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SUMMARY SHEETS**

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TITLE	Full title of the Agreement (and any acronym)
TYPE	Type of Agreement (concluded under the terms of either Article IV(3) or Article IV(4) of the Convention on Migratory Species)
LEGAL STATUS	Legal status of Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
LANGUAGE	Language of the authentic texts of the Agreement
SPONSOR	Name of the Government which sponsored negotiations to conclude the Agreement
DEPOSITARY	As specified in the text of the Agreement, name of the Government or intergovernmental organization providing depositary services for the Agreement
COVERAGE	Taxonomic coverage of the Agreement
RANGE STATES/REIO	CMS Parties are shown in upper case, non-Parties are shown in normal letters (includes Regional Economic Integration Organizations)
FINAL ACT	Date of signature of the Final Act of the Meeting at which the text of the Agreement was adopted, and a list of signatories to the Final Act
SIGNATURE	As specified in the text of the Agreement, provisions for signature of the Agreement. Actual number of signatures of Range States + REIOs, followed by a listing of the individual signatories in chronological order Symbols used: "ds" means the signature is definitive (no further legal measures necessary for the Agreement to be legally binding); "+" means the Agreement has been signed, but must still be ratified; "acp" means the Agreement has been accepted; "app" means the Agreement has been approved; "acc" means the Agreement has been acceded to
IN FORCE/ IN EFFECT	Provisions concerning entry into force of the Agreement or effective date of the Memorandum of Understanding, as specified in the text of the Agreement or MoU
ACTUALLY IN FORCE/ IN EFFECT	Actual date of entry into force/effect of the Agreement or MoU
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Actual number of States and REIOs having signed definitively, ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Agreement, followed by a listing of the relevant States/REIOs in chronological order (according to the date of deposit of relevant instrument)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES/ SIGNATORIES	Dates or provisions with respect to holding the first Meeting of the Parties (Agreements) or Signatories (MoU), if specified in the text of the Agreement
SECRETARIAT	Arrangements for the organization of the Secretariat, if specified in the text of the Agreement, with full address of the Secretariat or Interim Secretariat for the Agreement
FINANCING	Financial considerations, if specified in the text of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	Any provisions with regard to the possibility for Parties to enter reservations, if specified in the text of the Agreement
DESCRIPTION	As appropriate, a brief description of the Agreement's provisions
SPECIES EXAMPLES	A few examples of species covered by the Agreement
OTHER	Other remarks

TITLE	Agreement on the Conservation of Seals in the Wadden Sea
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Trilateral environmental Agreement
LANGUAGE	Danish, Dutch, English, German
SPONSOR	Germany
DEPOSITARY	Government of Germany Auswärtiges Amt (Foreign Office) 11013 Berlin, Germany Tel: +49 (30) 5000-0 Fax: +49 (30) 5000-3402
COVERAGE	<i>Phoca vitulina vitulina</i> (Common/Harbour Seal) occurring in the Wadden Sea
RANGE STATES/REIO	3: DENMARK, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed on 16 October 1990 by 3: DENMARK, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS
IN FORCE	1st day of the third month following deposit of third instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession
ACTUALLY IN FORCE	1 October 1991
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	3: DENMARK (01.10.91 acc), GERMANY (01.10.91 acc), NETHERLANDS (01.10.91 acc)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES	None specified in Agreement
SECRETARIAT	None specified in Agreement. Secretariat services provided by the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, Virchowstrasse 1, 26382 Wilhelmshaven, Germany, Tel: +49 4421 91080; Fax: +49 4421 910830; E-mail: info@waddensea-secretariat.org , Web: www.waddensea-secretariat.org
FINANCING	None specified in Agreement
RESERVATIONS	None specified
DESCRIPTION	The Agreement requires Parties to develop on the basis of scientific knowledge a conservation and management plan for the seal population. This plan shall contain a comprehensive statement of actions, which are or are to be undertaken by the Parties to achieve the goals of the Agreement. The Seal Management Plan (Seal Management Plan 2002-2006 was adopted on 31.10.2001) specifies the actions in the following areas: conservation and management measures regarding habitats, pollution and wardening, research and monitoring, taking and exemptions of taking, public information. The Parties shall keep the plan under review and amend it, as may be required, taking into consideration, in particular, the results of scientific research.
SPECIES EXAMPLES	<i>Phoca vitulina vitulina</i> (Common/Harbour Seal)

TITLE	Agreement on the Conservation of Populations of European Bats (EUROBATS)
TYPE	Article IV (3)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Agreement
LANGUAGE	English, French, German
SPONSOR	United Kingdom
DEPOSITARY	Government of the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office Old Admiralty Building, Room OAB 1/79 The Head of the Treaties Record Unit, Mr. Neil Hagon King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH, ENGLAND Tel: +(44) 20 7270 4046 / Fax: +(44) 20 7270 4076
COVERAGE	European populations of Chiroptera (<i>Rhinolophidae</i> , <i>Vespertilionidae</i> and <i>Tadarida teniotis</i>)
RANGE STATES/REIO <i>based on Resolution 5 of July 1998</i>	49: ALBANIA, Andorra, Armenia, AUSTRIA, Azerbaijan, BELARUS, BELGIUM, Bosnia and Herzegovina, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, ESTONIA, EUROPEAN UNION, FINLAND, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GREECE, Holy See, HUNGARY, IRELAND, ITALY, LATVIA, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALTA, MONACO, Montenegro, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL (except Madeira and the Azores), REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, Russian Federation, San Marino, SERBIA SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN (except the Canary Islands), SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, Turkey, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM (incl. Gibraltar)
FINAL ACT	Signed on 10 September 1991 by 12: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, GERMANY, GREECE, IRELAND, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM
SIGNATURE	Open for signature at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, on 4 December 1991 and thereafter until 16 January 1994 Signed by 11: BELGIUM (04.12.91), DENMARK (04.12.91), LUXEMBOURG (04.12.91), NETHERLANDS (04.12.91), UNITED KINGDOM (04.12.91), GERMANY (05.12.91), SWEDEN (04.03.92 ds), NORWAY (03.02.93 ds), PORTUGAL (04.06.93), IRELAND (21.06.93), FRANCE (10.12.93)
IN FORCE	90th day following date on which five Range States have become Parties
ACTUALLY IN FORCE	16 January 1994
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	31: SWEDEN (04.03.92 ds), NETHERLANDS (17.03.92 acp), UNITED KINGDOM (09.09.92 acc), NORWAY (03.02.93 ds), GERMANY (18.10.93 acp), LUXEMBOURG (29.10.93 acc), DENMARK (06.01.94 acc), CZECH REPUBLIC (24.02.94 acc), HUNGARY (22.06.94 acc), IRELAND (21.06.95 acc), FRANCE (07.07.95 app), PORTUGAL (10.01.96 acc), POLAND (10.04.96 acc), SLOVAKIA (09.07.98 acc), MONACO (23.07.99 acc), THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (15.09.99 acc), FINLAND (20.09.99 acc), UKRAINE (30.09.99 acc), BULGARIA (09.11.99 acc), ROMANIA (20.07.00 acc), CROATIA (08.08.00 acc), MOLDOVA (02.02.01 acc), MALTA (02.03.01 acc), ALBANIA (22.06.01 acc), LITHUANIA (28.11.01 acc), GEORGIA (25.07.02 acc), BELGIUM (14.05.03 acc), LATVIA (01.08.03 acc), SLOVENIA (05.12.03 acc), ESTONIA (11.11.04), ITALY (20.10.05)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES	1 st Meeting: 18-20 July 1995, Bristol, UK; 2 nd Meeting: 1-3 July 1998, Bonn, Germany; 3 rd Meeting: 24-26 July 2000, Bristol, UK; 4 th Meeting: 22-24 September 2003, Sofia, Bulgaria; 5 th Meeting: 4-6 September 2006, Ljubljana, Slovenia
SECRETARIAT	UNEP/EUROBATS Secretariat, Hermann-Ehlers-Str. 10, 53113 Bonn, Germany (Tel: +49 228 815 2420/1; Fax: +49 228 815 2445; e-mail: eurobats@eurobats.org , Web: www.eurobats.org)

