



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.

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> Republic of Cyprus

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> Department of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment(MARDE)

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> Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (MARDE), Forestry Department (MARDE), Game and Fauna Service (Ministry of the Interior)

I(a). General Information

Please enter the required information in the table below:

Party

Date of entry into force of the Convention in your country
> 2001

Period covered
> 2014-2017

Territories to which the Convention applies
> Republic of Cyprus

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Implementation

Competent Authority:

- > Department of Environment

Relevant implemented legislation:

- > Law for the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife (Law No. 153 (I)/ 2003), Law for the Protection of Wild Birds and Game (Law No. 152 (I)/ 2003), Fisheries Law (CAP 135) and amendments to 2007 and Fisheries Regulations (1990 to 2009).

Other relevant Conventions/ Agreements (apart from CMS) to which your country is a Party:

- > Barcelona Convention and Protocols, Bern Convention, Accobams, Convention of Biological Diversity, RAMSAR, CITES, AEWA, Desertification,

National policy instruments (e.g. national biodiversity conservation strategy, etc.):

- > The National Biodiversity Strategy is being implemented and approved by the Ministerial Committee

CMS Agreements/MoU

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

Wadden Sea Seals (1991)

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- Non Range State

EUROBATS (1994)

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- Non-party Range State

ASCOBANS (1994)

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- Non Range State

AEWA (1999)

AEWA (1999)

- Party

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ACAP (2001)

ACAP (2001)

Non Range State

Gorilla Agreement (2008)

Gorilla Agreement (2008)

Non Range State

ACCOBAMS (2001)

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Siberian Crane MoU (1993/1999)

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Non Range State

Slender-billed Curlew MoU (1994)

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Non Range State

Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)

Atlantic Turtles MoU (1999)

Non Range State

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Middle-European Great Bustard MoU (2001)

Non Range State

IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

IOSEA Marine Turtles MoU (2001)

Non Range State

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

Bukhara Deer MoU (2002)

Non Range State

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

Aquatic Warbler MoU (2003)

Non Range State

West African Elephants MoU (2005)

West African Elephants MoU (2005)

Non Range State

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Pacific Islands Cetaceans MoU (2006)

Non Range State

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Western African Aquatic Mammals MoU (2008)

Non Range State

Sharks MoU (2010)

Sharks MoU (2010)

Non Range State

Involvement of other government departments/NGOs/private sector

1. Which other government departments are involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country? (Please list.)

> Department of Environment, Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Game and Fauna Service, Forestry Department.

2. If more than one government department is involved, describe the interaction/relationship between these government departments:

> The Departments are in close cooperation/ consultation.

3. Has a national liaison system or committee been established in your country?

Yes

> Scientific Committee on the Protection and Management of Nature and Wildlife according to Law no. 153 (I) / 2003 (chaired by Department of Environment)

Department of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural resources and the Environment, 1498 -Nicosia, Cyprus

4. List the main non-governmental organizations actively involved in activities/initiatives for the conservation of migratory species in your country, and describe their involvement:

> - Cyprus Federation of Ecological and Environmental Organisations. It is the umbrella institution, representing the majority of the country's ecological and Environmental organisations.

- Birdlife Cyprus. Their major priorities are to record wild bird populations (monitoring) and provide consulting services when needed.

- Terra Cypria. Their major priority is awareness raising, educating the public and taking part in International meetings, such as the Bern Convention COP.

- Cyprus Wildlife Society. Provides assistance, since 1989, to the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR) with the Turtle Conservation Project. Also it carries out training courses in turtle conservation for Mediterranean scientists in cooperation with the DFMR for UNEP/MAP. It is also currently undertaking a bat assessment project in the Natura 2000 sites (and elsewhere) aiming at enhancing their conservation status. Moreover, involved in the activities of ACCOBAMS.

