

# 2017 - NATIONAL REPORT OF PARTIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

The deadline for submission of the reports is 24 April 2017. The reporting period is from May 2014 to April 2017.

Parties are encouraged to respond to all questions. Parties are also requested to provide comprehensive answers, including, where appropriate, a summary of activities, information on factors limiting action and details of any assistance required.

The reporting format was agreed by the Standing Committee at its 40th Meeting (Bonn, November 2012) for mandatory use by Parties, for reports submitted to the Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP11). The 45th meeting of the Standing Committee recommended the use of the same format for reports submitted to COP12, with necessary adjustments to take into account relevant COP11 decisions, in particular amendments to the Appendices and resolutions.

COP Resolution 9.4 adopted at Rome 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 AEWA in their last Meeting of the Parties (MOP 5, 2012) reporting cycle. CMS now offers the Convention's Parties to use the ORS for submitting their national reports for the COP11 (2014) reporting cycle.

Please enter here the name of your country

> Cook Islands

Which agency has been primarily responsible for the preparation of this report?

> Cook Islands National Environment Service

# I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

## CMS Agreements/MoU

Please indicate whether your country is part of the following Agreements/MoU. If so, please indicate the competent national institution

### **Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)**

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006) ☑ Signatory

#### Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?  $\hfill \square$  No

# II. Appendix I species

#### 1. BIRDS

## 1.1 General questions on Appendix I bird species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I bird species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)?

✓ No

1a. If the taking of Appendix I bird species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

✓ No

#### 2. AQUATIC MAMMALS

### 2.1 General questions on Appendix I aquatic mammals

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I aquatic mammals species prohibited by the national implementing legislation cited in Table I(a) (General Information)? 
☑ No

1a. If the taking of Appendix I aquatic mammals species is prohibited by law, have any exceptions been granted to the prohibition?

✓ No

## IV. National and Regional Priorities

- 1. What priority does your country assign to the conservation and, where applicable, sustainable use of migratory species in comparison to other biodiversity-related issues 
  ☑ Medium
- 2. Are migratory species and their habitats addressed by your country's national biodiversity strategy or action plan?

- 2.1. If Yes, please indicate and briefly describe the extent to which it addresses the following issues:
- ☑ Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of migratory species
- ☑ Conservation, sustainable use and/or restoration of the habitats of migratory species, including protected areas
- ☑ Actions to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger migratory species (e.g. alien invasive species or by-catch)
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  Research and monitoring of migratory species
- 3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

  ☑ No

## **V. Protected Areas**

1. Are migratory species taken into account in the selection, establishment and management of protected areas in your country?  $\square$  Yes

## 1b. Do these protected areas cover the following areas?

Terrestrial ☑ No	
Aquatic ☑ No	
Marine ☑ Yes	