



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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## SECOND MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION MEASURES FOR MARINE TURTLES OF THE ATLANTIC COAST OF AFRICA

*5-7 March 2008, Dakar, Senegal*

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Agenda Item 9.0

### REVIEW OF STATES AND ORGANISATIONS NOT YET SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM

*(prepared by the CMS Secretariat)*

1. The Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic Coast of Africa (MoU) was signed by 12 African States during the meeting held in Abidjan in 1999, the date of the adoption of the MoU. The list of Signatory States (as of 6 November 2007) is provided in the annex.
2. Since then, several signatures were made on the occasion of the First Meeting of the Signatory States, Nairobi 2002, other meetings of CMS, discussions with non-Signatory States in Bonn (Namibia in February 2006) and in the margins of the last session of the Joint Conference of Parties for the Abidjan and Nairobi Convention in Johannesburg (South Africa in November 2007), where CMS was represented.
3. The last signature by an African State is of particular importance because it opens prospects for signature by other Range States, namely United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Spain and Portugal. Moreover, France supported the possibility of considering the signature of the MoU during the first meeting of the Signatory States held in Nairobi in 2002.
4. In this framework, several attempts have been undertaken by the CMS Secretariat both in order to complete the list of all Range States, in addition to the 23 African countries that are already signatories and to receive support from organisations concerned with the conservation of marine turtles.
5. Letters have been transmitted to the Ministry of the United Kingdom that is in charge of the environment and agriculture (Defra), with support of the Marine Conservation Society, whose participation at this meeting, as well as all efforts made and in progress in view of the UK's accession to the MoU are appreciated.
6. The effort of the Secretariat has continued, notably by the invitation addressed to these countries and organisations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Signatory States in association with the Conference of Parties for the Abidjan and Nairobi Convention. This conference should have taken place in September 2007 but was postponed to November of the same year, following many attempts and finally the change of the venue from Cape Town to Johannesburg. CMS then preferred to postpone the meeting and to organise it in Dakar, at the kind invitation of the Government of Senegal.

7. It should also be noted that the postponement of the meeting that was reported to the non-signatory countries and supporting organisations on time did not facilitate contacts and the positive consideration for signature by these countries. It should be pointed out that the initial ambition to establish a solid partnership with the Abidjan Convention at least, has not been realised, maybe due to lack of time and visibility.

8. With reference to the present meeting, the Secretariat again insisted in transmitting the invitations to the concerned governments of the United Kingdom, Spain, Portugal and France in view of being represented at the meeting and considering positively the signature of the Memorandum according to agenda item 9.

9. For this purpose, the Secretariat prepared the necessary signatory tables in case of acceptance by countries and /or organisations should they desire to engage themselves for the protection of turtles in Africa in the framework of the MoU. This amendment should be subject to the consensus of Signatory States present at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in order to become effective according to paragraph 2 of the principles of the MoU.

10. During a meeting held at the Ministry of Environment in Paris in early February 2008, the necessity to clearly demonstrate the migratory transatlantic movements of turtle species crossing the French coasts as a condition for future consideration was underlined, and it was agreed that CMS will send a request to France's Authorities in order to support to the MoU.

11. Until the drafting of this paper, the Secretariat has no information about any State or organisation that has expressed its wish to be part of the MoU and to proceed to its signature.

**Action required by the meeting:**

The CMS Secretariat invites the meeting to:

- a. discuss the amendment to be added to the MoU and to proceed to its adoption; and
- b. reiterate and further encourage the accession of non-Signatory States mentioned above, as well as supporting organisations to sign the MoU as soon as possible.

## Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic coast of Africa

*Final version, opened for signature at Abidjan on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1999 with the signatures of:*

1.	<i>Benin</i>	29.05.1999	Mr. Mohamed Abdoulaye, Chef du Service, Direction des Forêts et des Ressources Naturelles
2.	<i>Congo, RO</i>	29.05.1999	Mr. Germain Kombo, Ingénieur des Travaux de Développement Rural, Direction Générale de l'Environnement
3.	<i>Equatorial Guinea</i>	29.05.1999	Mr. Nicanor Ona Nze, Ingeniero Forestal, Ministerio de Bosques y Medio Ambiente
4.	<i>Gabon</i>	29.05.1999	Mr. Henri-Max Boudiala, Ingénieur, Direction de la Faune et de la Chasse
5.	<i>Guinea</i>	29.05.1999	Mr. Abdel Kader Bangoura, Chef de la Section conservation des écosystèmes terrestres, Direction Nationale de l'Environnement
6.	<i>Guinea Bissau</i>	29.05.1999	Mr. Castro Barbosa, Biologist, Bureau de Planification Côtière
7.	<i>Mauritania</i>	29.05.1999	Mr. Sidi Mohamed Ould Sidi Bolle, Coordinateur, Direction de l'Environnement et de l'Aménagement Rural
8.	<i>Congo, DRO</i>	12.11.1999	Mr. Seya Makonga Kasulu, Secrétaire Exécutif et Directeur, Ministère de l'environnement, conservation de la nature, pêche et forêts
9.	<i>Gambia</i>	12.11.1999	Mr. Momodou Lamin Kassama, Gambian Wildlife Service
10.	<i>Ghana</i>	12.11.1999	Mr. Ernest L. Lamptey, Principal Wildlife Officer, Department of Wildlife
11.	<i>Nigeria</i>	12.11.1999	H.E. Dr. Imeh T. Okopido, Minister of State for Environment, Federal Ministry of Environment
12.	<i>Togo</i>	12.11.1999	Mr. Abdou-Kerim Moumouni, Directeur de la Faune et Chasse, Ministère de l'Environnement
13.	<i>Angola</i>	09.05.2002	Mr. João da Costa Vintem, National Director of Environment, Ministry of Fisheries & Environment
14.	<i>Morocco</i>	09.05.2002	H.E. Mohammed Chraïbi, Ambassador, Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco in Kenya
15.	<i>Sao Tome &amp; Principe</i>	09.05.2002	Mr. Juvêncio Amado d'Oliveira, Technicien au Cabinet de l'Environnement, Ministère des Travaux Publics, Infrastructures et Ressources Naturelles
16.	<i>Senegal</i>	09.05.2002	Ms. Ndeye Sene Thiam, Conseiller Technique, Direction des Parcs Nationaux
17.	<i>Sierra Leone</i>	09.05.2002	Mr. Kalie Bangura, Ministry of Forests, Agriculture and Marine Resources
18.	<i>Cameroon</i>	18.09.2002	H.E. M. Jean Melaga, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Cameroon in Germany
19.	<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>	18.09.2002	H.E. Atse Amin, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in Germany
20.	<i>Liberia</i>	24.11.2005	Mr. Anthony J. Taplah, Sr., Deputy Managing Director, Forestry Development Authority (FDA)
21.	<i>Namibia</i>	21.02.2006	H.E. Mr. Hanno Burkhard Rumpf, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Namibia in Germany
22.	<i>Cape Verde</i>	08.01.2007	Mr. Jorge José de Figueiredo Gonçalves, chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of Cape Verde in Senegal
23.	<i>South Africa</i>	06.11.2007	H.E. Mr. Marthinus van Schalkwyk, Minister of Environment Affairs & Tourism

### Cooperating Organisations named in the Conservation Plan:

UNEP/CMS Secretariat	29.05.1999	Mr. Douglas Hykle, Deputy Executive Secretary
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