I(b). Information about involved Authorities

Identify the ministry, agency/department or organization that is responsible for leading actions relating to Appendix I species

1- Birds

> Game and Fauna Service (Ministry of the Interior)

2- Aquatic Mammals

> Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment)

3- Reptiles

> Department of Environment (Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development and Environment)

4- Terrestrial Mammals

> Department of Environment (Ministry of Agriculture Rural Development and Environment)

5- Fish

> Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment)

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)?

Yes

If other legislation is relevant, please provide details:

> Prohibitions also according to Law No. 152 (I) / 2003 [For the Protection and Management of Game and Wild Birds]

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

No

2. Identify any obstacles to migration that exist in relation to Appendix I bird species:

Habitat destruction

Wind turbines

Other

> Illegal trapping of birds with nets and limesticks.

Collisions with wires in communication aerial farms sited in important migration areas.

2a. What actions are being undertaken to overcome these obstacles?

> Strict enforcement of the legislation. All the Appendix I bird species are protected through the provisions of the Law N. 152 (I) / 2003.

2b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Some progress is made particularly comparing to 10 years ago, but lots remain to be done.

Major migration corridors and wetlands designated as SPAs

Large scale campaign to eliminate illegal bird trapping which has decreased substantially

2c. What assistance, if any, does your country require in order to overcome these obstacles?

> Areas within British bases that extensive trapping activity occurs, must be dealt with by the UK government.

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I bird species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Illegal trade

Poaching

Other

> Habitat destruction because of unsustainable development

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger bird species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> The actions that have been taken by the Republic of Cyprus is through the implementation of the Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds and the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.

Designation of SPAs according to EU Wild Birds Directive 2009/147/EC.

Protection and conservation of the SPAs

Information campaigns and other events are also taking place for the awareness of the public.

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> Management Plans for all SPAs have been produced and are under implementation

3c. Describe any factors that may limit action being taken in this regard:

> 1) Negative attitudes and resistance by locals / local communities, especially towards Natura 2000 network and/or protected areas.

2) Lack of political will.

3d. What assistance, if any, does your country require to overcome these factors?

> Experience from other countries.

1.2 Questions on specific Appendix I bird species

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I bird species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Aquila heliaca*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Extinct as a breeding species, recorded accidentally during migration

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Other

> if spotted it is documented

Species name: *Aythya nyroca*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

increasing

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Species protection

Habitat protection

Species name: *Falco naumanni*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Common passage migrant in variable numbers

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Species name: *Haliaeetus albicilla*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Accidental visitor to Cyprus

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Other

> if spotted it is documented

Species name: Larus audouinii

1. Please provide published distribution reference:

> Iris Charalambidou and Salih Gücel 2008. First survey of Audouin's Gull, *Larus audouinii* (Payraudeau 1826), colonies at Kleidhes Islands, Cyprus. *Zoology in the Middle East* 45, 2008: 29-34.

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Species breeding in occupied part of Cyprus where the Cyprus government has no effective control

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

not known

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Other

> No activities could be carried out due to political situation

Species name: Marmaronetta angustirostris

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Former breeder, accidental visitor

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Other

> if spotted it is documented

Species name: Numenius tenuirostris

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

> Accidental visitor not recorded for decades

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Other

> if spotted it is documented

Species name: Oxyura leucocephala

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> very rare winter visitor

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Other

> if spotted it is documented

Species name: Pelecanus crispus

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Accidental visitor in Cyprus

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

> Accidental visitor in Cyprus

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

> if spotted it is documented

Species name: Pelecanus onocrotalus (only Palearctic populations)

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Species is scarce passage migrant in variable numbers

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Species name: Falco cherrug (except Mongolian populations)

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Passage migrant and winter visitor in small numbers

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

unclear

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Species name: Falco vespertinus

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

unclear

> Common passage migrant, especially in fall when numbers sometimes are in the thousands (500-4000 ind. recorded each year)

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Monitoring

Habitat protection

Other

> Major staging sites are protected areas

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)?

