

*Amendments proposed in session*

**DRAFT RESOLUTION ON**  
**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES 2015-2023**

*Amendments as proposed by the EU and its Member States*

*Recalling* CMS Resolution 10.5 which welcomed the updated version of the Strategic Plan for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (2006-2011) to cover the next three-year period (2012-2014) without making substantive changes;

*Taking into account* that CMS Resolution 10.5 also established a Working Group to draft a new Strategic Plan for the period 2015-2023 to be submitted to the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CMS Conference of the Parties in 2014;

*Recalling* Decision X/20 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in which CMS is recognized as the lead partner in the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species over their entire range;

*Further recalling* Decision X/2 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity by which the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets were adopted, and which invited the UN Environment Management Group (EMG) to identify measures for effective and efficient implementation of the Strategic Plan across the United Nations system;

*Noting* the EMG senior officials' agreement in November 2012 to support the implementation of the strategic planning processes of the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, such as for migratory species;

*Noting* that Decision X/2 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity urged Parties and other governments to support the updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) as effective instruments to promote the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and mainstreaming of biodiversity at the national level, taking into account synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions in a manner consistent with their respective mandates;

*Noting* that UNGA Resolution 65/161 paragraph 19 decided to declare 2011–2020 the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to lead the coordination of the activities of the Decade on behalf of the United Nations system, with the support of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions and relevant United Nations funds, programmes and agencies;

*Noting* the report of the Chair of the CMS Strategic Plan Working Group (document UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.15.2);

*Grateful* for the work undertaken by that Working Group in preparing the new Plan, including taking account of lessons learned from experience in implementing the Strategic Plan 2006-2014, considering the outcomes of the Future Shape process and the strategic planning processes in other multilateral environmental agreements; and providing substantial opportunities for making contributions to the drafting of the Plan;

*Welcoming* contributions to the Strategic Plan's development by Parties and stakeholders, including the report *A Natural Affiliation: Developing the Role of NGOs in the Convention on Migratory Species Family*<sup>1</sup>; and *acknowledging* that key partnerships to support delivery of the Strategic Plan will include those with other Conventions, civil society, the private sector, and regional bodies; and

*Mindful* of the need to avoid creating additional reporting burdens that risk diverting action from implementation;

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

*Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023*

1. *Adopts* the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 as appended in **Annex 1** to this Resolution;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to integrate the goals and targets of the Strategic Plan into work programmes under the Convention, and to take action to raise awareness of the Plan;
3. *Urges* Parties and invites other States, the CMS Family of instruments, relevant multilateral bodies, intergovernmental organizations, and civil society organizations working towards the conservation of migratory species to integrate the goals and targets of the Strategic Plan within relevant policy and planning instruments, and also to take action to raise awareness of the Plan;
4. *Invites* the decision-making bodies of CMS instruments to consider the Strategic Plan for adoption at their next meetings;

*Sub-targets to support the Strategic Plan targets*

5. *Encourages* the decision-making bodies of CMS instruments, as well as other partners and stakeholders working for the conservation of migratory species, as appropriate, to identify existing or develop new sub-targets for the species and issues relevant to those instruments and organizations that support the achievement of the targets in the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species; and to inform the CMS Secretariat of such sub-targets;

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<sup>1</sup> Prideaux, M., (2013) *A Natural Affiliation: Developing the Role of NGOs in the Convention on Migratory Species Family*, Wild Migration, Australia.

