



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

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MARINE TURTLES

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Recalling Resolution 3.2 (Geneva, 1991) on the review of species listed in Appendix I;

Recalling further Resolution 6.1 (Cape Town, 1999), Resolution 7.1 (Bonn, 2002) and Resolution 8.29 (Nairobi, 2005), especially their annexed tables that designate marine turtles as species for continued concerted action;

Noting that the objectives of the *Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia* (IOSEA) are for Range States in the region, and other concerned States, to conserve and replenish depleted marine turtle populations for which they share responsibility;

Noting also the Signatories of the *Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Conservation Measures for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic Coast of Africa* (African Atlantic Coast Marine Turtles MoU) have agreed to work closely together to improve the conservation status of the marine turtles and the habitats on which they depend;

Recalling Resolution 7.6 (Bonn, 2002) on improving the conservation status of the leatherback turtle, and Resolution 7.7 endorsing the Secretariat's proposal to explore the possible development of an instrument for marine turtles in the Pacific Ocean;

Recognising the valuable contribution made by existing Pacific conservation programmes and instruments to the conservation of marine turtle stocks;

Endorsing the conclusions of The Bellagio Blueprint for Action on Pacific Sea Turtles, 2003, which calls for the development of a regional conservation arrangement for marine turtles in the Pacific;

Welcoming the financial and in-kind support from Signatory States and the Convention on Migratory Species for the IOSEA Secretariat's operation and implementation of the Conservation and Management Plan; and

Welcoming also the decision at the IOSEA Third Meeting of Signatory States to hold the regional Year of the Sea Turtle campaign in 2006 and noting that 2006 has also been designated as Year of the Sea Turtle in the Pacific region;

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Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals*

1. *Encourages* Parties and Range States within the geographic scope of the IOSEA or the African Atlantic Coast Marine Turtles MoU, to become signatories to the respective MoU and to actively implement their respective Conservation and Management Plans;
2. *Encourages* Parties and Range States in the Pacific to cooperate to develop and conclude a Memorandum of Understanding and associated Conservation Plan for the conservation and management of marine turtles in that region under the CMS;
3. *Encourages* existing Pacific regional conservation programmes and instruments relevant to marine turtles to participate in the development and implementation of a regional conservation arrangement for marine turtles in the Pacific; and
4. *Encourages* Signatories of the African Atlantic Coast Marine Turtles MoU to consider also recognising 2006 as their year of the sea turtle to complement the IOSEA, and Pacific regions' Year of the Sea Turtle of 2006, recognising that such events usefully focus attention on the conservation and protection of sea turtles on a regional basis.