



REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR CMS NON-PARTIES OF THE CARIBBEAN

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Benefits for CMS-Parties

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- As a Party to CMS, your country will be able to contribute significantly to the conservation of migratory species.
- CMS acts as an **umbrella convention** and encourages development of special agreements for species with an unfavourable conservation status that would benefit from international cooperation.



Initiating the accession process for CMS exhibits **national determination** toward international collaboration on the conservation of migratory species.

As a Party to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, your country would:

- ❖ demonstrate **its commitment to the conservation of migratory species**, including sustainable use, on a global scale;
- ❖ **strengthen national legal and technical capacity** to utilize valuable natural resources sustainably while at the same time ensuring the conservation of migratory species for the benefit of future generations;

WHY BECOME A PARTY ?



- ❖ foster regional and international co-operation on MS allowing the sharing of information and building consensus among countries with similar challenges and objectives;
- ❖ gain improved access to relevant technologies and data and benefit from a regular exchange of information and expertise;
- ❖ participate in regular meetings of the COP, where decisions are taken on such important matters as the allocation of financial resources, the listing of species on Appendices I and II and conservation programmes to protect them;



- ❖ be eligible to participate in the work of the various other organs of the Convention, such as the CMS Scientific Council, Standing Committee and ad hoc working groups;



- ❖ have access to funding for research, conservation and capacity building projects; and



- ❖ Contribute to addressing a number of cross-cutting issues.

Benefits of being a CMS Party

- Access to fora of specialists in the management and conservation of MS
- Coordination between the academic sector and the ministries to maximize cooperation and resource use
- Reduced annual contribution
- Simplified National Reports (*on-line*)
- Financial support of eligible delegates to the COP and ScC meetings
- Access to CMS Small Grants Fund for research, conservation and capacity building (US\$ 20,000 - US\$ 40,000)



CMS provides funds for conservation projects

- The projects are proposals of the Scientific Council and the Conference of the Parties (COP)
- Guidelines to solicit funds for projects are available from the CMS Secretariat in Bonn



Benefits (II)

- Access to GEF projects
- Information available at CMS Database
- Access to international experience
- Promotion of tools to provide orientation on action plans
- Advice on NBSAPs



UNEP/CMS works in close collaboration with NGOs; BLI, CI, WI, PEW, WWF, WWT & Wild Migration



Opportunities to improve collaboration with new partners

UNEP/CMS works in cooperation with international orgs such as
CBD, RAMSAR, CITES and EAAFP



Benefits

Benefit:

- Supports the implementation of CBD
- Maximizes the impact of limited resources
- Influence policy and decision making processes of CMS
- International cooperation:
 - Information exchange, technical tools support...
- Funding opportunities:
 - Research programs, CMS meeting...
- Capacity building

Benefits

Furthermore...

Implicit Benefit:

1. Disease control (migratory species related)
2. Tourism industry development (ecotourism, wildlife watching...)
3. Invasive species regulation
4. Reducing the impact of pollution to migratory species
5. Creating job opportunities

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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