FINANCING	As provided in Article II of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	Specific reservations possible upon becoming a Party
DESCRIPTION	Presently the Agreement area covers continental Europe from the Caucasus in the East to the Mediterranean coast in the South. It includes the British Isles, Ireland, Cyprus and Malta and most of the islands belonging to European states. Experts are enhancing their efforts in establishing migratory patterns and in gaining more knowledge about the distribution of European bat populations in order to examine if the Agreement area should be extended (e.g. to Northern Africa or the Middle East).
SPECIES EXAMPLES	<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i> (Lesser horseshoe bat), <i>Myotis capaccinii</i> (Long-fingered bat), <i>Nyctalus noctula</i> (Common noctule)
OTHER	An Advisory Committee comprising one member appointed by each Party; each Party to designate one or more competent authorities responsible for implementation

TITLE	Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas (ASCOBANS)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Agreement
LANGUAGE	English, French, German, Russian
SPONSOR	Sweden
DEPOSITARY	Secretary-General of the United Nations United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section New York, N.Y. 10017, U.S.A. Tel: +1 (212) 963 6045 / Fax: +1 (212) 963 3693
COVERAGE	Any species, subspecies or population of toothed whales (<i>Odontoceti</i>), with the exception of the Sperm whale (<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>), in the Agreement Area The Agreement Area is defined as: "the marine environment of the Baltic and North Seas and contiguous area of the North East Atlantic, as delimited by the shores of the Gulfs of Bothnia and Finland; to the south-east by latitude 36°N, where this line of latitude meets the line joining the lighthouses of Cape St. Vincent (Portugal) and Casablanca (Morocco); to the south-west by latitude 36°N and longitude 15°W; to the north-west by longitude 15° and a line drawn through the following points: latitude 59°N/longitude 15°W, latitude 60°N/longitude 05°W, latitude, 61°N/longitude 4W;latitude 62N/ longitude 3W; to the north by latitude 62°N; and including the Kattegat and the Sound and Belt passages."
RANGE STATES/REIO	18: BELGIUM, DENMARK, ESTONIA, EUROPEAN UNION, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, IRELAND, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, Russian Federation, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM
FINAL ACT	Signed on 13 September 1991 by 8: BELGIUM, DENMARK, EUROPEAN UNION, FINLAND, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM
SIGNATURE	Open for signature at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on 17 March 1992, and thereafter until date of entry into force Signed by 6 Range States + 1 REIO: SWEDEN (31.03.92 ds), GERMANY (09.04.92), UNITED KINGDOM and Guernsey (16.04.92), NETHERLANDS (29.07.92), DENMARK (19.08.92), EUROPEAN UNION (07.10.92+), BELGIUM (06.11.92)
IN FORCE	90 days after six Range States express consent to be bound by the Agreement
ACTUALLY IN FORCE	Original Agreement (Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Seas): 29 March 1994 Extended Agreement (Agreement on the Conservation of Small Cetaceans of the Baltic, North East Atlantic, Irish and North Seas): 3 February 2008
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	10: SWEDEN (31.03.92 ds), NETHERLANDS (29.12.92 app), BELGIUM (14.05.93), UNITED KINGDOM (13.07.93), GERMANY (06.10.93), DENMARK (29.12.93 app), POLAND (18.01.96 acc), FINLAND (13.09.99 acc), LITHUANIA (27.07.05 acc), FRANCE (02.11.05 acc) The amendment (westward extension of the Agreement Area) has so far been accepted by: Denmark (19.12.06), Finland (05.11.07), France (03.10.05), Germany (15.01.07), Netherlands (24.05.07)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES	1 st Meeting: 26-28 September 1994, Stockholm, Sweden; 2 nd Meeting: 17-19 November 1997, Bonn, Germany; 3 rd Meeting: Bristol, UK, 26-28 July 2000, 4 th Meeting: Esbjerg, Denmark, 19 - 22 August 2003, 5 th Meeting: Egmond aan Zee, Netherlands, 1 st Session: 18-22 September 2006; 2 nd Session: 12 December 2006 Reports of all meetings are available from the Agreement Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	UNEP/ASCOBANS Secretariat, UN Campus, Hermann-Ehlers-Str. 10, 53113 Bonn, Germany (Tel. +49 228 8152418; Fax +49 228 8152440; E-mail: ascobans@ascobans.org , Web:

www.ascobans.org

FINANCING	As provided in Article 7 of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	Specific reservations possible (upon signing or upon deposit of instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession)
DESCRIPTION	<p>The ASCOBANS Conservation and Management Plan requires Parties to implement a variety of different measures including reducing by-catch, marine pollution and disturbance, conducting surveys and research on species ecology and abundance, adopting protective national laws and raising public awareness. A Recovery Plan for Baltic Harbour Porpoises was agreed in 2002. A Conservation Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea is under development.</p> <p>The extension of the Agreement area to include parts of the Atlantic Ocean results in a contiguous area with ACCOBAMS. It was endorsed by MOP4 (2003) and has entered into force on 3 February 2008 after the formal acceptance of the fifth Party.</p>
SPECIES EXAMPLES	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i> (Harbour porpoise), <i>Tursiops truncatus</i> (Bottlenose dolphin), <i>Delphinus delphis</i> (Common dolphin), <i>Globicephala melas</i> (Long-finned pilot whale)
OTHER	<p>An Advisory Committee consisting of one member appointed by each Party; a "Co-ordinating Authority" established in each Party</p> <p>Under the aegis of the ASCOBANS Secretariat, a special working group composed of representatives of international conventions, government ministries, fishermen and environmental groups has developed a recovery plan for the Baltic Harbour porpoise (Jastarnia Plan), which recommends a programme for bycatch reduction, research and monitoring, marine protected area establishment and an increase of public awareness.</p> <p>The overall aim is to restore the Baltic population of Harbour porpoises - an estimated 600 individuals are left - to at least 80% of the Baltic's carrying capacity. A change in fishing methods and a reduction of fishing effort could significantly contribute to a lower bycatch rate.</p>

