



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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Aware of the special requirements and fragility of CMS-listed migratory species and the need to engage all countries and peoples in their conservation throughout the world;

Emphasizing that CMS prohibits the taking of Appendix I species except in specific circumstances as specified in Article III, paragraph 5;

Recalling that CMS Article V, paragraph 4 (f) in the Guidelines for Agreements prohibits the taking of migratory species of the order Cetacea where such taking is not permitted for that migratory species under any other multilateral agreement;

Further recalling Resolution 7.9, which reaffirms the interest of CMS to develop strong collaborative arrangements with other biodiversity-related instruments and international organizations;

Acknowledging that sustainable use (both consumptive and non-consumptive) may provide incentives for conservation and restoration because of the social, cultural and economic benefits that people could derive from that use and that, in turn, sustainable use cannot be achieved without effective conservation measures;

Further acknowledging that the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines (AAPGs) and that Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) have initiated studies of the potential roles of the AAPGs in contributing towards implementation of CITES requirements for species included in the CITES Appendices; and

Recognizing that the implementation of the CBD AAPGs by Parties, where appropriate, could contribute to reducing many of the causes of loss of migratory species (e.g., by-catch, unsustainable harvesting, overexploitation, unsustainable hunting and other negative impacts) and lead to better conservation of habitats for migratory species;

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

1. *Instructs* the Scientific Council to examine the applicability and usefulness of the AAPGs within the context of CMS for improving the conservation status of relevant migratory species listed under the CMS Appendices;
2. *Urges* the Scientific Council to liaise with other Conventions, Parties and NGOs to gather and share information on relevant studies on the AAPGs;

3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, international organizations and other relevant organizations to support the aforementioned work, *inter alia*, by providing appropriate financial assistance and relevant data and information; and
4. *Requests* that the Scientific Council reports its findings to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.