Yes

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

No

3. REPTILES

3.1 General questions on Appendix I reptiles

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

Yes

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

No

3. What are the major pressures to Appendix I reptiles species (transcending mere obstacles to migration)?

Predation of eggs

Destruction of nesting beaches

3a. What actions have been taken to prevent, reduce or control factors that are endangering or are likely to further endanger reptiles species beyond actions to prevent disruption to migrating behaviour?

> The Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR) is running the Turtle Conservation Project successfully since 1978, aiming at the protection and conservation of the two marine species, *Caretta caretta* & *Chelonia mydas*, and their habitats. A Coastal/Marine Reserve was established in the Lara/Toxeftra area on the west coast of the island in 1989 to protect the nesting grounds. In 2005 a second nesting area for Loggerhead turtles was proposed and accepted by the EC as a Natura 2000 site (Polis - Yialia). Moreover, turtle nests are protected in situ on all nesting beaches using special aluminium cages in order to protect the nests from any disturbances including prevention from predation by foxes .

3b. Please report on the progress / success of the actions taken.

> The Turtle Conservation Project aims at the protection & management of important nesting grounds, the protection of all life stages of turtles (eggs, hatchlings, juvenile and adults turtles) and simultaneously to raise public awareness in turtle protection. Over 30,000 green and loggerhead hatchlings reach the sea each year from nests from the protected Cyprus beaches. The Project and the associated measures i.e., protection of turtles nesting habitats, including the adjacent sea, and nests are considered successful and significant increases in loggerhead turtle nesting have been noted in the last five years.

3.2 Questions on specific Appendix I reptiles

In the following section, using the table format below, please fill in each Appendix I reptiles species for which your country is considered to be a Range State. Please complete each table as appropriate, providing information in summary form. Where appropriate, please cross-reference to information already provided in national reports that have been submitted under other conventions (e.g. Convention on Biological Diversity, Ramsar Convention, CITES). (Attach annexes as necessary.)

Species name: *Caretta caretta*

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

increasing

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR) Marina Argyrou [margyrou@dfmr.moa.gov.cy]

Identification and establishment of protected areas

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Monitoring

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Education/awareness rising

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Control hunting / poaching

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Species restoration

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Habitat protection

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

5. Describe any future activities that are planned for this species:

> Continuing current activities

Species name: Chelonia mydas

2a. Summarise information on population size (if known):

stable

2b. Summarise information on distribution (if known):

stable

3. Indicate and briefly describe any activities that have been carried out in favour of this species in the reporting period. (Please provide the title of the project and contact details, where available):

Research

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Identification and establishment of protected areas

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Monitoring

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Education/awareness rising

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Species protection

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Control hunting / poaching

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Habitat protection

> Cyprus Turtle Conservation Project (DFMR)

Other

> The Cyprus Wildlife Society in cooperation with the DFMR are holding courses in turtle conservation for Mediterranean scientists for RAC/SPA(UNEP/MAP)

5. FISH

5.1 General questions on Appendix I fish species

1. Is the taking of all Appendix I fish species prohibited by the national legislation listed as being implementing legislation in Table I(a) (General Information)?

No

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

No

6. LISTING OF OTHER ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX I

1. Is your country a Range State for any other endangered migratory species currently listed in Appendix I?

(according to the latest IUCN red data list). N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose listing any of these species?

No

III. Appendix II Species

1. INFORMATION ON APPENDIX II SPECIES

Information pertaining to the conservation of Appendix II species that are the object of CMS Agreements will have been provided in periodic Party reports to those instruments. It will suffice therefore to reference (below), and preferably append, a copy of the latest report that has been submitted to the Secretariat of each of the Agreement/MoUs to which your country is a Party.

