## 2019 CMS National Report

Deadline for submission of the National Reports: 17 August 2019

Reporting period: from April 2017 to August 2019

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions and are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, when required.

COP Resolution 9.4 called upon the Secretariats and Parties of CMS Agreements to collaborate in the implementation and harmonization of online reporting implementation. The CMS Family Online Reporting System (ORS) has been successfully implemented and used by CMS, AEWA, IOSEA and Sharks MOU in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC.

Decision 12.4 requested the Secretariat, taking account of advice from the informal advisory group, to develop a proposal to be submitted for the approval of the 48th meeting of the Standing Committee (StC48) for a revision of the format for the national reports to be submitted to the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and subsequently. The new format was adopted by StC48 in October 2018 and made available as on offline version downloadable from the CMS website in December 2018. The revised format aims inter alia at collecting data and information relevant to eight indicators adopted by COP12 for the purpose of assessing implementation of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023.

This online version of the format strictly follows the one adopted by StC48. In addition, as requested by StC48, it incorporates pre-filled information, notably in Sections II and III, based on data available at the Secretariat. This includes customized species lists by Party. Please note that the lists include taxa at the species level originating from the disaggregation of taxa listed on Appendix II at a level higher than species. Please review the information and update or amend it, when necessary.

The Secretariat was also requested to develop and produce a guidance document to accompany any revised National Report Format. Please note that guidance has been provided for a number of questions throughout the national report as both in-text guidance and as tool tips (displayed via the information 'i' icon).

For any question, please contact Ms. María José Ortiz, Programme Management Officer, at maria-jose.ortiz@cms.int

## **High-level summary of key messages**

#### In your country, in the reporting period, what does this report reveal about:

Guidance: This section invites you to summarise briefly the most important positive aspects of CMS implementation in your country and the areas of greatest concern. Please limit this specifically to the current reporting period only. Your answers should be based on the information contained in the body of the report: the intention is for this section to distil the technical information in the report into some very brief and simple "high level" messages for decision-makers and for wider audiences. Although keeping it brief, please try also to be specific where you can, e.g. "New wildlife legislation enacted in 2018 doubled penalties for poisoning wild birds" is more informative than "stronger laws"; "50% shortfall in matchfunding for GEF project on gazelles" is more informative than "lack of funding".

The most successful aspects of implementation of the Convention? (List up to five items):

> Natura 2000 network is crucial cornerstone for the implementation of the Convention in Slovenia. Implementation of conservation measures in Natura 2000 is being stepped up.

The greatest difficulties in implementing the Convention? (List up to five items):

> The greatest challenge is implementation of conservation measures in the extent that is big enough to have an impact.

The main priorities for future implementation of the Convention? (List up to five items):

> Increased resources and capacity for implementation of conservation measures in relevant Natura 2000 sites.

### I. Administrative Information

Name of Contracting Party

> Slovenia

Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country (DDMMYY) > 01.02.1999

Any territories which are excluded from the application of the Convention > No.

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## II. Accession/Ratification of CMS Agreements/MOUs

Please confirm the status of your country's participation in the following Agreements/MOUs, and indicate any updates or corrections required:

Please select only one option

 $\ensuremath{\square}$  Yes, the lists are correct and up to date

 $\square$  No, updates or corrections are required, as follows:

Updates or corrections:

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#### Country participation in Agreements/MOUs:

Please select only one per line

	Party/Signato ry	Range State, but not a Party/Signatory	Not applicable (= not a Range State)
Western African Aquatic Mammals			☑
West African Elephants			Z
Wadden Sea Seals			Z
Southern South American Grassland Birds			
South Andean Huemul			<b>Z</b>
Slender-billed Curlew			
Siberian Crane			Z
Sharks			
Saiga Antelope			
Ruddy-headed Goose			
Pacific Islands Cetaceans			
Monk Seal in the Atlantic			Z
Middle-European Great Bustard			
IOSEA Marine Turtles			Z
High Andean Flamingos			Z
Gorilla Agreement			
EUROBATS			
Dugong			
Bukhara Deer			Z
Birds of Prey (Raptors)			
Atlantic Turtles			✓
ASCOBANS			Z
Aquatic Warbler			✓
AEWA			
ACCOBAMS	<b>7</b>		
ACAP			✓

## III. Species on the Convention Appendices

Please confirm that the Excel file linked to below correctly identifies the Appendix I species for which the country is a Range State.

Please download the Appendix I species occurrence list for your country here.

Guidance: Article I(1)(h) of the Convention defines when a country is a Range State for a species, by reference also to the definition of "range" in Article I(1)(f). The latter refers to all the areas that a migratory species inhabits, stays in temporarily, crosses or overflies at any time on its normal migration route. In adopting the current format for national reports, the Standing Committee was aware that there are occasional cases where it may be difficult to determine what is a "normal" migration route, and for example to distinguish this from aberrant or vagrant occurrences. This issue has been identified for possible examination in the future by the Sessional Committee of the CMS Scientific Council. In the meantime, if in doubt, please make the interpretation that you think will best serve the wider aims of the Convention. A note on the application of the Convention to Overseas Territories/Autonomous Regions of Parties can be found at https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/instrument/territories reservations%202015.pdf.

References throughout this report format to "species" should be taken to include subspecies where an Appendix to the Convention so provides, or where the context otherwise requires.

Please select only one option

☐ Yes the file is correct and up to date (please upload the file as your confirmation of this, and include any comments you may wish in respect of individual species)

☑ No, amendments are needed and these are specified in the amended version of the Excel file provided (please upload the amended file using the attachment button below).

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

Full list of CMS species APP I.xlsx - Updated list

Please confirm that the Excel file linked to below correctly identifies the Appendix II species for which the country is a Range State.

Please download the Appendix II species occurrence list for your country here.

