



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RECOMMENDATION 4.2

RESEARCH ON MIGRATION IN SMALL CETACEANS

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Fourth Meeting (Nairobi, 7-11 June 1994)

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

Noting, as resolved by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting (Resolution 3.3, 1991), that the Bonn Convention and certain existing and contemplated regional international Agreements under its auspices include small cetaceans,

Recalling that 27 species of small cetaceans are included in Appendix II of the Convention, and

Recognizing that the migratory behavior of most small cetaceans in most regions is scientifically very poorly known, making the nature and scope of international conservation problems difficult to determine, and making regional and international co-operation difficult to achieve,

Recommends:

- (a) that the Parties to the Bonn Convention carry out scientific studies to investigate and describe the migrations of small species in their waters, giving priority to species and populations of threatened or uncertain status;
- (b) that those Parties having the technical expertise and resources necessary for such studies advise and assist other Parties and other Range States (through appropriate mechanisms such as memoranda of understanding) to plan and carry out needed studies including, for example, sighting surveys conducted over seasons and years, tagging, use of natural marks, conventional radio-tracking or satellite-based radio-tracking and genetic studies of stock identity; and
- (c) that the Parties concerned report to the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties on measures taken in response to the present recommendation.