TITLE	Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA)
TYPE	Article IV (3)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Agreement
LANGUAGE	English and French Agreement text available in: Arabic, English, French, Russian
SPONSOR	The Netherlands
DEPOSITARY	Government of The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs Attn.: Mr Daniel Lekatompassy P.O. Box 60021, 2500 EB The Hague, The Netherlands Tel: (+31 70) 348 6754 / Fax: (+31 70) 348 6000
COVERAGE	Waterbirds (172 initially, 255 since MOP 4) that are ecologically dependent on wetlands in Africa and Eurasia, including the Middle-East, Greenland and parts of Canada (a precise definition is given in the Agreement itself)
RANGE STATES/REIO	119: ALBANIA, ALGERIA, Andorra, ANGOLA, Armenia, AUSTRIA, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BENIN, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, Burundi, CAMEROON, Canada, CAPE VERDE, Central African Republic, CHAD, Comoros, CONGO, COTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK (incl. Faeroe Islands and Greenland), DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, Equatorial Guinea, ERITREA, ESTONIA, Ethiopia, EUROPEAN UNION, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GAMBIA, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, HUNGARY, Iceland, Iraq, IRELAND, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, ISRAEL, ITALY, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, Kuwait, LATVIA, Lebanon, Lesotho, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, LIECHTENSTEIN, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR, Malawi, MALI, MALTA, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MONACO, Montenegro, MOROCCO, Mozambique, Namibia, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, NORWAY, Oman, POLAND, PORTUGAL, Qatar, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, Russian Federation, RWANDA, San Marino, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SERBIA, SEYCHELLES, Sierra Leone, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, Sudan, Swaziland, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, TOGO, TUNISIA, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UGANDA, UKRAINE, United Arab Emirates, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UZBEKISTAN, YEMEN, Zambia, Zimbabwe
FINAL ACT	Signed on 16 June 1995 by 53 States and 1 REIO: ANGOLA, Armenia, BELGIUM, BENIN, BULGARIA, Burundi, CAMEROON, Central African Republic, CHAD, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, EGYPT, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, EUROPEAN UNION, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, HUNGARY, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, JORDAN, LUXEMBOURG, Malawi, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, Mozambique, Namibia, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, Sudan, Swaziland, SWEDEN, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UZBEKISTAN, Zambia, Zimbabwe
SIGNATURE	Opened for signature at The Hague from 15 August 1996 until entry into force of the Agreement Signed by 17: GERMANY (15.08.96), GUINEA (15.08.96 ds), NETHERLANDS (15.08.96), UNITED KINGDOM (27.09.96), SWITZERLAND (15.10.96 ds), Sudan (31.12.96 ds), JORDAN (12.03.97 ds), EGYPT (20.08.97), EUROPEAN UNION (01.09.97+), MALI (25.09.97), MOROCCO (19.11.97+), TOGO (02.02.98), SPAIN (20.02.98), GREECE (14.05.98+), ROMANIA (07.08.98), SWEDEN (05.10.98 ds), BELGIUM (29.10.99+)
IN FORCE	1 st day of the third month after at least 14 Range States or REIOs (comprising at least 7 from Africa and 7 from Eurasia) have become Parties

ACTUALLY IN FORCE	1 November 1999
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	62 Parties in Africa and Eurasia Africa 24: CONGO (01.11.99), EGYPT (01.11.99), GAMBIA (01.11.99), GUINEA (01.11.99), NIGER (01.11.99), SENEGAL (01.11.99), Sudan (01.11.99), TOGO (01.11.99), UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA (01.11.99), Equatorial Guinea (01.12.99), BENIN (01.01.00), MALI (01.01.00), SOUTH AFRICA (01.01.00), UGANDA (01.12.00), MAURITIUS (01.01.01), KENYA (01.06.01), DJIBOUTI (01.05.04), NIGERIA (01.07.04), LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA (01.06.05), GHANA (01.10.05), TUNISIA (01.10.05), ALGERIA (01.10.06), GUINEA-BISSAU (01.11.2006), MADAGASCAR (01.01.07) Eurasia 35: GERMANY (01.11.99), JORDAN (01.11.99), MONACO (01.11.99), NETHERLANDS (01.11.99), SPAIN (01.11.99), SWEDEN (01.11.99), SWITZERLAND (01.11.99), UNITED KINGDOM (01.11.99), DENMARK (01.01.00), FINLAND (01.01.00), BULGARIA (01.02.00), THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (01.02.00), CROATIA (01.09.00), ROMANIA (01.10.00), REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (01.04.01), SLOVAKIA (01.07.01), GEORGIA (01.08.01), ALBANIA (01.09.01), ISRAEL (01.11.02), Lebanon (01.12.02), UKRAINE (01.01.03), HUNGARY (01.03.03), IRELAND (01.08.03), SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (01.08.03), SLOVENIA (01.10.03), FRANCE (01.12.03), LUXEMBOURG (01.12.03), PORTUGAL (01.03.04), UZBEKISTAN (01.04.04), LITHUANIA (01.11.04), EUROPEAN UNION (01.10.05), LATVIA (01.01.2006), BELGIUM (01.06.06), CZECH REPUBLIC (01.09.06), ITALY (01.09.06); NORWAY (01.09.08), CYPRUS (01.09.08), ESTONIA (01.11.08)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES	1 st Meeting: 7-9 November 1999, Cape Town, South Africa; 2 nd Meeting: 25-27 September 2002, Bonn, Germany; 3 rd Meeting: 23-27 October 2005, Dakar, Senegal; 4 th Meeting: 15-19 September 2008, Antananarivo, Madagascar
SECRETARIAT	UNEP/AEWA Secretariat, Hermann-Ehlers-Str. 10, 53113 Bonn, Germany, (Tel: +49 228 815 2413; Fax: +49 228 815 2450; e-mail: aewa@unep.de , Web: www.unep-aewa.org)
FINANCING	As provided in Article V of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	The Agreement is not subject to general reservations, however, a Range State or REIO may enter a specific reservation with respect to any species or provision of the Action Plan upon joining the Agreement
DESCRIPTION	The Agreement provides for an Action Plan, which specifies the actions Parties shall take in the following areas: species and habitat conservation, management of human activities, research and monitoring, education and information, and implementation
SPECIES EXAMPLES	Divers, grebes, pelicans, egrets, herons, storks, ibises, spoonbills, flamingos, ducks, geese, cranes, plovers, sandpipers, gulls, terns, auks, tropic and frigate birds
OTHER	A Technical Committee, comprised of experts appointed on a regional basis as well as representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations, was established at the 1 st Session of the Meeting of the Parties. The 2 nd Session of the Meeting of the Parties established a Standing Committee. This Committee consists of one representative of each of the following regions: Europe and Central Asia, Middle East and Northern Africa, Western and Central Africa and Eastern and Southern Africa. In addition, a representative of the Depositary and the host country for future Meetings of the Parties are members of the Standing Committee.