ACCOBAMS (2001)

Date of last report:
> September 2013

Period covered:
> 2011-2013

2. QUESTIONS ON CMS AGREEMENTS

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bird Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?
 No
2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bird Species ?
 No
4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bird Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?
 No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Mammal Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?
 No
2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Mammal Species ?
 No
4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Mammal Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?
 No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Marine Turtle Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?
 No
2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Marine Turtle Species ?
 No
4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Marine Turtle Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?
 No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Terrestrial Mammal (other than bats) Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Bat Species

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Bat Species ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Bat Species, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

Questions on the development of new CMS Agreements relating to Fish

1. In the current reporting period, has your country **initiated** the development of any CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, to address the needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

2. In the current reporting period, has your country **participated** in the development of any new CMS Agreements, including Memoranda of Understanding, which address the conservation needs of Appendix II Fish ?

No

4. Is the development of any CMS Agreement for Fish, including Memoranda of Understanding, planned by your country in the foreseeable future?

No

3. LISTING OF MIGRATORY SPECIES IN APPENDIX II

1. Is your country a Range State for any migratory species that has an unfavourable conservation status, but is not currently listed in Appendix II and could benefit from the conclusion of an Agreement for its conservation?

N.B.: States in which a species occurs as a vagrant (i.e. not "on its normal migration route") should not be treated as Range States. Please refer to Article 1 of the Convention for clarification.

No

1a. Is your country taking any steps to propose the listing of this/these species in Appendix II?

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?

Yes

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)

3. Does the conservation of migratory species currently feature in any other national or regional policies/plans (apart from CMS Agreements)

Yes

3.1. If Yes, please provide details:

> National Game and Wild birds legislation (Law 152(1) 2003), EU Birds Directive, Law No. 153 (I)/ 2003, Fisheries Law (CAP 135) and amendments to 2007 and Fisheries Regulations (1990 to 2009)

3a. Do these policies/plans cover the following areas?

Exploitation of natural resources (e.g. fisheries, hunting, etc.)

Yes

Economic development

Yes

Land-use planning

Yes

Pollution control

Yes

Designation and development of protected areas

Yes

Development of ecological networks

Yes

Planning of power lines

Yes

Planning of fences

Yes

Planning of dams

Yes

Other

No

V. Protected Areas

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

Yes

If Yes, please provide details:

> For the designation of SPAs regularly occurring migratory species and migratory corridors are taken into account.

The Lara-Toxeftra reserve has been established in 1989 for the protection of the marine turtle nesting grounds.

Also the coastal/marine area of Polis-Yialia, which includes important nesting grounds of *Caretta caretta* and feeding grounds of *Chelonia mydas*, has been incorporated within the Natura 2000 network in 2005.

1a. Please identify the most important national sites for migratory species and their protection status:

> NATURA 2000 areas: Polis-Yialia (loggerhead turtle conservation), Larnaka Salt lakes (Ramsar site, as well), Cape Greko, Cha Potami, Diarizos river valley, Xeros river valley, Ezousa river valley, Limnatis valley, Achna Damn, Asprogremmos dam, Akamas peninsula (West coast of the island - Lara/Toxeftra reserve has been set up for green and loggerhead turtle conservation and is managed accordingly) RAMSAR site : Akrotiri Salt lake (SBA area), Larnaka Salt lake

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

Terrestrial

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> 30 SPAs (including wetlands and major migration stopovers)

40 SCIs (including marine/coastal)

Aquatic

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> 2 SCIs

Marine

Yes

If Yes, please provide details and include the amount of protected areas coverage and the number of protected areas

> 27.8 km²

1c. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> For Birds: Game and Fauna Service

For Marine turtles: Department of Fisheries and Marine Research

2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Several trigger species (for SPA designation) show positive trends.

VI. Policies on Satellite Telemetry

1. In the current reporting period, has your country undertaken conservation/research projects that use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If yes what is the state of those projects

on-going

Please provide details

> 1. A reintroduction of the Griffon vulture project has been concluded with ongoing monitoring
2. A research project has been completed on Eleonora's falcons involving GPS/GSM transmitters placed on breeding birds in Cyprus.