Guidance: See the guidance note in question III.1 concerning the interpretation of "Range State".

Please select only one option

☐ Yes the file is correct and up to date (please upload the file as your confirmation of this, and include any comments you may wish in respect of individual species)

☑ No, amendments are needed and these are specified in the amended version of the Excel file provided (please upload the amended file using the attachment button below).

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

Full list of CMS species APP II.xlsx - updated list

## IV. Legal Prohibition of the Taking of Appendix I Species

Is the taking of Appendix I species prohibited by national or territorial legislation in accordance with CMS Article III(5)?  Please select only one option  ☑ Yes for all Appendix I species  ☐ Yes for some species  ☐ Yes for part of the country, or a particular territory or territories  ☐ No
Please identify the legal statute(s) concerned  Government of the Republic of Slovenia
<b>Exceptions</b> : Where the taking of Appendix I species is prohibited by national legislation, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?  Please select only one option  □ Yes  ☑ No
If yes, please indicate in the Excel file linked to below which species, which reasons among those in CMS Article III(5) (a)-(d) justify the exception, any temporal or spatial limitations applying to the exception, and the nature of the "extraordinary circumstances" that make the exception necessary.
Please download the list of species here, select all that apply and upload the amended file using the attachment button below.
Guidance: According to Article III(5) of the Convention, exceptions to a legal prohibition against taking of Appendix I species can only be made for one (or more) of the reasons specified in sub-paragraphs (a)-(d) of that Article. For any species you list in this table, therefore, you must identify (in the second column of the table in the Excel file) at least one of the reasons that justify the exception relating to that species. In any case where you identify reason (d) as applying, please explain (in the third column) the nature of the "extraordinary circumstances" involved. According to Article III(5), exceptions granted for any of the four reasons must also be "precise as to content and limited in space and time". Please therefore state what the specific mandatory space and time limitations are, in each case, using the third column; and indicate the date on which each exception was notified to the Secretariat in accordance with Article III(7).
Please indicate in the Excel file linked to below the species for which taking is prohibited.
Please download the list of species here, select all that apply and upload the amended file using the attachment button below.
Please identify the legal statute(s) concerned >
<b>Exceptions</b> : Where the taking of Appendix I species is prohibited by national legislation, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?  Please select only one option  □ Yes □ No
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Where the taking of all Appendix I species is not prohibited and the reasons for exceptions in Article III(5) do not apply, are steps being taken to develop new legislation to prohibit the taking of all relevant species?  Please select only one option  Yes  No
Please indicate which of the following stages of development applies  Please select only one option  Legislation being considered  Legislation in draft  Legislation fully drafted and being considered for adoption in (specify year)
> □ Other >
Please indicate in the Excel file linked to below the species for which taking is prohibited.
Please download the list of species here, select all that apply and upload the amended file using the attachment button below.
Please identify the legal statute(s) concerned >
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Please indicate which of the following stages of development applies:  Please select only one option  Legislation being considered  Legislation in draft  Legislation fully drafted and being considered for adoption in (specify year)
> □ Other
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Please indicate which of the following stages of development applies:  Please select only one option  Legislation being considered  Legislation in draft  Legislation fully drafted and being considered for adoption in (specify year)
> □ Other
<b>&gt;</b>
Are any vessels flagged to your country engaged outside national jurisdictional limits in intentionally taking Appendix I species?  Please select only one option  ☐ Yes  ☑ No ☐ Don't know

Please provide more information on the circumstances of the take, including any future plans in respect of such take.

#### V. Awareness

(SPMS Target 1: People are aware of the multiple values of migratory species and their habitats and migration systems, and the steps they can take to conserve them and ensure the sustainability of any use.)

During the reporting period, please indicate the actions that have been taken by your country to increase people's awareness of the values of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems (note that answers given in section XVIII on SPMS Target 15 may also be relevant). (Select all that apply). ☐ Campaigns on specific topics ☐ Teaching programmes in schools or colleges ☐ Press and media publicity, including social media ☐ Community-based celebrations, exhibitions and other events ☐ Engagement of specific stakeholder groups ☐ Special publications ☑ Interpretation at nature reserves and other sites ☐ Other (please specify) □ No actions taken Impact of actions Please indicate any specific elements of CMS COP Resolutions 11.8 (Rev. COP12) (Communication, Information and Outreach Plan) and 11.9 (World Migratory Bird Day) which have been particularly taken forward by these actions. > No particular elements taken forward. Overall, how successful have these awareness actions been in achieving their objectives? Tick one box Please select only one option ☐ 1. Very little impact ☑ 2. Small impact  $\square$  3. Good impact ☐ 4. Large positive impact ☐ Not known

Please identify the main form(s) of evidence that has/have been used to make this assessment.

> Feedback from media and experts.

## VI. Mainstreaming Migratory Species in Other Sectors and **Processes**

(SPMS Target 2: Multiple values of migratory species and their habitats have been integrated into international, national and local development and poverty reduction strategies and planning processes, including on livelihoods, and are being incorporated into national accounting, as appropriate, and reporting systems.)

Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any national or local strategies and/or
planning processes in your country relating to development, poverty reduction and/or livelihoods?
Please select only one option
☑ Yes
□ No

#### Please provide a short summary:

> Conservation of migratory species is currently included in all relevant planning processes, as for a number of those species Natura 2000 networks is designated (all App. I species regularly present in the country). Conservation of this network is a part of all relevant planning processes and adoption of national development strategies.

Do the 'values of migratory species and their habitats'	referred to in S	PMS Target 2	currently featu	ire in any
other national reporting processes in your country?				
Please select only one option				

Please	sel	ect	only	one	option
7 Yes					

□ No

#### Please provide a short summary:

> Values of migratory species and their habitats are recognised through recognition of the value of the Natura 2000 network for example in Strategy for sustainable growth of Slovenian tourism and operational programme for development using EU funds. Reporting process is an EU coordinated proces on state of implementation of the Habitats Directive and WIId Birds Directive (which include conservation of numerous migratory species and their habitats).