TITLE	Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Agreement
LANGUAGE	Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish
SPONSOR	Monaco
DEPOSITARY	Government of Monaco Département des Relations Extérieures Ministère d'Etat 98000 Monaco
COVERAGE	All cetaceans that frequent the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous area of the Atlantic Ocean west of the Straits of Gibraltar
RANGE STATES/REIO	29: ALBANIA, ALGERIA, Bosnia and Herzegovina, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, EGYPT, EUROPEAN UNION, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GREECE, ISRAEL, ITALY, Lebanon, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALTA, MONACO, Montenegro, MOROCCO, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, Russian Federation, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TUNISIA, Turkey, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM
FINAL ACT	Signed on 24 November 1996 by 15 States and 1 REIO: ALBANIA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, EUROPEAN UNION, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GREECE, ISRAEL, ITALY, MONACO, MOROCCO, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SPAIN, TUNISIA, UKRAINE
SIGNATURE	Open for signature at Monaco from 24 November 1996 until entry into force of the Agreement Signed by 15: ALBANIA (24.11.96), CROATIA (24.11.96), CYPRUS (24.11.96), FRANCE (24.11.96), GEORGIA (24.11.96), GREECE (24.11.96), ITALY (24.11.96), MONACO (24.11.96), PORTUGAL (24.11.96), SPAIN (24.11.96), TUNISIA (24.11.96), MOROCCO (28.03.97), ROMANIA (28.09.98), BULGARIA (16.09.99), MALTA (23.03.01)
IN FORCE	1 st day of the 3 rd month after at least 7 coastal states or REIOs (comprising at least two from the Black Sea and at least five from the Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area) have joined
ACTUALLY IN FORCE	1 June 2001
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	19: GREECE (24.11.96), MONACO (30.04.97), SPAIN (02.02.99); MOROCCO (05.07.99), BULGARIA (10.11.99), CROATIA (10.07.00), ROMANIA (17.07.00), MALTA (23.03.01), GEORGIA (31.05.01), ALBANIA (03.07.01 acc), TUNISIA (15.01.02), SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (07.02.02), LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA (01.09.02), UKRAINE (01.01.04), FRANCE (01.06.04), PORTUGAL (01.01.05), Lebanon (01.03.05), ITALY (01.09.05), CYPRUS (01.05.06)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES	1 st Meeting: 28 February-2 March 2002, Monaco; 2 nd Meeting: 9 - 12 November 2004, Palma de Mallorca, Spain; 3 rd Meeting: 22-25 October 2007, Dubrovnik, Croatia
SECRETARIAT	ACCOBAMS Secretariat, Jardins de l'UNESCO, Terrasses de Fontvieille, Monaco (Tel: +377 93 15 80 10; Fax: +377 93 15 81 48; e-mail: accobams@accobams.net , Web: www.accobams.org)
FINANCING	As provided in Article IX of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	The Agreement is not subject to general reservations. However, a specific reservation may be entered by any State in respect of a specifically delimited part of its internal waters
DESCRIPTION	The taxonomic scope of the Agreement covers all cetaceans present in the Agreement Area. The Agreement Area comprises all maritime waters of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean and their gulfs and seas and internal waters connected to or interconnecting these maritime waters, together with the Atlantic area contiguous to the Mediterranean Sea west of the Strait of Gibraltar. The Agreement applies to riparian States and equally to States whose vessels carry out activities likely to undermine the

goals of the Agreement. The Agreement requires Parties to prohibit any deliberate taking of cetaceans, with few clearly-defined exceptions, and to create and maintain a network of specially protected areas to conserve cetaceans. A Conservation Plan specifies the actions, which Parties shall take in the following areas: adoption and enforcement of national legislation, habitat protection, research and monitoring, training and education, responses to emergency situations.

SPECIES EXAMPLES

Harbour porpoise, Bottlenose dolphin, Common dolphin, Long-finned pilot whale, Fin whale, Sperm whale

TITLE	Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP)
TYPE	Article IV (3)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Agreement
LANGUAGE	English, French, Spanish
SPONSOR	Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom
DEPOSITARY	Government of Australia c/o Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade The R G Casey Building, John McEwen Crescent, Barton ACT 0221, Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6261 2636 / Fax: +(61) 2 6261 2144
COVERAGE	Albatrosses: <i>Diomedea exulans</i> , <i>Diomedea dabbenena</i> , <i>Diomedea antipodensis</i> , <i>Diomedea amsterdamensis</i> , <i>Diomedea epomophora</i> , <i>Diomedea sanfordi</i> , <i>Phoebastria irrorata</i> , <i>Thalassarche cauta</i> , <i>Thalassarche steadi</i> , <i>Thalassarche salvini</i> , <i>Thalassarche eremita</i> , <i>Thalassarche bulleri</i> , <i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i> , <i>Thalassarche melanophrys</i> , <i>Thalassarche impavida</i> , <i>Thalassarche carteri</i> , <i>Thalassarche chlororhynchos</i> , <i>Phoebastria fusca</i> , <i>Phoebastria palpebrata</i> ; Petrels: <i>Macronectes giganteus</i> , <i>Macronectes halli</i> , <i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i> , <i>Procellaria conspicillata</i> , <i>Procellaria parkinsoni</i> , <i>Procellaria westlandica</i> , <i>Procellaria cinerea</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	25: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, Brazil, Canada, CHILE, China, ECUADOR, EUROPEAN UNION, FRANCE, GERMANY, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Namibia, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PERU, POLAND, Russian Federation, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM, United States of America, URUGUAY
FINAL ACT	Concluded 2 February 2001 in Cape Town, South Africa
SIGNATURE	Opened for signature on 19 June 2001 Signed by 11: AUSTRALIA (19.06.01), Brazil (19.06.01), CHILE (19.06.01), FRANCE (19.06.01), NEW ZEALAND (19.06.01), PERU (19.06.01), UNITED KINGDOM (19.06.01), SPAIN (30.04.02), ECUADOR (18.02.03), SOUTH AFRICA (06.11.03), ARGENTINA (19.01.04)
IN FORCE	1 st day of the 3 rd month after at least 5 Range States or regional economic integration organizations have become Parties
ACTUALLY IN FORCE	1 February 2004
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	11: AUSTRALIA (04.10.01), NEW ZEALAND (01.11.01), ECUADOR (18.02.03), SPAIN (12.08.03), SOUTH AFRICA (06.11.03), UNITED KINGDOM (02.04.04), PERU (17.05.05), FRANCE (23.06.05), CHILE (13.09.05), ARGENTINA (29.08.06), NORWAY (05.03.07)
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES	1 st Meeting: 10-12 November 2004, Hobart, Australia; 2 nd Meeting: 13-17 November 2006, Christchurch, New Zealand
SECRETARIAT	ACAP Secretariat, Australian Antarctic Division, Suite 25-26, Salamanca Square, GPO Box 824, Hobart, Tasmania 7001, Australia (Email: warren.papworth@acap.aq , Web: www.acap.aq)
FINANCING	As provided in Article VII of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	The Agreement is not subject to general reservations. However, a specific reservation may be entered by any Range State or REIO in respect of any species covered by the Agreement or any specific provision of the Action Plan
DESCRIPTION	ACAP aims to prevent population decline through the implementation of an Action Plan comprising research, monitoring and conservation measures such as reduction of incidental mortality in fisheries and maintenance of habitats. The Agreement recognizes other organizations and instruments containing relevant conservation measures in order to ensure that existing international efforts are complemented.

