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**RESOLUTIONS TO REPEAL IN PART**

**RESOLUTION 10.15, GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR CETACEANS**

*(Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee)*

Summary:

This document repeals in part [Resolution 10.15, Global Programme for Work for Cetaceans](#).

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION 10.15 (REV. COP12)****GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR CETACEANS**

NB: Proposed new text is underlined. Text to be deleted is ~~crossed-out~~.

<b>Paragraph</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Recalling</i> Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Convention, where “Parties acknowledge the importance of migratory species being conserved”, and <i>acknowledging</i> that migratory cetacean species may face multiple and cumulative threats with possible effects over vast areas;	Retain
<i>Recognizing</i> that Objective 2 of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and its updated version for the period 2012-2014 is to “ensure that migratory species benefit from the best possible conservation measures”, and that migratory marine species in particular, due to the inherent connectivity of their dynamic habitats, can best be conserved through joint international cooperative efforts;	Retain
<i>Recalling</i> previous related decisions of CMS Parties including Resolution 8.22 (Human Induced Impacts on Cetaceans), Resolution 9.2 (Priorities for CMS Agreements), Resolution 9.7 (Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species), Resolution 9.9 (Migratory Marine Species), Resolution 9.18 (Bycatch), Resolution 9.19 (Adverse Anthropogenic Marine/Ocean Noise Impacts on Cetaceans and other Biota) and others;	Retain
<i>Recalling</i> also that 14 cetacean species or populations are listed on CMS Appendix I (some of which are listed on both Appendix I and Appendix II) and that 10 of these are identified for Concerted Action, and that a further 22 cetacean species and populations are listed on CMS Appendix II and that 12 of these are identified for Cooperative Action;	Retain
<i>Acknowledging</i> other related decisions of CMS COP10 including Resolution 10.4 (Marine Debris), Resolution 10.14 (Bycatch in Gillnet Fisheries), Resolution 10.16 (Priorities for Agreements), Resolution 10.19 (Climate Change), Resolution 10.23 (Concerted and Cooperative Actions) and Resolution 10.24 (Underwater Noise);	Retain
<i>Aware</i> that many Multilateral Environmental Agreements deal with matters directly or indirectly affecting cetacean conservation and that close collaboration with these is crucial in order to achieve the desired conservation status for cetaceans;	Retain
<i>Noting with satisfaction</i> that the extensive reviews called for in Resolution 8.22 and reconfirmed in Resolution 9.9 have been carried out and published as document UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.31, analysing what the most important threats to cetaceans are in different regions, how these are addressed by intergovernmental fora and based on a gap analysis proposing a work programme for CMS;	Retain
<i>Grateful</i> to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society and the Migratory Wildlife Network, who in collaboration with the Appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals and the Secretariat undertook	Retain

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these extensive reviews and, based on them, developed the work programme contained in the Annex to this resolution;	
<i>Noting</i> the lack of data on the distribution and migration of some populations of cetaceans and the adverse and increasing human-induced impacts cetaceans are exposed to; and	Retain
<i>Recognizing</i> the important role that the CMS Family, IMO, CITES, FAO/COFI and IWC each has in determining the global strategies for minimizing the reviewed threats;	Retain
<i>The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals</i>	
1. <i>Adopts</i> the Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans contained in the Annex to this resolution;	Retain
2. <i>Reiterates</i> its urgent call on Parties and non-Parties that exercise jurisdiction over any part of the range of cetacean species listed on the appendices of CMS, or over flag vessels that are engaged outside national jurisdictional limits, to cooperate as appropriate with relevant international organizations;	Retain
3. <i>Urges</i> Parties and non-Parties to promote the integration of cetacean conservation into all relevant sectors by coordinating their national positions among various conventions, agreements and other international fora;	Retain
4. <i>Encourages</i> the participation of all relevant stakeholders in the work of cetacean-related agreements of CMS;	Retain
5. <i>Urges</i> Parties and <i>invites</i> Agreement Parties, MOU Signatories, partner organizations and the private sector to facilitate the implementation of the Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans with voluntary contributions and in-kind support;	Retain
6. <i>Reaffirms</i> Resolution 9.9 on Migratory Marine Species and <i>urges</i> the Scientific Council to address outstanding actions;	Retain
7. <i>Instructs</i> the Scientific Council and Secretariat, subject to availability of resources, to address the actions foreseen in the Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans;	Retain
<del>8. <i>Calls upon</i> the Scientific Council to review the regional threats for the remaining CMS-listed aquatic mammals and prepare for CMS COP11 a robust assessment of threats and regional priorities as well as similar work programmes for these other aquatic mammal species;</del>	Repeal and convert to a Decision.
9. <del>8.</del> <i>Reiterates</i> the request to the Secretariat to consider options for increasing linkages and synergies within the CMS Family by promoting joint priorities, the sharing of technical expertise and resources and holding joint meetings if appropriate;	Retain
40. <del>9.</del> <i>Requests</i> the Secretariat and Scientific Council to continue and increase efforts to collaborate with other relevant international fora, with a view to avoiding duplication, increasing synergies and raising the profile of CMS and CMS cetacean-related agreements in these fora;	Retain
44. <del>10.</del> <i>Requests</i> the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to maintain and, where appropriate, seek to enhance cooperation and collaboration with the International Whaling Commission and its Scientific and Conservation Committees;	Retain