Describe the main involvements (if any) of non-governmental organizations and/or civil society in the conservation of migratory species in your country.

> The monitoring, collection of data and research is being carried primary by Center za kartografijo favne in flore (Centre for Cartography of Fauna and flora; CKFF), as well as by members of Slovensko društvo za proučevanje in varstvo netopirjev (Slovenian Association for Bat Research and Conservation - SDPVN), which are also actively involved in raising public awareness on importance of bats in Slovenia and are involved in activities and initiatives for the conservation of bats and monitoring of bat populations. Morigenos - društvo za raziskovanje in zaščito morskih sesalcev (Society for the study and protection of marine mammals), Društvo Jadranski projekt (Adriatic Project Society), Vivamar – društvo za trajnostni razvoj morja (Vivamar - Society for sustainable development for the sea) - all three societies are actively involved in raising public awareness on importance of marine mammals in Slovenian sea and in activities and initiatives for the conservation of marine mammals, Morigenos also performs research on Tursiops truncatus.

Društvo za opazovanje in proučevanje ptic Slovenije (DOPPS - BirdLife Slovenia), collects data on distribution and population size of bird species in Slovenia, monitors bird populations, is actively involved in raising public awareness on importance of birds in Slovenia, involved in activities and initiatives for the conservation of

Nacionalni Inštitut za biologijo - Morska biološka postaja and Aquarium Piran are involved in collecting data on specimens of Caretta caretta caught in nets, rehabilitation of turtles, tagging of turtles, and collecting data on Chondostoma fish species.

Describe the main involvements (if any) of the private sector in the conservation of migratory species in vour country.

> Soline, a daughter company of Telekom Slovenia, manages Sečovlje salinas, one of the most important sites for migratory birds.

## VII. Governance, Policy and Legislative Coherence

(SPMS Target 3: National, regional and international governance arrangements and agreements affecting migratory species and their migration systems have improved significantly, making relevant policy, legislative and implementation processes more coherent, accountable, transparent, participatory, equitable and inclusive.)

Have any governance arrangements affecting migratory species and their migration systems in your country, or in which your country participates, improved during the reporting period?  Please select only one option  Yes
<ul> <li>No, but there is scope to do so</li> <li>✓ No, because existing arrangements already satisfy all the points in Target 3</li> </ul>
Please provide a short summary: >
To what extent have these improvements helped to achieve Target 3 of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (see text above)? Tick one box.  **Please select only one option**  1. Minimal contribution**  2. Partial contribution**  3. Good contribution**  4. Major contribution**  Not known**
Please describe briefly how this assessment was made
Has any committee or other arrangement for liaison between different sectors or groups been established at national or other territorial level in your country that addresses CMS implementation issues?
Guidance: There is no fixed model for what these arrangements may involve, and it is for each Contracting Party to decide what best suits its own circumstances. Examples could include a steering group that includes representatives of territorial administration authorities, a coordination committee that involves the lead government department (e.g. environment) working with other departments (e.g. agriculture, industry); a forum that brings together government and NGOs; a liaison group that links with business and private sector interests; a stakeholder forum involving representatives of indigenous and local communities; a coordination team that brings together the National Focal Points for each of the biodiversity-related MEAs to which the country is a Party (see also question VII.3); or any other appropriate mechanism. These mechanisms may be specifically focused on migratory species issues, or they may address CMS implementation in conjunction with related processes such as NBSAP coordination, a National Ramsar Committee, etc. The Manual for National Focal Points for CMS and its Instruments (https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/basic_page_documents/Internet_english_09012014.pdf ) may be helpful in giving further context for this.  *Please select only one option**  Yes**
Please provide a short summary:  > There is a coordination process established by national legislation, where the Institute of the Rep. of Slovenia for Nature Conservation is responsible for integrating conservation requirements of endangered and Natura 2000 species (migratory species are subunit of this) and their habitats into local and national development plans, and in this process ad-hoc coordination committees of relevant authorities and stakeholders are established.
Does collaboration between the focal points of CMS and other relevant Conventions take place in your country to develop the coordinated and synergistic approaches described in paragraphs 23-25 of CMS COP Resolution 11.10 (Rev. COP12) (Synergies and partnerships)?  Please select only one option  ✓ Yes  □ No

Please provide a short summary:

> In Slovenia focal points of almost all biodiversity related conventions are within the Nature Conservation Sector, and are coordinating on a monthly basis.

Has your country or any jurisdictional subdivision within your country adopted legislation, policies or action

plans that promote community involvement in conservation of CMS-listed species?  Please select only one option  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
Please identify the legislation, policies or action plans concerned:

#### VIII. Incentives

(SPMS Target 4: Incentives, including subsidies, harmful to migratory species, and/or their habitats are eliminated, phased out or reformed in order to minimize or avoid negative impacts, and positive incentives for the conservation of migratory species and their habitats are developed and applied, consistent with engagements under the CMS and other relevant international and regional obligations and commitments.)

Has there been any elimination, phasing out or reforming of harmful incentives in your country resulting in benefits for migratory species? Please select only one option Yes ☐ Partly / in some areas  $\square$  No, but there is scope to do so ☐ No, because no such incentives have existed Please indicate what measures were implemented and the time-periods concerned. > Slovenia is a part of the European Union, therefore reform of incentives is an EU lead and coordinated process Please indicate what measures were implemented and the time-periods concerned. Has there been development and/or application of positive incentives in your country resulting in benefits for migratory species? Please select only one option ☐ Yes ☑ Partly / in some areas  $\square$  No, but there is scope to do so  $\square$  No, because there is no scope to do so

Please indicate what measures were implemented and the time-periods concerned.

