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FORMAT FOR PARTY REPORTS

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1. Article VI, paragraph 3 of the Convention establishes that Parties which are Range States for migratory species listed in Appendix I and/or Appendix II should inform the Conference of the Parties through the Secretariat, at least six months prior to each ordinary meeting of the Conference, on measures that they are taking to implement the provisions of this Convention for these species. The reports provide the means by which Parties can assess the status of implementation of the Convention, and decide on future actions.
2. From COP2 to COP6 about half of the Parties to the Convention presented their reports. National Reports provided evidence of the efforts undertaken by many Parties to implement the Convention. However, it was generally recognised, that the number of topics addressed by each Party, and the extent to which these were discussed varied substantially. This made the analysis of the reports rather difficult, this limiting the use of information provided.
3. As part of the activities emerging from the adoption of the CMS Information Management Plan (Conf. Res. 6.5), a standard Report Format subsequently was produced, to simplify the reporting process by the Parties, and to enable a more productive analysis of the information provided.
4. The new report format was designed to enable Parties to the Convention to provide information concerning the various objectives and activities established in the 2000-2005 Strategic Plan of the Convention. This report format, adopted at the Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP7), was used on a trial, voluntary basis by many Parties of the Convention in the preparation of their reports for COP7. This resulted in a record provision of reports by about two thirds of the Parties. Figures to date suggest that, even though timeliness of provision of National Reports can be improved, the number of reports provided for COP8 can exceed the number reached at COP7.
5. The Strategic Plan for the Convention for the period of 2006 – 2011 recognises new challenges ahead of Parties to the Convention, and consequently establishes a new set of objectives to attain and activities to implement during that period. Consequently, the standard format of National Reports will need to be adapted to reflect those objectives and activities in the information requested from the Parties. Annex 1 to this document provides a synoptic analysis of the opportunities for Report Format, using as a guideline the draft 2006 – 2011 Strategic Plan of the Convention.

Action requested:

6. The Conference of the Parties is invited to review the draft guidelines for the standard National Report Format and to request the Standing Committee to supervise the adaptation of the format in accordance to the adopted Strategic Plan 2006 – 2011.

Annex 1

Opportunities for standardising national reports in line with 2006-2011 Strategic Plan

TARGETS ¹	INFORMATION NEEDED FROM PARTIES TO REVIEW PROGRESS	RELEVANT QUESTION(S) IN CURRENT NATIONAL REPORTING FORMAT	POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS FOR NEW REPORTING FORMAT
OBJECTIVE 1 To ensure that the conservation and management of migratory species is based on the best available scientific information			
1.1 Review of status of and conservation actions for App I and II species published at regular intervals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National status of Appendix I spp. National actions for Appendix I spp. National status of Appendix II spp. National actions for Appendix II spp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.2.2² Section II x.2.3 N/A N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructure to request more detail (e.g. on population size and trend)? Review categories of actions? Add questions to Annex? Links to Agreement / MoU reports?
1.2 Up-to-date list of range states of App I and II species presented to each COP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National distribution of Appendix I spp. National distribution of Appendix II spp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.2.1 & x.2.2 Annex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request more detail on status (e.g. breeder / non-breeder / passage migrant / vagrant)? Ditto
1.3 Indices for measuring the status and trends of migratory species at global, regional and national levels developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National population trends of species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.2.3 [App. I spp. only] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Target 1.1
1.4 Reviews of major threats to migratory species and obstacles to migration completed at regular intervals and guidelines for appropriate actions developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National threats and obstacles to migration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.1.3 [App. I spp. only] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break down threats into categories? New question on general threats (not just to App. I spp.)?
1.5 Criteria, indicators and guidelines for assessing the success of conservation actions for priority migratory species developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Success of national actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.1.3a & x.1.4 [App. I spp. only] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request info on progress / success of actions?
1.6 Research and monitoring priorities for App I and II species identified and recommended to appropriate institutions for action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National priorities for research and monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add question on priorities (in Section II x.1 [general] or x.2 [for individual App. I spp.]?)
1.7 Standards and effectiveness of commissioned research and CMS published reports improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National publications on topics of interest? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A?
1.8 User-friendly information management system integrating the best available data on migratory species operational and regularly up-dated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above
OBJECTIVE 2 To ensure that migratory species benefit from the best possible conservation measures			
2.1 App. I and App. II regularly up-dated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National proposals for additions to and removals from Appendices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II 7.1 [App. I spp.] and Section III 3.1 [App. II spp.] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add questions on <u>removal</u> of species from Appendices?