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42. <u>11.</u> <i>Instructs</i> the Scientific Council's Aquatic Mammals Working Group (AMWG), chaired by the CMS Appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals to work intersessionally, using electronic means where appropriate; and	Retain
<del>43.</del> <u>12.</u> <i>Encourages</i> participation of other appointed Councillors and relevant species focal points, the scientific or advisory bodies of all CMS aquatic mammal agreements; relevant IUCN Specialist Groups; experts from FAO/COFI, CITES and IWC; and experts from CMS Partner Organizations.	Retain
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNEX</b>  <b>CMS GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR CETACEANS</b>  (2012-2024)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[Omitted due to length]</p>	Retain

**RESOLUTION 10.15 (REV. COP12)****GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR CETACEANS**

*Recalling* Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Convention, where “Parties acknowledge the importance of migratory species being conserved”, and *acknowledging* that migratory cetacean species may face multiple and cumulative threats with possible effects over vast areas;

*Recognizing* that Objective 2 of the CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011 and its updated version for the period 2012-2014 is to “ensure that migratory species benefit from the best possible conservation measures”, and that migratory marine species in particular, due to the inherent connectivity of their dynamic habitats, can best be conserved through joint international cooperative efforts;

*Recalling* previous related decisions of CMS Parties including Resolution 8.22 (Human Induced Impacts on Cetaceans), Resolution 9.2 (Priorities for CMS Agreements), Resolution 9.7 (Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species), Resolution 9.9 (Migratory Marine Species), Resolution 9.18 (Bycatch), Resolution 9.19 (Adverse Anthropogenic Marine/Ocean Noise Impacts on Cetaceans and other Biota) and others;

*Recalling* also that 14 cetacean species or populations are listed on CMS Appendix I (some of which are listed on both Appendix I and Appendix II) and that 10 of these are identified for Concerted Action, and that a further 22 cetacean species and populations are listed on CMS Appendix II and that 12 of these are identified for Cooperative Action;

*Acknowledging* other related decisions of CMS COP10 including Resolution 10.4 (Marine Debris), Resolution 10.14 (Bycatch in Gillnet Fisheries), Resolution 10.16 (Priorities for Agreements), Resolution 10.19 (Climate Change), Resolution 10.23 (Concerted and Cooperative Actions) and Resolution 10.24 (Underwater Noise);

*Aware* that many Multilateral Environmental Agreements deal with matters directly or indirectly affecting cetacean conservation and that close collaboration with these is crucial in order to achieve the desired conservation status for cetaceans;

*Noting with satisfaction* that the extensive reviews called for in Resolution 8.22 and reconfirmed in Resolution 9.9 have been carried out and published as document UNEP/CMS/Inf.10.31, analysing what the most important threats to cetaceans are in different regions, how these are addressed by intergovernmental fora and based on a gap analysis proposing a work programme for CMS;

*Grateful* to the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society and the Migratory Wildlife Network, who in collaboration with the Appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals and the Secretariat undertook these extensive reviews and, based on them, developed the work programme contained in the Annex to this resolution;

*Noting* the lack of data on the distribution and migration of some populations of cetaceans and the adverse and increasing human-induced impacts cetaceans are exposed to; and

*Recognizing* the important role that the CMS Family, IMO, CITES, FAO/COFI and IWC each has in determining the global strategies for minimizing the reviewed threats;

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

1. *Adopts* the Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans contained in the Annex to this resolution;
2. *Reiterates* its urgent call on Parties and non-Parties that exercise jurisdiction over any part of the range of cetacean species listed on the appendices of CMS, or over flag vessels that are engaged outside national jurisdictional limits, to cooperate as appropriate with relevant international organizations;
3. *Urges* Parties and non-Parties to promote the integration of cetacean conservation into all relevant sectors by coordinating their national positions among various conventions, agreements and other international fora;
4. *Encourages* the participation of all relevant stakeholders in the work of cetacean-related agreements of CMS;
5. *Urges* Parties and *invites* Agreement Parties, MOU Signatories, partner organizations and the private sector to facilitate the implementation of the Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans with voluntary contributions and in-kind support;
6. *Reaffirms* Resolution 9.9 on Migratory Marine Species and *urges* the Scientific Council to address outstanding actions;
7. *Instructs* the Scientific Council and Secretariat, subject to availability of resources, to address the actions foreseen in the Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans;
8. *Reiterates* the request to the Secretariat to consider options for increasing linkages and synergies within the CMS Family by promoting joint priorities, the sharing of technical expertise and resources and holding joint meetings if appropriate;
9. *Requests* the Secretariat and Scientific Council to continue and increase efforts to collaborate with other relevant international fora, with a view to avoiding duplication, increasing synergies and raising the profile of CMS and CMS cetacean-related agreements in these fora;
10. *Requests* the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to maintain and, where appropriate, seek to enhance cooperation and collaboration with the International Whaling Commission and its Scientific and Conservation Committees;
11. *Instructs* the Scientific Council's Aquatic Mammals Working Group (AMWG), chaired by the CMS Appointed Councillor for Aquatic Mammals to work intersessionally, using electronic means where appropriate; and
12. *Encourages* participation of other appointed Councillors and relevant species focal points, the scientific or advisory bodies of all CMS aquatic mammal agreements; relevant IUCN Specialist Groups; experts from FAO/COFI, CITES and IWC; and experts from CMS Partner Organizations.

**ANNEX**  
**CMS GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR CETACEANS (2012-2024)**

[Omitted due to length]

DRAFT DECISION

***Directed to the Scientific Council***

- 12.AA ~~Calls upon~~ Subject to the availability of resources, the Scientific Council to shall review the regional threats for the ~~remaining~~ CMS-listed aquatic mammals not included in the Global Programme of Work for Cetaceans and prepare for CMS ~~COP14~~ COP13 a robust assessment of threats and regional priorities as well as similar work programmes for these other aquatic mammal species.