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> Targeted agri-environemental measures (positive incentives) for conservation of grasslands, many of them of high importance for migratory bird species.

## IX. Sustainable Production and Consumption

(SPMS Target 5: Governments, key sectors and stakeholders at all levels have taken steps to achieve or have implemented plans for sustainable production and consumption, keeping the impacts of use of natural resources, including habitats, on migratory species well within safe ecological limits to promote the favourable conservation status of migratory species and maintain the quality, integrity, resilience, and ecological connectivity of their habitats and migration routes.)

During the reporting period, has your country implemented plans or taken other steps concerning sustainable production and consumption which are contributing to the achievement of the results defined in SPMS Target 5?  Please select only one option  Yes  In development / planned  No
Please describe the measures that have been planned, developed or implemented
Please describe what evidence exists to show that the intended results of these measures are being achieved.
Please describe the measures that have been planned, developed or implemented There are measures implemented for fostering circular economy and prohibiting use of certain forms of plastic.

Please describe what evidence exists to show that the intended results of these measures are being achieved.

> It is too early to reach visible impact.

What is preventing progress?

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# X. Threats and Pressures Affecting Migratory Species; Including Obstacles to Migration

(SPMS Targets 6+7: Fisheries and hunting have no significant direct or indirect adverse impacts on migratory species, their habitats or their migration routes, and impacts of fisheries and hunting are within safe ecological limits; Multiple anthropogenic pressures have been reduced to levels that are not detrimental to the conservation of migratory species or to the functioning, integrity, ecological connectivity and resilience of their habitats.)

## Which of the following pressures on migratory species or their habitats are having an adverse impact in your country on migratory species included in the CMS Appendices?

Guidance: This question asks you to identify the important pressures that are reliably known to be having an actual adverse impact on CMS-listed migratory species at present. Please avoid including speculative information about pressures that may be of some potential concern but whose impacts have not yet been demonstrated.

Please note that, consistent with the terms of the Convention, "in your country" may in certain circumstances include areas outside national jurisdictional limits where the activities of any vessels flagged to your country are involved.

#### Direct killing and taking

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact  1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low
Illegal hunting		
Legal hunting		
Other harvesting and take	Marine fish and shellfish harvesting causing reduction of species/prey populations and disturbance of species: 1: Caretta caretta (Appendix I and II), 2: Tursiops truncatus (Appendix II)	1 and 2
Illegal trade		
Deliberate poisoning		

#### Bycatch

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact  1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low
Bycatch		

#### Collisions and electrocution

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact  1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low	
Electrocution			
Wind turbines	1: Circaetus gallicus, Grus grus, Gyps fulvus, Pernis apivorus (Appendix II), Falco vespertinus (Appendix I and II); 2: Aquila chrysaetos, Circus pygargus, Pandion haliaetus (Appendix II)	1 and 2	
Other collisions	Transmission of electricity and communications (cables): Ciconia nigra (Appendix II)	2	

#### Other mortality

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact  1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low
Predation	Interspecific relations (competition, predation, parasitism, pathogens): 1: Numenius arquata, 2: Sterna hirundo; Problematic native species: 1: Sterna hirundo, Sternula albifrons, 2: Charadrius alexandrinus, Himantopus himantopus, Recurvirostra avosetta (all Appendix II)	1 and 2
Disease	Sterna hirundo, Sternula albifrons (Appendix II)	2
Accidental/indirect poisoning		
Unexplained stranding events		

## Alien and/or invasive species

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact  1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low
Alien and/or invasive species	1: Aythya nyroca (Appendix I and II), Ixobrychus minutus; 2: Ardea purpurea, Botaurus stellaris (Appendix II)	1 and 2

## Disturbance and disruption

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact  1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low
Disturbance	Sports, tourism and leisure activities: 1: Tursiops truncatus, 2: Anas platyrhynchos, Aquila chrysaetos, Ardea alba, Aythya fuligula, Aythya nyroca, Bucephala clangula, Charadrius alexandrinus, Chlidonias niger, Ciconia nigra, Circus aeruginosus, Circus cyaneus, Crex crex, Grus grus, Himantopus himantopus, Ixobrychus minutus, Larus melanocephalus, Mergus merganser, Microcarbo pygmaeus, Numenius arquata, Recurvirostra avosetta, Sterna hirundo, Sternula albifrons, Thalasseus sandvicensis, Tringa glareola, Miniopterus schreibersii, Rhinolophus euryale, Rhinolophus ferrumequinum, Rhinolophus hipposideros (Appendix II), Haliaeetus albicilla, Caretta caretta (Appendix I and II)	1 and 2
Light pollution		
Underwater noise	1: Tursiops truncatus (Appendix II), 2: Caretta caretta (Appendix I and II)	1 and 2

## Habitat destruction/degradation

Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact
	1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low

