



**CONVENTION ON  
MIGRATORY  
SPECIES**

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**MARINE MIGRATORY SPECIES**

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Manila, October 2017)

*Acknowledging* that migratory marine species are an important and growing area of activity in the CMS work programme,

*Recognizing* that Objective 2 of the CMS Strategic Plan 2015–2023 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,

*Acknowledging* the related decision of CMS COP9 including Resolution 9.2 (Priorities for CMS Agreements), Resolution 9.7 (Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species), Resolution 9.18 (Bycatch), Resolution 9.19 (Adverse Anthropogenic Marine/Ocean Noise Impacts on Cetaceans and other Biota) as well previous decisions related to marine species conservation,

*Concerned* that migratory marine species face multiple, cumulative and often synergistic threats with possible effects over vast areas, such as by-catch, over-fishing, pollution, habitat destruction or degradation, marine noise impacts, deliberate hunts as well as climate change,

*Conscious* of the major and accelerating changes to Arctic regions due to climate change and its consequences for migratory marine mammals in these regions, and

*Recalling* the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council decision (Monaco 2008) concerning Arctic sustainable development,

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

1. *Urges* Parties, the Scientific Council and the CMS Secretariat to identify priority issues, species and habitats in the marine sphere requiring intervention by CMS in the next decade; and
2. *Requests* the CMS 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.