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CONSERVATION OF THE AFRICAN WILD ASS (*EQUUS AFRICANUS*)

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

Concerned that the African Wild Ass is likely go extinct in the wild without immediate and decisive intervention,

Noting the dire global conservation status of the critically endangered African Wild Ass, which has a maximum of 200, and possibly as few as 50, mature individuals left in the wild, and experienced an approximate 90 per cent decline over its range since the 1980s,

Noting that it was once a widespread species across northern Africa and the Horn of Africa, and an intrinsic part of the ecosystem in that region,

Concerned about the unabated threats to the species, such as limited access to drinking water and lack of forage, recurrent and extreme droughts throughout the range, and hunting for food and medicinal purposes in some parts of the range,

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

1. *Encourages* current and former Range States to implement the Roadmap for the Conservation of the African Wild Ass, contained in UNEP/CMS/COP12/Inf.19 as the principal strategy for conservation of the African wild ass;
2. *Urges* current and former Range States to include conservation measures stated in the Roadmap for the Conservation of the African Wild Ass within their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs);
3. *Invites* Range States to develop and implement national legislation to increase the protection of the African wild ass;
4. *Requests* the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the State of Eritrea to monitor the existing populations of the African wild ass;
5. *Requests* the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the State of Eritrea and *invites* the former Range States to report to the Conference of the Parties at each meeting and to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Equid Specialist Group on the progress of implementation of the Roadmap for the Conservation of the African Wild Ass;
6. *Encourages* Parties, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations and donors to provide the technical and voluntary financial support to the Range States and to the Secretariat for implementing the actions set out by the Roadmap for the Conservation of the African Wild Ass.