TITLE	Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and Their Habitats
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral Environmental Agreement
LANGUAGE	English, French
SPONSOR	France, Monaco, United Kingdom
DEPOSITARY	Secretariat of the Convention of Migratory Species Hermann-Ehlers-Str. 10 53113 Bonn, Germany Tel: +49 (228) 815 2401 / Fax: +49 (228) 815 2449
COVERAGE	All species of Gorilla
RANGE STATES/REIO	10: ANGOLA; CAMEROON; Central African Republic; CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE; CONGO, REPUBLIC OF THE; Equatorial Guinea; GABON; NIGERIA; RWANDA; UGANDA
FINAL ACT	Signed on 24 October 2007 by 6: Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria, Uganda
SIGNATURE	Open for signature at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris, France, until 25 April 2008 Signed by 5 Range States: Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Rwanda
IN FORCE	1 day of third month after three Range States express consent to be bound by the Agreement
ACTUALLY IN FORCE	1 June 2008
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	6: Central African Republic, REPUBLIC OF CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, GABON, NIGERIA, RWANDA
MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES	1st Meeting: 29 November 2008, Rome, Italy; Reports of meetings are available from the UNEP/CMS Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	UNEP/CMS Secretariat, Hermann-Ehlers-Str. 10, 53113 Bonn, Germany (Tel. +49 228 8152401; Fax +49 228 8152449; E-mail: secretariat@cms.int Web: www.cms.int/gorilla)
FINANCING	As provided in Article IV of the Agreement
RESERVATIONS	Not subject to general reservations
DESCRIPTION	The Gorilla Action Plan is currently being negotiated and will be concluded at the First Meeting of Parties
SPECIES EXAMPLES	<i>Gorilla gorilla gorilla</i> , <i>Gorilla g. graeuri</i> , <i>Gorilla g. beringei</i> , <i>Gorilla g. diehli</i>
OTHER	

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Siberian Crane (<i>Grus leucogeranus</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English
DEPOSITARY	None specified in the MoU (<i>de facto</i> CMS Secretariat)
COVERAGE	Western, Central, and Eastern Asian populations of <i>Grus leucogeranus</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	12: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, INDIA, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, Japan (vagrant), KAZAKHSTAN, MONGOLIA, PAKISTAN, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, UZBEKISTAN
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 12 States (revised MoU): Azerbaijan (13.12.98), INDIA (13.12.98), ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (13.12.98), KAZAKHSTAN (13.12.98), PAKISTAN (13.12.98), Turkmenistan (13.12.98), UZBEKISTAN (13.12.98), China (16.04.99), Russian Federation (04.06.02), MONGOLIA (29.04.04), Afghanistan (22.06.06)
IN EFFECT	The MoU became effective on 1 January 1999, for those two or more Range States having signed; for all others it becomes effective on the 1st day of the 1st month after signature; MoU will remain open for signature indefinitely
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	Original MoU: 1 July 1993; revised version: 1 January 1999
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 st Meeting of Range States: May 1995, Moscow, Russian Federation; 2 nd Meeting: November 1996, Bharatpur, India; 3 rd Meeting: December 1998, Ramsar, Islamic Republic of Iran; 4 th Meeting: May 2001, Baraboo, Wisconsin, USA; 5 th Meeting: April 2004, Moscow, Russian Federation Reports are available from the CMS Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	None specified in the MoU. Basic Secretariat services provided by CMS
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by three cooperating organizations: CMS Secretariat (13.12.98), International Crane Foundation (13.12.98) and the Wild Bird Society of Japan (18.05.00). Each Signatory State to designate a competent authority to serve as a contact point; yearly reports on implementation to be submitted to CMS by 31 March; comprehensive Species Conservation Plans for the Western, Central and Eastern Populations are available from the CMS Secretariat and online.

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Slender-billed Curlew (<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English
DEPOSITARY	None specified in the MoU (<i>de facto</i> CMS Secretariat)
COVERAGE	<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i> (throughout its potential breeding, migration and wintering range)
RANGE STATES/REIO	31: ALBANIA, ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, Bosnia and Herzegovina, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CYPRUS, EGYPT, EUROPEAN UNION, GEORGIA, GREECE, HUNGARY, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, Iraq, ITALY, KAZAKHSTAN, MALTA, Montenegro*, MOROCCO, Oman, ROMANIA, Russian Federation, SERBIA*, SPAIN, TUNISIA, Turkey, Turkmenistan, UKRAINE, United Arab Emirates, UZBEKISTAN, YEMEN (*to be confirmed) <i>Numenius tenuirostris</i> might also occur irregularly during the migration period, as vagrants, in the following countries (subject to scientific confirmation): 13: Armenia, Azerbaijan, FRANCE, ISRAEL, JORDAN, Kuwait, Lebanon, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, SAUDI ARABIA, SLOVENIA, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 18 States: GEORGIA (10.09.94), UZBEKISTAN (10.09.94), HUNGARY (22.09.94), EGYPT (02.12.94), KAZAKHSTAN (02.12.94), ROMANIA (02.12.94), CYPRUS (12.12.94), SPAIN (15.12.94), BULGARIA (06.04.95), CROATIA (02.05.95), ALBANIA (05.05.95), ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (15.05.95), UKRAINE (12.06.95), MOROCCO (15.06.95), Oman (21.11.95), YEMEN (10.09.97), GREECE (29.10.97), ITALY (18.04.00)
IN EFFECT	Upon signature of the Range States; open for signature indefinitely, effective for all other signatory States on the first day of the first month following the date on which they sign
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	10 September 1994
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	None specified in the MoU
SECRETARIAT	None specified in the MoU. Basic Secretariat services provided by CMS
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU (apart from financing on a national basis and solicitation of funds from other sources)
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by three co-operating organizations: CMS Secretariat (15.12.94), BirdLife International (27.02.95) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (12.06.95). Each Signatory State to designate a competent authority or authorized scientist to serve as a contact point; yearly reports on implementation to be submitted to CMS; longer-term Species Conservation Plan or Action Plan to be elaborated within two years of the date of entry into force.