2. Are any future conservation/research projects planned that will use satellite telemetry?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (including the expected timeframe for these projects):

> on-going submission of proposals (LIFE, INTERREG, etc)

If No, please explain any impediments or requirements in this regard:

> 0

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> Griffon Vulture Locations are been sent on a regular basis and movements of birds can be easily tracked without involving too much personnel. In case that a bird migrated back to Crete, its location and whereabouts will be sent to our colleagues in Crete.

VII. Membership

1. Have actions been taken by your country to encourage non- Parties to join CMS and its related Agreements?

No

If Yes, please provide details. (In particular, describe actions taken to recruit the non-Parties that have been identified by the Standing Committee as high priorities for recruitment.)

> 0

1a. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Department of Environment (MARDE)

2. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> 0

VIII. Global and National Importance of CMS

1. Have actions been taken by your country to increase national, regional and/or global awareness of the relevance of CMS and its global importance in the context of biodiversity conservation?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> 0

2. Identify the agency, department or organization responsible for leading on this action in your country:

> Department of Environment

3. Results - please describe the positive outcomes of any actions taken

> No actions taken

IX. Mobilization of Resources

1. Has your country made financial resources available for conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

Yes

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> In general a large number of migratory species in migratory corridors and congregation hotspots.

Over 70,000 euro p.a. are spent on the project, of which 35,000 euro p.a. come from the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research (DFMR). The Cyprus Wildlife Society (CWS) is also contributing over 35,000 euro p.a. Species benefitting are Green and Loggerhead turtles

2. Has your country made voluntary contributions to the CMS Trust Fund to support requests from developing countries and countries with economies in transition?

No

If Yes, please provide details:

> 0

3. Has your country made other voluntary financial contributions to support conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in other countries (particularly developing countries)?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> 0

4. Has your country provided technical and/or scientific assistance to developing countries to facilitate initiatives for the benefit of migratory species?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> 0

5. Has your country received financial assistance/support from the CMS Trust Fund, via the CMS Secretariat, for national conservation activities having direct benefits for migratory species in your country?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> 0

6. Has your country received financial assistance/support from sources other than the CMS Secretariat for conservation activities having direct benefit for migratory species in your country?

No

If Yes, please provide details (Indicate the migratory species that have benefited from these activities):

> 0

X. Implementation of COP Resolutions and Recommendations

Please provide information about measures undertaken by your country relating to recent Resolutions and Recommendations since the last Report. For your convenience please refer to the list of COP Resolutions and Recommendations listed below:

Strategic and Institutional Matters

Capacity Building Strategy (Res. 9.12 / Res. 10.6)

> 0

Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 (Res. 11.2)

> 0

Financial and Administrative Matters and Terms of Reference for the Administration of the Trust Fund (Res. 11.1)

> 0

Relationship between the CMS Family and the Civil Society (Res. 11.11)

> 0

World Migratory Bird Day (Res. 11.9)

> Relevant event took place on the 10th of May 2017

Outreach and Communication Issues (Res. 11.8)

> 0

Development of CMS Agreements (Res. 11.12)

> 0

Concerted and Cooperative Actions (Res. 11.13)

> 0

Synergies and Partnerships / Cooperation with other Conventions (Res. 11.10)

> 0

Future strategies of the CMS Family / "Future Shape" (Res. 10.9)

> 0

Other resolutions/recommendations:

> 0

Avian Species and Issues

Electrocution of Migratory Birds (Res. 7.04 / Res. 10.11)

> As part of LIFE project markers have been placed on utility wires crossing an SPA (wetland). The outcomes are being monitored.