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to maintain a register of sub-targets as a “living” document able to be supplemented and updated by contributions from the CMS Family of instruments and from other partners and stakeholders wishing to contribute, and to provide updates on additions to the register to future meetings of the Conference of the Parties for the duration of the Strategic Plan;

#### *Indicators and Companion Volume*

7. *Notes* the indicative headline indicators and Companion Volume outline presented in document UNEP/CMS/Conf.11/Doc.15.2;

8. *Confirms* the need for additional inter-sessional work to strengthen the suite of materials to support implementation of the Strategic Plan, including:

- a) indicators for the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species, drawing as far as possible from existing work, such as that under the global Biodiversity Indicators Partnership;
- b) a Companion Volume on Implementation for the new Strategic Plan, based on available tools, to provide guidance on implementation of the Plan;

#### *Extension of the Strategic Plan Working Group mandate*

9. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Strategic Plan Working Group to include the tasks of elaborating the indicators and Companion Volume during the triennium 2015-2017, and *requests* the Working Group to submit progress reports to the Standing Committee for approval of their progressive implementation. The new Terms of Reference for the Strategic Plan Working Group are appended as **Annex 2** to this Resolution;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat to undertake the necessary background compilation of material to feed in to the efforts of the Working Group, including:

- a) The work being undertaken by relevant specialist international fora on indicators, such as the global Biodiversity Indicators Partnership;
- b) Analysis of programmes of work and action plans adopted under the Convention and CMS Family instruments, along with their own indicators, for synergies;

#### *Implementation*

11. *Further requests* the Secretariat to consider amendments to the format for National Reports, where necessary, in respect of assessing implementation of the Strategic Plan and those indicators for which such reports are identified as a potentially important source of information, and the scope for streamlining existing reporting processes to reduce reporting burdens, and to submit any proposed amendments to the Standing Committee for its consideration and transmission to the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

12. *Decides* to keep the implementation of the Strategic Plan under review at its 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meetings in the light of the Plan’s stated goals, targets and indicators and in line with chapter 4 section 6 of the Strategic Plan;

13. *Recognizes* that a wide range of civil society organizations and other stakeholders make an invaluable contribution to implementing the Convention and to conserving migratory species, and encourages these organizations to report on this work to meetings of the Conference of the Parties; and

14. *Invites* UNEP, Parties, multilateral donors and others to provide financial assistance for the implementation of this Resolution.

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**Annex 1**

## **The Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023**

*To be inserted after adoption*

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**Annex 2**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP**

#### **Objectives**

1. The main objectives of the Working Group will be to:
  - a) Develop new or identify existing detailed indicators for the Strategic Plan; and
  - b) Develop a “Companion Volume on Implementation” for the Strategic Plan, in particular by taking into account available tools under the CMS as well as other multilateral environmental agreements and by identifying gaps where new tools may need to be developed.
2. To this end, the Working Group will take into account the headline indicators and outline Companion Volume presented in document UNEP/CMS/COP11/Doc.15.2.
3. The Working Group will further take into account the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for the period 2011-2020, as well as the strategic documents of other global biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, and any other relevant documents and materials the Working Group may consider appropriate.
4. The Working Group will report to the meetings of the Standing Committee for approval of progress in the identification and/or development of the indicators (and their progressive implementation) and guidance in the preparation of the Companion Volume during the inter-sessional period.

5. The Working Group will present its findings to the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

### **Composition of the Working Group**

6. The Working Group shall be composed of Parties to the Convention on the basis of the same regions as the Standing Committee, with a maximum of two representatives per region. The regional groups will select their representatives based on their knowledge of the CMS, the activities of the CMS family of instruments, and the implementation of the Convention. The Chairs of the Standing Committee and the Scientific Council shall be ex-officio members of the Working Group. Other Parties to CMS, representatives of the CMS Family secretariats, and relevant multilateral environmental agreements' secretariats and partner organizations will also be invited to contribute to the work of, and be observers of, the Group.

7. Contracting Parties shall be consulted by their regional representatives and the Working Group will also invite the views of and work in cooperation with the whole CMS family.

8. The Working Group will consult the CMS Scientific Council as appropriate, including on the scientific evidence underpinning relevant indicators.

9. The appointment of nominated representatives of the Working Group shall be agreed upon under the responsibility of the CMS Standing Committee no later than two months after the end of COP11.

10. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be chosen from among the members of the Working Group under the responsibility of the CMS Standing Committee no later than three months after the end of COP11.

11. The work of the Working Group will be facilitated by the CMS Secretariat and supported partly from the core budget and partly from voluntary contributions.