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for Marine Turtles of the Atlantic Coast of Africa
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English, French
DEPOSITARY	None specified in the MoU (<i>de facto</i> CMS Secretariat)
COVERAGE	<i>Caretta caretta</i> , <i>Chelonia mydas</i> , <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> , <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> , <i>Lepidochelys kempii</i> and <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	26: ANGOLA, BENIN, CAMEROON, CAPE VERDE, CONGO, COTE D'IVOIRE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Equatorial Guinea, GABON, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LIBERIA, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, Namibia, NIGERIA, PORTUGAL (Azores, Madeira), SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN (Canary Islands), TOGO, UNITED KINGDOM
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 22 States: BENIN (29.05.99), CONGO (29.05.99), Equatorial Guinea (29.05.99), GABON (29.05.99), GUINEA (29.05.99), GUINEA BISSAU (29.05.99), MAURITANIA (29.05.99), DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (12.11.99), GAMBIA (12.11.99), GHANA (12.11.99), NIGERIA (12.11.99), TOGO (12.11.99), ANGOLA (09.05.02), MOROCCO (09.05.02), SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (09.05.02), SENEGAL (09.05.02), Sierra Leone (09.05.02), CAMEROON (18.09.02), COTE D'IVOIRE (18.09.02), LIBERIA (24.11.05), Namibia (21.02.06), CAPE VERDE (08.01.07)
IN EFFECT	Upon signature of the Range States; open for signature indefinitely, effective for all other signatory States on the first day of the first month following the date on which they sign
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	1 July 1999
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 st Meeting: May 2002, UNEP Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya
SECRETARIAT	None specified in the MoU. Basic Secretariat services provided by CMS
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed by CMS Secretariat on 29.05.99. Designate a national correspondent to serve as a focal point for the Parties and the Secretariat. Provide to the Secretariat, no later than 30 September of each year, an annual report on implementation of this Memorandum in each of the respective countries. Comprehensive Conservation Plan agreed in May 2002, available from the CMS Secretariat.

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of the Middle-European Population of the Great Bustard (<i>Otis tarda</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	Middle-European populations of the Great bustard, <i>Otis tarda</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	17: ALBANIA, AUSTRIA, Bosnia and Herzegovina, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, EUROPEAN UNION, GERMANY, GREECE, HUNGARY, POLAND, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA, THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, UKRAINE
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Opened for signature on 27 June 2000 Signed by 12 States: ROMANIA (09.09.00), HUNGARY (07.10.00), THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (07.10.00), REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (19.12.00), BULGARIA (16.05.01), GREECE (22.05.01), AUSTRIA (28.11.01), SLOVAKIA (28.11.01), UKRAINE (17.04.02), ALBANIA (18.04.02), CROATIA (04.06.02), GERMANY (18.09.02)
IN EFFECT	First day of the month following signature by the fifth Range State; open for signature indefinitely; effective for all other signatory States on the first day of the first month following the date on which they sign
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	1 June 2001
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 st Meeting: 17-18 September 2004, Illmitz, Austria
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	The Memorandum of Understanding was signed also by four co-operating organizations: CMS Secretariat (05.10.00) BirdLife International (07.10.00), IUCN - the World Conservation Union (07.10.00), and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (10.10.00)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English, Arabic, French
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	<i>Caretta caretta</i> , <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i> , <i>Chelonia mydas</i> , <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> , <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> , <i>Natator depressus</i> (covering waters and coastal States of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia and adjacent seas, extending eastwards to the Torres Strait)
RANGE STATES/REIO	44: AUSTRALIA, Bahrain, BANGLADESH, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Comoros, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, ERITREA, FRANCE, INDIA, Indonesia, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, Japan, JORDAN, KENYA, Kuwait, MADAGASCAR, Malaysia, Maldives, MAURITIUS, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, PAKISTAN, Papua New Guinea, PHILIPPINES, Qatar, Republic of Korea, SAUDI ARABIA, SEYCHELLES, Singapore, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SRI LANKA, Sudan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United Arab Emirates, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED KINGDOM, Viet Nam, YEMEN The United States of America are also participating in the MoU
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 26 States: AUSTRALIA (23.06.01), Comoros (23.06.01), ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN (23.06.01), Myanmar (23.06.01), PHILIPPINES (23.06.01), SRI LANKA (23.06.01), UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA (23.06.01), United States of America (23.06.01), Viet Nam (24.07.01), UNITED KINGDOM (27.03.02), KENYA (09.05.02), MAURITIUS (12.07.02), Cambodia (12.12.02), MADAGASCAR (22.01.03), SEYCHELLES (22.01.03), BANGLADESH (23.10.03), Oman (16.03.04), JORDAN (18.03.04), Thailand (15.05.04), PAKISTAN (12.07.04), SOUTH AFRICA (22.02.05), Indonesia (31.03.05), SAUDI ARABIA (03.08.05), ERITREA (24.11.05), Bahrain (10.12.06), United Arab Emirates (18.01.07)
IN EFFECT	First day of the third month following signature by the second State; open for signature indefinitely, effective for all other signatory States on the first day of the first month following the date on which they sign
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	1 September 2001
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 st Meeting: 22-24 January 2003, Bangkok, Thailand; 2 nd Meeting: 16-19 March 2004, Bangkok; 3 rd Meeting: 29-31 March 2005, Bangkok; 4 th Meeting: 11-14 March 2006, Muscat, Oman
SECRETARIAT	The Secretariat of the MoU was formally established in April 2003. Through an arrangement agreed by UNEP and the Signatory States to the MoU, the Secretariat is co-located with the UNEP Regional Office for Asia-Pacific in Bangkok: IOSEA Marine Turtle MoU Secretariat c/o UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific 10th Floor, United Nations Building, Rajdamnern Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand Tel: +(662) 288 1471; Fax: +(662) 280 3829; E-mail: iosea@un.org , Web: www.ioseaturtles.org
FINANCING	Voluntary contributions from various Signatory States and cooperating organisations, including CMS
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed by CMS Secretariat on 23.06.01 Advisory Committee established in January 2003