Southern Hemisphere Albatross Conservation (Res. 6.3)

> 0

Migratory Landbirds in the African Eurasian Region (Res. 11.17)

> N/A

Global Flyway Conservation (Res. 10.10 / Res. 11.14)

> N/A

Saker Falcon (Res. 11.18)

> N/A

Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds (Res. 11.16)

> Provisions are being implemented through national legislation
An Action Plan to control illegal trapping of migratory birds is being implemented

Migratory Species and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Res. 8.27 / Res. 9.8 / Res. 10.22)

› All injured, sick or dead wild birds are taken to the Veterinary Services for AI sampling.

Poisoning Migratory Birds (Res. 11.15)

› Provisions are being implemented through national legislation

Aquatic Species and Issues

Migratory Freshwater Fish (Res. 10.12)

› 0

Terrestrial Species and Issues

Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna (Rec. 9.2)

› N/A

Tigers and other Asian Big Cats (Rec. 9.3)

› N/A

Conservation of the African Lion (Res. 11.32)

› N/A

Cross-cutting Issues

Marine Debris (Res. 10.4 / Res. 11.30)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Bycatch (incl. Recommendation) (Res. 6.2 / Rec. 7.2 / Res. 8.14 / Res. 9.18 / Res. 10.14)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Wildlife Crime (Res. 11.31)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Ecological Networks (Res. 10.3 / Res. 11.25)

› Natura 2000

Climate Change Impacts on Migratory Species (Res. 7.5 / Res. 11.26)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Modus Operandi for Conservation Emergencies (Res. 10.2)

› No

Marine Wildlife Watching (Res. 11.29)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Oil Pollution and Migratory Species (Res. 7.3)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Impact Assessment and Migratory Species (Res. 7.2)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Invasive Alien Species and Migratory Species (Res. 11.28)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Renewable Energy and Migratory Species (Res. 7.5 / Res. 11.27)

› All EU initiatives and/or action plans and/or regulations are being followed

Other remarks:

› 0

Annex: Updating Data on Appendix II Species

1. The drop-down lists below contain the list of all species listed in Appendix II. Parties which did not submit a National Report in 2014 are requested to complete the entire form. Parties that did submit a report in 2014 are requested to review and update the data (e.g. new published distribution references and details concerning species added to Appendix II at COP11).

Chiroptera

Rhinolophidae spp (European populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Published distribution reference

> 0

Carnivora

Lycaon pictus

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Arctocephalus australis

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Halichoerus grypus (Baltic Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Monachus monachus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Phoca vitulina (Baltic and Wadden Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Otaria flavescens

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Ursus maritimus

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Pelecaniformes

Pelecanus crispus

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Pelecanus onocrotalus (W. Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Phalacrocorax pygmeus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconiiformes

***Ardea purpurea purpurea* (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)**

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

***Botaurus stellaris stellaris* (W. Palaearctic)**

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

***Casmerodius albus albus* (W. Palaearctic)**

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

***Ixobrychus minutus minutus* (W. Palaearctic)**

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia ciconia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ciconia nigra

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Platalea leucorodia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Plegadis falcinellus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anseriformes

Anatidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falconiformes

Pandion haliaetus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Cathartidae. spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Accipitridae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falconidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Galliformes

Coturnix coturnix coturnix

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Gruiformes

Crex crex

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Fulica atra atra (Mediterranean and Black Sea populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana parva parva

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana porzana (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Porzana pusilla intermedia

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Grus spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadriiformes

Burhinus oedicnemus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Glareola pratincola

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chlidonias leucopterus (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chlidonias niger niger

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus armenicus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus audouinii

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus genei

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus ichthyaetus (West Eurasian and African population)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Larus melanocephalus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna albifrons

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna hirundo hirundo (Populations breeding in the W Palaearctic)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna nilotica nilotica (West Eurasian and African populations)

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sterna sandvicensis sandvicensis

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Recurvirostridae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadriidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Scolopacidae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Columbiformes

Streptopelia turtur turtur

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Psittaciformes

Amazona tucumana

Please choose the one that applies.