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Habitat loss/destruction (including deforestation)	Abandonment of grassland management (e.g. cessation of grazing or mowing):  1: Anthus campestris, Ciconia ciconia, Circaetus gallicus, Crex crex, Gyps fulvus, Porzana porzana, Sylvia nisoria (Appendix II); 2: Aquila chrysaetos, Circus cyaneus, Myotis blythii (Appendix II); Burning for forestry: 2: Circaetus gallicus (Appendix II); Clear-cutting, removal of all trees: Ficedula albicollis (Appendix II); Conversion from one type of agricultural land use to another: 1: Ciconia ciconia, Clanga pomarina, Crex crex, Lanius minor, Numenius arquata (Appendix II), Coracias garrulus (Appendix I and II); 2: Ardea alba, Grus grus (Appendix II); Conversion into agricultural land: 1: Sylvia nisoria (Appendix II); Conversion to forest from other land uses: 1: Anthus campestris (Appendix II); Intensive grazing or overgrazing by livestock: 1: Crex crex (Appendix II); Modification of flooding regimes, flood protection for residential/recreational/industrial/commercial development: 1: Charadrius alexandrinus, Himantopus himantopus, Ixobrychus minutus, Ixobrychus minutus, Porzana porzana (Appendix II), Aythya nyroca (Appendix I and II) 2: Sterna hirundo, Sternula albifrons, Ardea alba, Ardea purpurea, Botaurus stellaris, Circus aeruginosus, Grus grus (Appendix II); Modification of hydrological flow: 2: Anthus campestris (Appendix II); Removal of small landscape features for agricultural land parcel consolidation (hedges, stone walls, rushes, open ditches, springs solitary trees etc.): 1: Sylvia nisoria, Lanius minor (Appendix II), Coracias garrulus (Appendix I and II); 2: Anas platyrhynchos, Ardea alba, Circaetus gallicus, Circus aeruginosus, Crex crex, Ixobrychus minutus, Microcarbo pygmaeus (Appendix II) Removal of old, dead and dying trees, including debris: 1: Clanga pomarina, Ficedula albicollis, Ficedula aparva; 2: Ciconia nigra, Barbastella barbastellus, Myotis bechsteinii, Myotis alcathoe, Myotis daubentonii, Nyctalus leisleri, Nyctalus noctula (all Appendix II); Logging of individual trees: 1: Haliaeetus albicilla (Appendi		
Habitat degradation	Conversion from mixed farming to specialised (single crop) production: 1: Lanius minor, Cicionia ciconia; 2: Ardea alba, Grus grus (all Appendix II); Drainage for use as agricultural land: 1: Crex crex, 2: Anas platyrhynchos, Ardea alba, Ciconia nigra, Grus grus, Porzana porzana, Tringa glareola (all Appendix II); Drainage, land reclamation and conversion of wetlands, marshes, bogs to settlement or recreational areas: 2: Crex crex (Appendix II); Hydropower (dams, weirs, run-off-the-river), including infrastructure: 1: Cicionia nigra, Ixobrychus minutus (Appendix II); Mowing or cutting of grasslands: 1: Crex crex, Numenius arquata, Cicionia ciconia, 2: Circus cyaneus, Lanius minor (Appendix II), Coracias garrulus (Appendix I and II)	1 and 2	
Mineral exploration/extraction	Extraction of salt: Larus melanocephalus (Appendix II)	2	
Unsustainable land/resource use	Application of natural/synthetic (mineral) fertilisers on agricultural land: Clanga pomarina, Lanius minor (Appendix II), Coracias garrulus (Appendix I and II); Use of plant protection chemicals in agriculture: Coracias garrulus 8Appendix I and II), Lanius minor (Appendix II)	2	
Urbanization	1: Eptesicus serotinus, Myotis emarginatus, Myotis myotis, Plecotus austriacus, Rhinolophus ferrumequinum, Rhinolophus hipposideros (all Appendix II); 2: Microcarbo pygmaeus, Crex crex, Ixobrychus minutus, Porzana porzana, Sterna hirundo, Mergus merganser, Ciconia nigra, Hypsugo savii, Miniopterus schreibersii, Myotis blythii, Nyctalus noctula, Pipistrellus kuhlii, Pipistrellus nathusii, Pipistrellus pygmaeus, Plecotus auritus, Plecotus macrobullaris, Rhinolophus euryale (all Appendix II)	1 and 2	
Marine debris (including plastics)	Caretta caretta (Appendix I and II), Tursiops truncatus (Appendix II)	2	
Other pollution	1: Tursiops truncatus (Appendix II); 2: Ixobrychus minutus, Gavia arctica, Larus melanocephalus, Thalasseus sandvicensis (Appendix II); Freshwater aquaculture generating point source pollution to surface or ground water: 1: Aythya nyroca (Appendix I and II), 2: Ardea purpurea, Botaurus stellaris, Ixobrychus minutus, Aythya nyroca (Appendix II)	1 and 2	
Too much/too little water	Flooding (natural processes): 1: Sterna hirundo, Sternula albifrons; 2: Charadrius alexandrinus, Himantopus himantopus (Appendix II)	1 and 2	
Fire			
Physical barriers			

## Climate change

Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other	Overall relative severity of impact
details	1 = severe
	2 = moderate
	3 = low

Climate change	Ciconia ciconia (Appendix II)	2

Levels of knowledge, awareness, legislation, management etc.

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact  1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low
Lack of knowledge	No information on pressures/threats: Acrocephalus arundinaceus, Calidris alpina, Charadrius alexandrinus, Cygnus cygnus, Falco vespertinus, Pluvialis apricaria, Podiceps auritus, Barbastella barbastellus, Eptesicus nilssonii, Eptesicus serotinus, Hypsugo savii, Miniopterus schreibersii, Myotis alcathoe, Myotis bechsteinii, Myotis blythii, Myotis brandtii, Myotis capaccinii, Myotis daubentonii, Myotis emarginatus, Myotis mystacinus, Myotis nattereri, Nyctalus lasiopterus, Nyctalus leisleri, Nyctalus noctula, Pipistrellus kuhlii, Pipistrellus nathusii, Pipistrellus pipistrellus, Pipistrellus pygmaeus, Plecotus auritus, Plecotus macrobullaris, Rhinolophus euryale, Vespertilio murinus (all Appendix II); Unknown pressure: Eptesicus nilssonii, Miniopterus schreibersii, Myotis blythii, Pipistrellus pipistrellus (all Appendix II)	
Inadequate legislation		
Inadequate enforcement of legislation		
Inadequate transboundary management		

