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## 24.4.10 Promoting Conservation of Critical Intertidal and other Coastal Habitats for Migratory

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# Summary



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PROMOTING CONSERVATION OF CRITICAL INTERTIDAL AND OTHER COASTAL  
HABITATS FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES

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- Draft resolution submitted by Government of Philippines
  - Proposes:
    - initiation of a “**Coastal Wetland Forum**”
    - establishment of multi-stakeholder **Working Group**
    - Build a ‘Caring for Coasts’ initiative to restore coastal wetlands
  - Aim: promote protection of remaining intertidal wetlands and other associated wetlands of international importance
- COP is recommended to consider draft Resolution for adoption



# Background

- Critical importance of intertidal and associated coastal and estuarine habitats for migratory species
- Intertidal habitats are under extreme pressure in many parts of the world (e.g. coastal development, pollution, unsustainable use)
- Difficulties of conservation and sustainable use because areas often straddle borders and fall within jurisdiction of multiple national and local government agencies.



# Related MEAs and instruments



Convention on Biological Diversity

Ramsar Convention

African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA)

Wadden Sea Seals Agreement

Memoranda of Understanding on marine turtles in the Atlantic coast of West Africa

IOSEA MOU

Dugong MOU

Sharks MOU

East Asian - Australasian Flyway Partnership

Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network

Arctic Migratory Bird Initiative

→ International relevance



# Related Resolutions and Documents

- Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023
- Resolution 11.25 “Advancing Ecological Networks to Address the Needs of Migratory Species”
- Resolution 11.14 “Programme of Work on Migratory Birds and Flyways”



# Actions

- I. Initiate a Coastal Wetland Forum (Secretariat & Scientific Council)
- I. Protected Areas (Parties)
- II. Solutions to loss of intertidal flats (Parties)
- III. Public awareness (Parties)
- IV. Reporting (Parties)



# Conclusion

The draft Resolution promotes the conservation of critical intertidal and other coastal habitats for migratory species by asking the Secretariat and the Scientific Council to initiate a Global Wetland Forum and a multi-stakeholder Working Group that then establishes a “Caring for Coasts” initiative. The Parties shall participate in the conservation of these habitats by

- identifying and reviewing protected areas
- halting the loss of critical intertidal areas
- ensuring maintenance and restoration of critical intertidal areas
- raising public awareness
- reporting



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