Not a Range State

Coraciiformes

Merops apiaster

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Coracias garrulus

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Passeriformes

Muscicapidae (s.l.) spp.

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

Phoenicopteriformes

Phoenicopteridae spp

Please choose the one that applies.

Range State

2. All species of each of the Families below are listed in Appendix II. If your country is a Range State for any of the species in these Families, please indicate whether your country is a Range State or the species is extinct and, where appropriate, please provide published distribution references.

Order FALCONIFORMES, Family ACCIPITRIDAE

Accipiter brevipes

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Accipiter gentilis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Accipiter nisus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aegyptius monachus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aquila heliaca

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aquila pomarina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Buteo buteo

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Buteo rufinus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circaetus gallicus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circus aeruginosus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circus cyaneus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circus macrourus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Circus pygargus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Gyps fulvus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Haliaeetus albicilla

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Hieraaetus pennatus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Milvus migrans

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Neophron percnopterus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Pernis apivorus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order FALCONIFORMES, Family FALCONIDAE

Falco cherrug

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco columbarius

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco eleonora

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco naumanni

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco peregrinus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco subbuteo

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco tinnunculus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Falco vespertinus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order PASSERIFORMES, Family MUSCICAPIDAE

Cettia cetti

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Erithacus rubecula

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ficedula albicollis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ficedula hypoleuca

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Ficedula semitorquata

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Luscinia megarhynchos

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Luscinia svecica

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Monticola saxatilis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Monticola solitarius

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Muscicapa striata

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Oenanthe cypriaca

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Oenanthe deserti

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Oenanthe finschii

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Oenanthe hispanica

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Oenanthe isabellina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Oenanthe oenanthe

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Phoenicurus ochruros

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Phoenicurus phoenicurus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Saxicola rubetra

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Saxicola torquata

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia atricapilla

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia borin

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia communis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia conspicillata

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia curruca

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia hortensis

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia melanocephala

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia melanothorax

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia nisoria

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Sylvia rueppelli

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Turdus iliacus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Turdus merula

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Turdus philomelos

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Turdus pilaris

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Turdus torquatus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order ANSERIFORMES, Family ANATIDAE

Anas anser

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anas erythropus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anas ferina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anas ferruginea

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anas platyrhynchos

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anas rufina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anas strepera

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anas tadorna

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anser albifrons

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anser anser

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Anser erythropus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aythya ferina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Aythya nyroca

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Cygnus cygnus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Cygnus olor

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Netta rufina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Tadorna ferruginea

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Tadorna tadorna

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order CHARADRIIFORMES, Family RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Himantopus himantopus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Recurvirostra avosetta

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order CHARADRIIFORMES, Family CHARADRIIDAE

Charadrius alexandrinus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadrius dubius

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadrius hiaticula

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Charadrius leschenaultii

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Vanellus spinosus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Vanellus vanellus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order CHARADRIIFORMES, Family SCOLOPACIDAE

Arenaria interpres

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris alba

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris alpina

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris canutus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris ferruginea

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris minuta

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris temminckii

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Calidris tenuirostris

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Gallinago gallinago

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Gallinago media

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Limicola falcinellus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Limosa limosa

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Lymnocyptes minimus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Numenius arquata

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Numenius phaeopus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Scolopax rusticola

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Tringa erythropus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Tringa glareola

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Tringa hypoleucos

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Tringa totanus

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order CHIROPTERA, Family RHINOLOPHIDAE (European populations)

Rhinolophus blasii

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Rhinolophus euryale

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Rhinolophus ferrumequinum

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Rhinolophus hipposideros

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order CHIROPTERA, Family VESPERTILIONIDAE (European populations)

Miniopterus schreibersii

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Myotis blythii

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Pipistrellus kuhlii

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Order TESTUDINATA, Family CHELONIIDAE

Caretta caretta

Choose the one that applies.

Range State

Chelonia mydas

Choose the one that applies.

Range State