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation and Restoration of the Bukhara Deer (<i>Cervus elaphus bactrianus</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English, Russian
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	<i>Cervus elaphus bactrianus</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	4: KAZAKHSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, Turkmenistan, UZBEKISTAN
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 4 States: KAZAKHSTAN (16.05.02), TAJIKISTAN (16.05.02), Turkmenistan (16.05.02), UZBEKISTAN (18.09.02)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following signature by the second State; open for signature indefinitely, effective for all other signatory States on the first day of the first month following the date on which they sign
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	16 May 2002
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	Meetings to be convened regularly to assess implementation by or in consultation with the CMS Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by three co-operating organizations: CMS Secretariat (16.05.02), WWF International (16.05.02) and the International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (26.09.02)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Aquatic Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	<i>Acrocephalus paludicola</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	15: BELARUS, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, HUNGARY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, THE NETHERLANDS, POLAND, Russian Federation, SENEGAL, SPAIN, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 12 States: BELARUS (30.04.03), BULGARIA (30.04.03), GERMANY (30.04.03), HUNGARY (30.04.03), LATVIA (30.04.03), LITHUANIA (30.04.03), SENEGAL (30.04.03), SPAIN (30.04.03), UNITED KINGDOM (30.04.03), UKRAINE (21.05.03), POLAND (13.07.04), BELGIUM (24.11.05)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following the signature by the fifth State; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State on the date of signature
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	30 April 2003
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 st Meeting: 25-27 June 2006, Nationalpark Unteres Odertal, Criewen, Germany
SECRETARIAT	Secretariat services provided by CMS
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by CMS Secretariat (30.04.03) and BirdLife International (30.04.03)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the West African Populations of the African Elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English, French
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	West African Populations of the African Elephant, <i>Loxodonta africana</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	13: BENIN, BURKINA FASO, COTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LIBERIA, MALI, NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone, TOGO
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 13 States: BENIN (22.11.05), BURKINA FASO (22.11.05), COTE D'IVOIRE (22.11.05), GUINEA (22.11.05), GUINEA-BISSAU (22.11.05), LIBERIA (22.11.05), MALI (22.11.05), NIGER (22.11.05), NIGERIA (22.11.05), Sierra Leone (22.11.05), TOGO (22.11.05), SENEGAL (08.01.07), GHANA (30.05.07)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following the signature by the third State; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State on the date of signature
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	22 November 2005
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	Regular meetings will take place, to be convened by the CMS Secretariat in liaison with the MoU's technical advisor, the IUCN Species Survival Commission African Elephant Specialist Group
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by CMS Secretariat (22.11.05) and IUCN/SSC (22.11.05)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats in the Pacific Islands Region
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English, French
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	All populations of cetaceans in the Pacific Islands Region (area between the Tropic of Cancer and 60 degrees South latitude and between 130 degrees East longitude and 120 degrees West longitude)
RANGE STATES & TERRITORIES	22: AUSTRALIA, COOK ISLANDS, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, NEW ZEALAND, Niue, PALAU, Papua New Guinea, SAMOA, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, UNITED KINGDOM (Pitcairn Island), United States (including American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands), Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 11 States: AUSTRALIA (15.09.06), COOK ISLANDS (15.09.06), Federated States of Micronesia (15.09.06), Fiji (15.09.06), FRANCE (15.09.06), NEW ZEALAND (15.09.06), Niue (15.09.06), SAMOA (15.09.06), Vanuatu (15.09.06), Papua New Guinea (06.03.07), Solomon Islands (06.03.07)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following the signature by the fourth State; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State or Territory on the date of signature
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	15 September 2006
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 st Meeting: 6 March 2007, Apia, Samoa
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by CMS Secretariat (15.09.06), Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Secretariat (15.09.06), International Fund for Animal Welfare (15.09.06) and Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (15.09.06), WWF International (06.03.07)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (<i>Saiga tatarica tatarica</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English, Russian
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	Saiga Antelope, <i>Saiga tatarica tatarica</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	4: KAZAKHSTAN, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, UZBEKISTAN
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 3 States: Turkmenistan (23.11.05), UZBEKISTAN (23.05.06), KAZAKHSTAN (24.09.06)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following the signature by the third State; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State on the date of signature
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	24 September 2006
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	1 st Meeting: 25-26 September 2006, Almaty, Kazakhstan
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by CMS Secretariat (23.11.05), Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia (23.11.05), International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (23.11.05), IUCN/SSC (23.11.05), WWF International (23.11.05), Fauna and Flora International (24.09.06), Frankfurt Zoological Society (24.09.06) and Wildlife Conservation Society (24.09.06)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Eastern Atlantic Populations of the Mediterranean Monk Seal (<i>Monachus monachus</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	Arabic, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	Mediterranean Monk Seal (<i>Monachus monachus</i>)
RANGE STATES/REIO	4: MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, PORTUGAL, SPAIN
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 4 States: Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain (18 October 2007)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following signature; open for signature indefinitely, effective for all other signatory States on the first day of the first month following the date on which they sign
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	18 October 2007
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	Meetings to be convened regularly to assess implementation by or in consultation with the CMS Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by co-operating organisations: CMS Secretariat (18 Oct 2007)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Ruddy-headed Goose (<i>Chloephaga rubidiceps</i>)
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Bilateral Environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	Spanish
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	<i>Chloephaga rubidiceps</i> on mainland South America
RANGE STATES/REIO	2: ARGENTINA and CHILE
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by States: ARGENTINA and CHILE (21 November 2006)
IN EFFECT	Immediately following signature and valid for three years
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	21 November 2006
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	annually
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU, but the Danish Agency for Spatial and Environmental Planning in the Agreement Summary sheet is supporting a project on the conservation of this species in Argentina and Chile through CMS
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Dugongs (<i>Dugong dugon</i>) and their Habitats throughout their Range
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	Arabic, English, French and Chinese
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	Dugong (<i>Dugong dugon</i>)
RANGE STATES/REIO	42: AUSTRALIA, ERITREA, FRANCE, MADAGASCAR, Myanmar, United Arab Emirates, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, Bahrain, Cambodia, China, Comoros, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, INDIA, Indonesia, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, Iraq, Japan, KENYA, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, MAURITIUS, Mozambique, Oman, PAKISTAN, PALAU, Papua New Guinea, PHILIPPINES, Qatar, SAUDI ARABIA, SEYCHELLES, Singapore, Solomon Islands, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA, Sudan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, Vietnam, YEMEN
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by 11 States: AUSTRALIA, ERITREA, FRANCE, MADAGASCAR, Myanmar, United Arab Emirates, and UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA. (all 31 October 2007) INDIA, Comoros, KENYA and the PHILIPPINES
IN EFFECT	Immediately following signature; open for signature indefinitely, effective for all other signatory States on the first day of the first month following the date on which they sign
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	31 October 2007
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	Meetings to be convened regularly to assess implementation by or in consultation with the CMS Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by co-operating organizations: CMS Secretariat (31.10.07)