¹ from draft Strategic Plan 2006–2011

² x represents subsections 1 to 6 (for different taxonomic groups)

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2.2 All species in App. I fully protected throughout their range in Parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National legislation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.1.2 & x.1.2a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request list of species covered by exceptions?
2.3 Habitats of key importance in removing App. I species from danger of extinction conserved, restored and effectively managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key habitats for Appendix I spp. National actions for key habitats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A Section II x.1.4 [general actions for App. I spp.] and x.2.4 [habitat protection and restoration actions for specific App. I spp.] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question on key habitat(s) for each App. I spp? Link actions to 'key' habitats?
2.4 Concerted actions for App I priority species identified by COP implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National actions for relevant Appendix I species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.2.4 [all App. I spp.] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight which App. I spp. have been identified for concerted action? Add in extra question on actions for these species (in Section X)?
2.5 App. II regularly reviewed and opportunities for international collaborative arrangements (incl. agreements) at appropriate scale and resulting in greatest possible conservation gain actively pursued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National efforts to develop new Agreements for Appendix II species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section III 2.x 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question on priority App. II spp. for new Agreements?
2.6 Actions to mitigate most serious threats to migratory species and obstacles to animal migration initiated or carried out, in particular relating to wind turbines, power lines, by-catch, oil pollution, climate change, disease, invasives, illegal take	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National actions to mitigate priority threats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section II x.1.3a & x.1.4 [App. I spp. only] and Section X 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break down threats into categories? New question on general threats (not just to App. I spp.)?
2.7 The most important key habitats/sites for migratory species in each range state are protected and connected, where appropriate, through networks of protected areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most important national sites for migratory spp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question on location (and protected status) of most important sites in country for migratory species?
2.8 Impact assessments (EIA, SEA) required for all development likely seriously to impact migratory species (esp. wind turbines and power lines) and special provisions for migratory species included in national EIA regulations and procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National requirements for (e.g. wind turbine, powerline) developments. Consideration of migratory spp. in national EIA regulations? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section X (e.g. Res. 7.4 & 7.5) Section X (e.g. Res. 7.2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate question (in legislation or threats section)? Separate question (in legislation or threats section)?
2.9 Issues affecting migratory species addressed in national biodiversity strategies and action plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Migratory species addressed by NBSAPs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section IV 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
OBJECTIVE 3			
To broaden awareness and enhance engagement in the conservation of migratory species amongst key actors			
3.1 Levels of engagement and commitment of existing Parties in CMS increased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section X 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More structured response (e.g. "Action taken: Yes / No") for each Resolution and Recommendation?
3.2 Level of engagement in CMS work of priority target non-Parties increased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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3.3 Number of Partners supporting and participating in the work of CMS increased	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A
3.4 Awareness of key media of CMS and its leading role in the conservation of migratory species enhanced	• National actions to raise profile of CMS in media	• Section VIII [general awareness]?	• Specific question on actions with media?
3.5 Opinion leaders of key sectoral groups impacting on migratory species influenced, including by expert advice, through CMS	• Consideration of migratory species by national or regional policies / plans?	• Section IV 3 & 3a	• More direct measure of impact on "key sectoral groups"? Extra question (in Section VIII)?
3.6 Key information material in appropriate UN languages disseminated to identified target audiences	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A
OBJECTIVE 4 To reinforce CMS's overarching and unifying role in the conservation and management of migratory species			
4.1 CMS membership increased by 30 Parties, particularly those which are of high importance for migratory species, and/or for which there is a high priority for securing new agreements	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A
4.2 Contribution of Agreements and MoUs towards delivery of the CMS Strategic Plan targets jointly reviewed, and appropriate measures developed to deal with any identified gaps	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A
4.3 Co-operative activities in pursuit of shared targets with relevant MEAs and key partners increased	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A
4.4 Identity and cohesiveness of the CMS family of instruments strengthened	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A
4.5 CMS national liaison systems or committees established in a majority of Parties	• Establishment of national liaison systems or committees	• N/A	• New question?
4.6 Effectiveness of CMS's own institutions reviewed and, where necessary, enhanced to ensure fulfilment of its increasing worldwide responsibilities	• N/A	• N/A	• N/A
4.7 Regional capacity for participating in CMS implementation activities enhanced, particularly in those regions where CMS is under-represented	• Technical / scientific support provided by Parties to other countries?	• Section IX 4	• Specify whether recipient within same region?
4.8 Extra-budgetary funding from a wider range of sources secured for implementation of the CMS Strategic Plan	• National funding of in-country projects? • Contributions to CMS Trust Fund?	• Section IX 1 • Section IX 2	• Request amounts? • Request amounts?