Parties to provide their reports online and thus on an ongoing basis, rather than for a specific deadline, may further facilitate the reporting process and keep the information available up-to-date. It might be useful, however, to obtain from Parties further feedback about this idea, as well as about any other factors that could assist them in the fulfillment of their reporting obligations.

Note: A synthesis has only been completed for those countries that are a Party to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

A synthesis has been completed for every state that is a Party to the CMS (at 25 August 2005), including those States which have not to date submitted any National Reports.

Annex 1: National reports produced by each Party (as at 31 August 2005)

Party	Entry into force	COP2 (1988)	COP3 (1991)	COP4 (1994)	COP5 (1997)	COP6 (1999)	COP7 (2002)	COP8 (2005)
Albania	01/09/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Y
Argentina	01/01/1992	n/a	n/a	0	Y	Y	Y	Y
Australia	01/09/1991	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Austria	01/07/2005	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)
Belarus	01/09/2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y
Belgium	01/10/1990	n/a	Y	Y	0	Y	Y	Y
Benin	01/04/1986	0	0	Y	0	Y	Y	0
Bolivia	01/03/2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y
Bulgaria	01/09/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	Y	Y
Burkina Faso	01/01/1990	n/a	0	Y	0	0	Y	0
Cameroon	01/11/1983	0	0	0	Y	0	0	0
Chad	01/09/1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Y	Y
Chile	01/11/1983	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	0
Congo	01/01/2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y
Congo, Democratic Republic of	01/09/1990	n/a	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y
Côte d'Ivoire	01/07/2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y
Croatia	01/10/2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y
Cyprus	01/11/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Czech Republic	01/05/1994	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	Y	Y	Y	Y
Denmark	01/11/1983	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Djibouti	01/11/2004	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Ecuador	01/02/2004	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y
Egypt	01/11/1983	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	0
Eritrea	01/02/2005	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y
European Community	01/11/1983	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Finland	01/01/1989	n/a	Y	0	0	Y	0	Y
France	01/07/1990	n/a	0	Y	Y	Y	0	0
Gambia	01/08/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Georgia	01/06/2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y
Germany	01/10/1984	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ghana	01/04/1988	0	Y	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	01/10/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	0	0
Guinea	01/08/1993	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	0	Y	Y
Guinea-Bissau	01/09/1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0
Hungary	01/11/1983	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y
India	01/11/1983	0	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0
Ireland	01/11/1983	Y	Y	0	0	0	Y	0
Israel	01/11/1983	0	Y	Y	0	Y	Y	Y
Italy	01/11/1983	0	0	0	0	0	Y	Y
Jordan	01/03/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	0
Kenya	01/05/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y
Latvia	01/07/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	Y	Y
Liberia	01/12/2004	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	01/09/2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	0
Liechtenstein	01/11/1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Lithuania	01/02/2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Y
Luxembourg	01/11/1983	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	0
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	01/11/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	Y	Y

Party	Entry into force	COP2 (1988)	COP3 (1991)	COP4 (1994)	COP5 (1997)	COP6 (1999)	COP7 (2002)	COP8 (2005)
Mali	01/10/1987	0	0	0	Y	0	Y	Y
Malta	01/06/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Mauritania	01/07/1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Mauritius	01/06/2004	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Moldova, Republic of	01/04/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	0
Monaco	01/06/1993	n/a	n/a	0	Y	0	Y	Y
Mongolia	01/11/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y
Morocco	01/11/1993	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	Y	Y
Netherlands	01/11/1983	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	0
New Zealand	01/10/2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y
Niger	01/11/1983	0	Y	Y	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	01/01/1987	0	0	0	0	0	0	Y
Norway	01/08/1985	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Pakistan	01/12/1987	0	0	Y	0	0	Y	Y
Panama	01/05/1989	n/a	0	0	Y	Y	0	Y
Paraguay	01/01/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	0	Y
Peru	01/06/1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Y	Y
Philippines	01/02/1994	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	Y	Y	Y	0
Poland	01/05/1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	Y	0
Portugal	01/11/1983	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Romania	01/07/1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	0
Rwanda	01/06/2005	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)
Sao Tome and Principe	01/12/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Saudi Arabia	01/03/1991	n/a	0	Y	Y	0	0	Y
Senegal	01/06/1988	(n/a)	0	0	Y	0	Y	Y
Seychelles	01/08/2005	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)
Slovakia	01/03/1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	0	Y	0
Slovenia	01/02/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Somalia	01/02/1986	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	01/12/1991	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	0	0	Y
Spain	01/05/1985	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sri Lanka	01/09/1990	n/a	0	Y	0	0	Y	Y
Sweden	01/11/1983	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0	Y
Switzerland	01/07/1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Y	Y	Y
Syrian Arab Republic	01/06/2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
Tajikistan	01/02/2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0
Tanzania, United Republic of	01/07/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	Y	0
Togo	01/02/1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Y	Y	Y
Tunisia	01/06/1987	0	Y	0	0	0	Y	Y
Uganda	01/08/2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	0
Ukraine	01/11/1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(n/a)	0	Y
United Kingdom	01/10/1985	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Uruguay	01/05/1990	n/a	0	Y	0	Y	Y	Y
Uzbekistan	01/09/1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	Y	0

Notes:

Y = Report provided;

0 = No report provided;

n/a = Not applicable (not a Party at time of COP);

(n/a) = Not applicable (Party at time of COP, but joined after deadline for submission of reports).