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Southern South American Migratory Grassland Bird Species and Their Habitats
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral Environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	Spanish and English
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	Grassland Birds e.g. Marsh Seedeater <i>Sporophila pallustris</i> , Buff-breasted Sandpiper <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>
RANGE STATES/REIO	5: ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, Brazil, PARAGUAY and URUGUAY
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed by States: ARGENTINA (26 August 2007), Brazil (27 August 2007) PARAGUAY (26 August 2007) and URUGUAY (26 August 2007)
IN EFFECT	immediately following signature by three range states
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	26 August 2007
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	Meetings to be convened regularly to assess implementation by or in consultation with the CMS Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by co-operating organizations: CMS Secretariat (26 August 2007).

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Conservation of the Manatee and Small Cetaceans of Western Africa and Macaronesia
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral Environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English and French
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	populations of small cetaceans and manatees of Western African and Macaronesia
RANGE STATES/REIO	29: ANGOLA, BENIN, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, CAPE VERDE, CHAD, CONGO, COTE D'IVOIRE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO, Equatorial Guinea, GABON, GAMBIA, GHANA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LIBERIA, MALI, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, Namibia, NIGER, NIGERIA, PORTUGAL (Madeira and Azores), SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SENEGAL, Sierra Leone, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN (Canary Islands), TOGO
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed on 3 October 2008 by 15 States: ANGOLA, BENIN, CAPE VERDE, CHAD, CONGO, COTE D'IVOIRE, Equatorial Guinea, GABON, GHANA, GUINEA-BISSAU, LIBERIA, MALI, MAURITANIA, NIGER, TOGO
IN EFFECT	Immediately following signature by seven range states; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State on the date of signature
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	3 October 2008
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	Meetings to be convened regularly to assess implementation by or in consultation with the CMS Secretariat
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	Agree at each Meeting of the Signatories
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed also by co-operating organizations: Wetlands International Africa, Wildlife Trust, GSM (Society for the Conservation of Marine Mammals) and CMS Secretariat.

TITLE	Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia
TYPE	Article IV (4)
LEGAL STATUS	Multilateral Environmental Memorandum of Understanding
LANGUAGE	English and French
DEPOSITARY	CMS Secretariat
COVERAGE	Migratory populations of Falconiformes and Strigiformes species occurring in Africa and Eurasia
RANGE STATES/REIO	138: Afghanistan; Åland Islands (to FINLAND); ALBANIA; ALGERIA; Andorra; ANGOLA; Armenia; AUSTRIA; Azerbaijan; BANGLADESH; BELARUS; BELGIUM; BENIN; Bahrain; Bhutan; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; BULGARIA; BURKINA FASO; Burundi; CAMEROON; CAPE VERDE; Central African Republic; CHAD; China; Comoros; CONGO; CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF; CÔTE D'IVOIRE ;CROATIA; CYPRUS; Cyprus Sovereign Base Areas (to UK); CZECH REPUBLIC; DENMARK; DJIBOUTI ; EGYPT; Equatorial Guinea; Eritrea; ESTONIA; Ethiopia; Faeroe Islands (to DENMARK); FINLAND; FRANCE; GABON; GAMBIA; GEORGIA; GERMANY; GHANA; Gibraltar (to UK); GREECE; Greenland; GUINEA; GUINEA-BISSAU; HUNGARY; Iceland; INDIA; IRAN; Iraq; IRELAND; ISRAEL; ITALY; JORDAN; KAZAKHSTAN; KENYA; Kuwait; Kyrgyzstan; LATVIA; Lebanon; Lesotho; LIBERIA; Libya; LIECHTENSTEIN; LITHUANIA; LUXEMBOURG; MACEDONIA, FYR; MADAGASCAR; Malawi; MALI ; MALTA; MAURITANIA; MAURITIUS ; Mayotte (to FRANCE); MOLDOVA; MONACO; MONGOLIA; Montenegro; MOROCCO; Mozambique; Namibia; Nepal; NETHERLANDS; NIGER; NIGERIA; NORWAY; Oman; PAKISTAN; Palestinian Authority Territories; POLAND; PORTUGAL; Qatar; Réunion (to FRANCE) ; ROMANIA; Russia; RWANDA ; San Marino; SÃO TOMÉ AND PRINCIPE ; SAUDI ARABIA; SENEGAL; SERBIA; SEYCHELLES ; Sierra Leone ; SLOVAKIA; SLOVENIA; SOMALIA ; SOUTH AFRICA ;SPAIN (including the Canary Islands); SRI LANKA; Sudan ; Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands (to NORWAY); Swaziland ; SWEDEN; SWITZERLAND; SYRIA; TAJIKISTAN; Tanzania ; TOGO ; TUNISIA; Turkey; Turkmenistan; UGANDA; UKRAINE; United Arab Emirates; UNITED KINGDOM; UZBEKISTAN; Vatican City; YEMEN; Zambia; Zimbabwe.
FINAL ACT	Not applicable
SIGNATURE	Signed on 22 October 2008 by 28 States: ANGOLA, Armenia; Burundi; CHAD; CONGO; CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF; DJIBOUTI; Equatorial Guinea; FINLAND; GAMBIA; GUINEA; HUNGARY;KENYA; MADAGASCAR; MALI; MONGOLIA; MOROCCO; Nepal; NETHERLANDS; NORWAY; PAKISTAN; PORTUGAL; SENEGAL; Sudan; TOGO; UAE; UNITED KINGDOM; YEMEN.
IN EFFECT	On the first day of the month following the date on which there are at least eight Range States signatories, including at least two each from Europe, Asia and Africa; open for signature indefinitely, will become effective for each subsequent Range State on the first day of the month following the date of signature by that Signatory.
ACTUALLY IN EFFECT	1 November 2008
RAT/ACP/APP/ACC	Not applicable
MEETINGS OF THE SIGNATORIES	Meetings to be convened regularly to assess implementation by or in consultation with the CMS Secretariat.
SECRETARIAT	CMS Secretariat
FINANCING	None specified in the MoU (apart from financing on a national basis and solicitation of funds from other sources)
RESERVATIONS	Not applicable
OTHER	Signed by CMS Secretariat on 22.10.2008.