



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RESOLUTION 7.9*

COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES AND PROCESSES

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Seventh Meeting (Bonn, 18-24 September 2002)

Recognising that CMS is the only global United Nations-based mechanism addressing comprehensively all migratory species and that it provides an international legal framework through which States can work together to conserve migratory species across their migratory range;

Acknowledging that the Strategic Plan for the Convention on Migratory Species 2000-2005 recognises that the aims and objectives of CMS complement and reinforce those of other biodiversity-related international instruments, while stressing the need for co-operation in areas of mutual interest;

Recalling also Resolution 4.4 (Nairobi, 1994), Action point 1, and Resolution 5.4 (Geneva, 1997), Objective 8.1;

Emphasising the need for synergy to be developed within a global context, involving the main global biodiversity-related conventions;

Emphasising further the need for CMS to strengthen orderly institutional linkages with partner organizations, and to define the scope of their responsibility and the ways to improve, in the most efficient way, their tasks and to enhance their synergetic effect; and

Noting with satisfaction the CMS Secretariat's successful progress since the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to endeavour to conclude memoranda of understanding with a number of its counterparts;

*The Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Reaffirms* the interest of CMS to develop strong collaborative arrangements with other biodiversity-related instruments and international organizations;
2. With regard to the CBD:
 - (a) *Welcomes and endorses* the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme reproduced as document UNEP/CMS/Inf.7.13;
 - (b) *Notes* that CMS Parties have the primary responsibility to implement the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme, and *urges* those Parties to take the Joint Work Programme fully into consideration in their work on migratory species conservation and

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sustainable use within CMS and CBD, including the provision of voluntary financial or in-kind contributions;

- (c) *Requests* the CMS Scientific Council and the Executive Secretary to take the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme fully into consideration in developing and implementing the CMS Strategic Plan and the CMS work programme;
- (d) *Invites* the decision-making and advisory bodies of the Agreements concluded under the auspices of CMS to expeditiously consider, endorse and implement the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme, as appropriate;
- (e) *Invites* CMS Parties and international organizations to submit to the CMS Secretariat case studies on migratory species and their habitats, relevant to the thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the CBD as specified in the CBD-CMS Joint Work Programme;
- (f) *Invites* the CMS Secretariat to collaborate with the CBD Secretariat in generating guidance to integrate migratory species into national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and on-going and future programmes of work under the CBD, and invites the CMS Scientific Council and Contracting Parties to actively contribute to this work; and
- (g) *Invites* the CMS Secretariat and UNEP-WCMC to work closely with the CBD Secretariat in developing a format for CBD Parties to report, through their national reports, on the extent to which they address migratory species at the national level, and on cooperation with other Range States as part of on-going efforts to harmonise national reporting requirements of the biodiversity-related conventions;

3. *Welcomes and endorses* the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariats of CMS and the International Whaling Commission;

4. *Welcomes and endorses* the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariat of CMS and UNESCO;

5. *Welcomes and endorses* the Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariats of CMS and CITES;

6. *Notes* the progress made to develop joint work programmes with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and Wetlands International, and *urges* their timely completion;

7. *Encourages* the Secretariat to continue its endeavours to establish or intensify collaboration with other organizations, including the conclusion of memoranda of understanding and joint work programmes;

8. *Invites* the Secretariats of Agreements concluded under the auspices of CMS to share relevant information and to contribute to the implementation of the memoranda of understanding between CMS and other organizations, as appropriate;

9. With regard to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA):

- (a) *Notes* the progress being made to develop the MA and *acknowledges* the MA as broadly relevant to CMS because migratory species are components of the ecosystems and regions under assessment;

- (b) *Invites* the MA to integrate, within the limits of its conceptual design, migratory species and their habitats into the further design and execution of the Assessment, taking into consideration the importance of the migratory range approach;
- (c) *Urges* Party and non-Party Range States to integrate consideration of relevant migratory species and their habitats into the MA sub-global assessments in which they may be participating;
- (d) *Urges* Parties to nominate relevant experts on migratory species to the MA Secretariat, and to contribute as authors, review editors, and reviewers of the MA products;
- (e) *Invites* the Parties and the CMS Scientific Council as appropriate to review the outputs of MA when they are available in 2004-2005; and
- (f) *Invites* the MA to collaborate with the Scientific Council to examine more closely how the MA could benefit the Convention and the Parties.

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