#### Other (please specify)

	Species/species groups affected (please provide names and indicate whether Appendix I and/or Appendix II); and any other details	Overall relative severity of impact
		1 = severe 2 = moderate 3 = low
	Livestock farming (without grazing): Aquila chrysaetos (Appendix II)	2
	Management of fishing stocks and game: 1: Aythya nyroca (appendix I and II), Ixobrychus minutus (Appendix II); 2: Ardea purpurea, Botaurus stellaris (Appendix II)	1 and 2
	Natural succession resulting in species composition change: Sterna hirundo (Appendix II)	1
	Reduced fecundity/genetic depression (e.g. inbreeding or endogamy): 1: Coracias garrulus 8Appendix I and II), 2: Numenius arquata (Appendix II)	1 and 2
	Shipping lanes and ferry lanes transport operations: Gavia arctica, Larus melanocephalus, Thalasseus sandvicensis (all Appendix II)	2

What are the most significant advances that have been made since the previous report in countering any of the pressures identified above? (Identify the pressures concerned).

> Predation of nests on breeding colonies of waterbirds is being tackled by site managers to minimise the impact.

Potential negative impacts of windturbines on all relevant bird species are being assessed in EIA procedures at plan and project level and impacts minimised or permits for construction not given.

What are the most significant negative trends since the previous report concerning the pressures identified above? (Identify the pressures concerned).

> Habitat degradation, marine debris, climate change.

Have you adopted new legislation or other domestic measures in the reporting period in response to CMS Article III(4) (b) ("Parties that are Range States of a migratory species listed in Appendix I shall endeavor ... to prevent, remove, compensate for or minimize, as appropriate, the adverse effects of activities or obstacles that seriously impede or prevent the migration of the species")?

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☐ Yes

Please give the title or other reference (and date) for the measure concerned:

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Please add any further comments on the implementation of specific provisions in relevant CMS COP Resolutions, including for example:

Resolution 12.22 on by-catch.

Resolution 12.14 on underwater noise.

Resolution 12.20 on marine debris.

Resolution 7.3 (Rev. COP12) on oil pollution

Resolution 11.22 (Rev. COP12) on live captures of cetaceans (and Decision 12.48).

Resolutions 7.5 (Rev. COP12) and 11.27 (Rev. COP12) on renewable energy.

Resolutions 7.4 and 10.11 on power lines and migratory birds.

Resolution 11.15 (Rev. COP12) on poisoning of migratory birds.

Resolution 11.16 (Rev. COP12) on illegal killing, taking and trade of migratory birds (and Decision 12.26).

Resolution 11.31 on wildlife crime.

Resolution 12.21 on climate change (and Decision 12.72).

Resolution 11.28 on invasive alien species.

Resolution 12.6 on wildlife disease.

Resolution 12.25 on conservation of intertidal and coastal habitats.

Resolution 10.2 on conservation emergencies

Resolution 7.2 (Rev. COP12) on impact assessment.

> On most of the relevant provisions there are some activities going on.

## XI. Conservation Status of Migratory Species

(SPMS Target 8: The conservation status of all migratory species, especially threatened species, has considerably improved throughout their range.)

# What (if any) major changes in the conservation status of migratory species included in the CMS Appendices (for example national Red List category changes) have been recorded in your country in the current reporting period?

If more rows are required, please upload an Excel file (using the attachment button below) detailing a longer list of species.

Guidance: "Conservation status" of migratory species is defined in Article I(1)(b) of the Convention as "the sum of the influences acting on the migratory species that may affect its long-term distribution and abundance"; and four conditions for conservation status to be taken as "favourable" are set out in Article I(1)(c).

The emphasis of this question is on "major changes" in the current reporting period. Information is therefore expected here only where particularly notable shifts in status have occurred, such as those that might be represented by a re-categorisation of national Red List threat status for a given species (or subspecies, where relevant).

Please note also that you are only being asked about the situation in your country. Information about global trends, and global Red List reclassifications etc, will be communicated to the CMS via other channels outside the national reporting process.

Terrestrial mammals (not including bats)

Comme nts	Source reference	Change in status (including time period concerned)	Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable)

#### Aquatic mammals

Comm ents	Source reference	Change in status (including time period concerned)	Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable)
	Reporting under Article 17 of the Habitats Directive	from XX to U1 (2012-2018)	Tursiops truncatus

#### **Bats**

Comme nts	Source reference	Change in status (including time period concerned)	Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable)

You have attached the following documents to this answer.

XI Bats Slovenia.xlsx - Bat species, where status has changed.

#### **Birds**

	Comme nts	Source reference	Change in status (including time period concerned)	Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable)
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You have attached the following documents to this answer.

 $\underline{\text{XI\_Birds\_Slovenia.xlsx}}\,$  - Bird species, where status has changed.

## Reptiles

Comme nts	Source reference	Change in status (including time period concerned)	Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable)

## Fish

Comme nts	Source reference	Change in status (including time period concerned)	Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable)

#### Insects

Comme nts	Source reference	Change in status (including time period concerned)	Species/subspecies (indicate CMS Appendix where applicable)

## XII. Cooperating to Conserve Migration Systems

(SPMS Target 9: International and regional action and cooperation between States for the conservation and effective management of migratory species fully reflects a migration systems approach, in which all States sharing responsibility for the species concerned engage in such actions in a concerted way.)

