



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



RECOMMENDATION 4.6

THE ROLE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CONVENTION ON CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS

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 the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals,

Recalling that Article IX of the Convention provides for assistance from and liaison with, *inter alia*, suitable non-governmental bodies technically qualified in the protection, conservation and management of wild animals, and international organizations concerned with migratory species;

Aware that these organizations have continued to make important technical, promotional and financial contributions to the implementation of the Convention, and to support the Convention Secretariat;

Further aware that national environmental non-governmental organizations can represent influential movements in society and that - through their expertise - they can play an active role in the conservation of migratory species of wild animals;

Conscious that the Convention on Biological Diversity signed at Rio de Janeiro in 1992 stresses the importance of and the need to promote co-operation among States and intergovernmental organizations and the non-governmental sector for the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components;

Taking account of the Strategy for the Future Development of the Bonn Convention (accepted under Resolution 4.4);

1. *Recommends* that Parties strongly support and give particular attention to the development and functioning of national and international non-governmental organizations which aim for conservation of migratory species of wild animals.
2. *Encourages* Parties to consult non-governmental organizations, provide them with relevant information and offer them ample opportunities to contribute to the formulation and implementation of governmental policy on migratory species conservation;
3. *Recommends* that Parties to Agreements concluded under the Convention invite appropriate representatives of non-governmental organizations to participate in meetings held to discuss the development or implementation of such Agreements;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to organize periodic briefing sessions with non-governmental organizations, in order to involve them more fully in the activities of the Convention and to solicit their support.