In the current reporting period, has your country initiated or participated in the development of any proposals for new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II species (following the advice in COP Resolution 12.8)? Please select only one option ☐ Yes ✓ No Please provide a short summary: In the current reporting period, have actions been taken by your country to encourage non-Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements? Please select only one option ☐ Yes ✓ No Please specify which countries have been approached: ☐ Azerbaiian □ Bahamas ☐ Bahrain □ Barbados □ Belize □ Bhutan □ Botswana ☐ Brunei Darussalam ☐ Cambodia ☐ Canada ☐ Central African Republic ☐ China ☐ Colombia ☐ Comoros ☐ Democratic People's Republic of Korea ☐ Dominica □ El Salvador □ Grenada □ Guatemala ☐ Guyana ☐ Haiti □ Iceland □ Indonesia □ Jamaica ☐ Japan ☐ Kiribati □ Kuwait ☐ Lao People's Democratic Republic ☐ Andorra ☐ Lebanon ☐ Lesotho □ Malawi ☐ Malaysia □ Maldives ☐ Marshall Islands ☐ Mexico ☐ Micronesia □ Myanmar □ Namibia □ Nauru □ Nepal □ Nicaragua □ Niue

□ Oman

□ Papua New Guinea □ Qatar
□ Republic of Korea
□ Russian Federation
☐ Saint Kitts and Nevis
□ Saint Lucia
☐ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
☐ San Marino
□ Sierra Leone
□ Singapore
□ Solomon Islands
□ South Sudan
□ Sudan
□ Suriname
□ Thailand
□ Timor-Leste
□ Tonga
□ Turkey
□ Turkmenistan
□ Tuvalu
☐ United States of America
□ Vanuatu
□ Vatican City State □ Venezuela
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□ Viet Nam
□ Zambia
In the current reporting period, has your country participated in the implementation of concerted actions under CMS (as detailed in COP Resolution 12.28) to address the needs of relevant migratory species? (See the species list in Annex 3 to Resolution 12.28 www.cms.int/en/document/concerted-actions-1)  Please select only one option  ☑ Yes □ No
Please describe the results of these actions achieved so far:
> Natura 2000 Management Plan implements concerted actions from action plans for Crex crex and Aythya
nyroca, trying to reverse negative trends for Crex crex, and contribute to the improved conservation status of
Aythya nyroca.
Have any other steps been taken which have contributed to the achievement of the results defined in Target 9 of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (all relevant States engaging in cooperation on the conservation of migratory species in ways that fully reflect a migration systems approach), including for example (but not limited to) measures to implement Resolution 12.11 (and Decision 12.34) on flyways and Resolution 12.17 (and Decision 12.54) on South Atlantic whales? Please select only one option
☑ Yes
□ No
Please provide details:
> Ioint approach with Italy and Croatia

## XIII. Area-Based Conservation Measures

(SPMS Target 10: All critical habitats and sites for migratory species are identified and included in areabased conservation measures so as to maintain their quality, integrity, resilience and functioning in accordance with the implementation of Aichi Target 11, supported where necessary by environmentally sensitive land-use planning and landscape management on a wider scale.)

Have critical habitats and sites for migratory species been identified (for example by an inventory) in your

country? Guidance: The CMS does not have a formal definition of what constitutes a "critical" site or habitat for migratory species, and in this context it is left to report compilers to work to any interpretations which may be in existing use at national level, or to use informed expert judgement. The Scientific Council Sessional Committee is likely to give this issue further consideration at a future date. In the meantime some helpful reflections on the issue can be found in the "Strategic Review of Aspects of Ecological Networks relating to Migratory Species" presented to COP11 (https://www.cms.int/en/document/strategic-review-aspects-ecological-networks-relating-migratory-species) and the "Critical Site Network Tool" developed under the auspices of AEWA and the Ramsar Convention (http://wow.wetlands.org/informationflyway/criticalsitenetworktool/tabid/1349/language/en-US/Default.aspx ). Please select only one option ☑ Yes, fully ☐ Partially - to a large extent ☐ Partially - to a small or moderate extent □ No What are the main gaps and priorities to address, if any, in order to achieve full identification of relevant critical habitats and sites as required to achieve SPMS target 10? > To achieve the objectives of the CMS it is important to improve implementation on a number of idenitfied critical habitats and sites. Has any assessment been made of the contribution made by the country's protected areas network specifically to migratory species conservation? Please select only one option □ Yes ☑ Partly / for some areas ☐ In development □ No Please provide a short summary: Please provide a short summary: > For protected areas, that are also designated as Natura 2000 sites for migratory species. Has your country adopted any new legislation or other domestic measures in the reporting period in response to CMS Article III(4) (a) ("Parties that are Range States of a migratory species listed in Appendix I shall endeavor ... to conserve and, where feasible and appropriate, restore those habitats of the species which are of importance in removing the species from danger of extinction")? Please select only one option ☐ Yes ✓ No Please give the title or other reference (and date) for the measure concerned: In respect of protected areas in your country that are important for migratory species, have any assessments of management effectiveness been undertaken in the reporting period? Please select only one option ☐ Yes ☑ Partly / for some areas ☐ In development □ No

Beyond Protected Areas, are other effective area-based conservation measures implemented in your

Please provide a reference and/or summarise what is covered:

Please select only one option ☑ Yes □ No
Please describe:  > Assessment of impact of plans and projects on conservation status of migratoty species.
Please add any particular information about key steps taken to implement specific provisions in relevant CMS COP Resolutions, including for example:
Resolution 12.7 on ecological networks.

Resolution 12.13 on Important Marine Mammal Areas.

country in ways which benefit migratory species?

Resolution 12.24 on Marine Protected Area networks in the ASEAN region.

Resolution 12.25 on intertidal and other coastal habitats.

> Slovenia continues to maintain comprehensive and coherent ecological Natura 2000 network of international and national importance for migratory animals at 38% of its teritorry.

Slovenia checked the importance the sea under its jurisdiction could contribute to cetacean conservation in international terms.

## **XIV. Ecosystem Services**

(SPMS Target 11: Migratory species and their habitats which provide important ecosystem services are maintained at or restored to favourable conservation status, taking into account the needs of women, indigenous and local communities and the poor and vulnerable.)

Has any assessment of ecosystem services associated with migratory species (contributing to the achievement of SPMS Target 11) been undertaken in your country since the adoption of the SPMS in 2014?  Please select only one option  Yes  Partly / in progress  No
Please provide a short summary (including source references where applicable):
Please provide a short summary (including source references where applicable):

**XV. Safeguarding Genetic Diversity** (SPMS Target 12: The genetic diversity of wild populations of migratory species is safeguarded, and strategies have been developed and implemented for minimizing genetic erosion.)

Are strategies of relevance to migratory species being developed or implemented to minimize genetic erosion of biodiversity in your country?  Please select only one option  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
Please select the relevant strategies (select all that apply):  □ Captive breeding □ Captive breeding and release □ Gene typing research □ Reproductive material archives/repositories □ Other
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## XVI. National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

(SPMS Target 13: Priorities for effective conservation and management of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems have been included in the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, with reference where relevant to CMS agreements and action plans and their implementation bodies.)

Are priorities for the conservation and management of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems explicitly addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?  Please select only one option  Yes  No	
a. Please provide a link to or attachment of the strategy/action plan	
<ul> <li>Please identify the elements in the plan/strategy that are particularly relevant to migratory species, a nighlight any specific references to the CMS/CMS instruments</li> </ul>	ınc
c. Please add comments on the implementation of the strategy or action plan concerned.	

# XVII. Traditional Knowledge, Innovations and Practices of Indigenous and Local Communities

(SPMS Target 14: The traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems, and their customary sustainable use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, thereby contributing to the favourable conservation status of migratory species and the ecological connectivity and resilience of their habitats.)

Have actions been taken in your country to foster consideration for the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities that are relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems?

use of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems? Please select only one option Yes
□ Partly / in some areas □ No
☑ Not applicable
Have actions been taken in your country to foster effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species, their habitats and migration systems?  Please select only one option  Yes  Partly / in some areas  No  No
If 'yes' or 'partly/in some areas' to either of the preceding two questions, please select which actions have been taken: (select all that apply)  Research & documentation Engagement initiatives Formal recognition of rights Inclusion in governance mechanisms Management strategies & programmes that integrate traditional and indigenous interests Other
Please add comments on the implementation of the actions concerned.  not relevant
How would you rank progress since the previous report in your country to achieving Target 14 of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species (see text above)?  Please select one option:  Please select only one option  1. Little or no progress  2. Some progress but more work is needed  3. Positive advances have been made  4. Target substantially achieved (traditional knowledge is fully respected and there is effective participation from communities)
Please add comments on the progress made (where applicable).

> not relevant

## XVIII. Knowledge, Data and Capacity-Building

(SPMS Target 15: The science base, information, training, awareness, understanding and technologies relating to migratory species, their habitats and migration systems, their value, functioning, status and trends, and the consequences of their loss, are improved, widely shared and transferred, and effectively applied.)

In the current reporting period, which steps taken in your country have contributed to the achievement of the results defined in Target 15 of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species? (see text above, and the answers given in Section V concerning SPMS Target 1 on awareness) (select all that apply)    Education campaigns in schools   Public awareness campaigns   Capacity building   Knowledge and data-sharing initiatives   Capacity assessments/gap analyses   Agreements at policy level on research priorities   Other (please specify):
> □ No steps have been taken
Please describe the contribution these steps have made towards achieving the results defined in Target 15:
Education campaigns in schools
Public awareness campaigns
Capacity building
Knowledge and data-sharing initiatives  Higher funding for monitoring results in better data and higher level of participation of reserach community in nature conservation.
Capacity assessments/gap analyses
Agreements at policy level on research priorities
Other ,
What assistance (if any) does your country require in order to build sufficient capacity to implement its obligations under the CMS and relevant Resolutions of the COP?  (select all that apply)  Funding support  Technical assistance  Education/training/mentoring  Other skills development  Provision of equipment or materials  Exchange of information & know-how  Research & innovation  Mobilizing volunteer effort (e.g. citizen science)  Other

## XIX. Resource Mobilization

(SPMS Target 16: The mobilization of adequate resources from all sources to implement the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species effectively has increased substantially.)

During the reporting period, has your country made financial or other resources available for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory species?  ☑ Yes, made available for activities within the country  ☐ Yes, made available for activities in one or more other countries  ☐ No
To which particular targets in the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species has this made a contribution? (Identify all those that apply). (SPMS, including targets: www.cms.int/en/document/strategic-plan-migratory-species-2015-2023-4) > Target 15
Please indicate whether the overall levels of resourcing concerned are the same or different from those in the previous reporting period:  Please select only one option  Increased  The same  Decreased  Not known
During the reporting period, has your country received financial or other resources for conservation activities specifically benefiting migratory species?  Please select only one option  ☐ Yes ☑ No
Please select the source(s) concerned (select all that apply):    Multilateral investment bank   The Global Environment Facility (GEF)   Other intergovernmental programme   Private sector   Non-governmental organization(s)   Individual country governments/government agencies (please specify)
> □ Other
<b>&gt;</b>
To which particular targets in the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species has this made a contribution? (Identify all those that apply). (SPMS, including targets: www.cms.int/en/document/strategic-plan-migratory-species-2015-2023-4)
Which migratory species have benefited as a result of this support?
Please indicate whether the overall levels of resourcing concerned are the same or different from those in the previous reporting period:  **Please select only one option**    Increased**   The same**   Decreased**   Not known**
Which are the most important CMS implementation priorities requiring future support in your country? (Name up to three specific types of activity).  > Increased resources and capacity for implementation of conservation measures in relevant Natura 2000

Please add any further comments you may wish on the implementation of specific provisions in COP Resolution 10.25 (Rev. COP12) on Enhancing Engagement with the Global Environment Facility.

> Not relevant

sites.