



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



## RESOLUTION 6.5\*

### INFORMATION MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NATIONAL REPORTING

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its Sixth Meeting (Cape Town, 10-16 November 1999)

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*Acknowledging* the comprehensive work done to date by the Secretariat and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre in the preparation of the Information Management Plan (document UNEP/CMS/Conf 6.7 and Addendum);

*Recognizing* the need for an evaluation of implementation based, in part, on a synthesis of all previous national reports;

*Noting* the importance of harmonising reporting procedures across all biodiversity instruments, especially the Agreements and memorandum of understanding related to the Convention, thereby increasing collaboration between convention secretariats;

*Acknowledging* the need to ensure consistency and best practice in the compilation of national reports, containing the best available information and scientific knowledge;

*Aware* of the difficulties experienced by some Governments in the compilation and development of national reports;

*Reminding* Parties of the necessity of timely submission of their reports before the meetings of the Conference of the Parties, as outlined in Resolution 4.1 (Nairobi, 1994) to enable a thorough synthesis to be prepared;

*Recognizing* the opportunity to use national reports and the associated synthesis to promote the objectives of the Convention and its implementation at the local and national level, and to national and international governmental and non-governmental organisations;

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

1. *Recommends* that the format of national reports should be revised to include a standard minimum requirement of information such as a "tick box" proforma. Taking into account the Strategic Plan, it should cover national status of species listed under the Convention, legal and legislative structures, management activities, emerging issues, links with other conventions and any theme which the Conference of the Parties might ask Contracting Parties to report on;

2. *Instructs* the Secretariat to develop, in conjunction with the Scientific Council and Standing Committee, and circulate a revised reporting format to Contracting Parties to enable Parties to use the new format voluntarily for reporting to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

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\* The original draft of this resolution, considered by the Conference of the Parties, was numbered 6.11.

3. *Urges* the Secretariat to identify, in cooperation with Parties, possible obstacles and/or constraints in preparing national reports;
4. *Recommends* that the Secretariat develop mechanisms to support countries in submitting their national reports, including assistance for developing countries to help gather the required information;
5. *Calls* upon the Parties to nominate focal points for correspondence, including national reporting, and to nominate contacts in other national authorities, as appropriate, for other issues; and
6. *Decides* that, to implement the Information Management Plan, the revised priority actions outlined in the Annex be carried out.

# ***Annex - Implementation of CMS Information Management Plan***

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Effective and efficient conservation action requires information on which to base planning and decision-making. The Information Management Plan addresses the requirement for CMS and related Agreements, and the needs for collaboration with other Convention Secretariats in the interest of harmonisation of information management and reporting.

## **Objectives:**

1. Update information needs and initiate actions to ensure improved future access to information.
2. Develop information management tools to support the activities of the Convention and Agreement Secretariats
3. Increase access to information on migratory species already being collected by secretariats and Parties
4. Increase use of the WWW in delivering information services
5. Improve the Convention's regular review mechanisms
6. Develop mechanisms for sharing experience, in particular between Parties and other Range States

These objectives should be addressed in a manner that assures consistency and best practice in information management. This implies the use of standard formats and appropriate documentation of products and processes throughout.

## **Guide to time frame for and estimated costs of implementation:**

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| VERY HIGH | to be completed by the end of 2000 | 2000   | US\$ 40,000 |
| HIGH      | to be completed by the end of 2002 | 2001/2 | US\$ 75,000 |
| MEDIUM    | to be completed by the end of 2004 | 2003/4 | US\$ 65,000 |
| LOW       | to be completed by the end of 2005 | 2005   | US\$ 75,000 |

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|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Review Party reports together with information from other sources to develop an overview of the national and global implementation of the convention. Based on this review, develop revised guidelines and/or pro formas [Section 5.1; SP3.6]   | 5                           | Very High       | Medium                    | Medium                      | Low                                | WCMC  |
| 2. Finalise the CMS Information Management Plan incorporating relevant information from the Strategic Plan, following advice from the Standing Committee and further consultation with the Convention and Agreement Secretariats [SP 5.3].   | 1                           | High            | Low                       | Low                         | Ongoing (Good)                     | WCMC  |
| 3. Work with the Biodiversity Conservation Information System (BCIS) and others such as GROMS to develop a project on migratory species bringing together the information resources of these networks to address information needs of the Convention and its Agreements. [Section 4.7, Section 6.7, and Section 7; SP 8.4]     | 1                           | High            | Medium                    | Low                         | Moderate                           | GROMS, BCIS Partners, (particularly BirdLife, WCMC, SSC and Wetlands International) |
| 4. Build on existing efforts to establish an up-to-date, comprehensive and authoritative data-base of listed species and range states linked to other relevant species information (eg redlist data, CITES listings and information on concerted actions) and make it available on the web [Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.7; SP 1.6] | 2                           | High            | Medium                    | Medium                      | Limited                            | Experienced information management partner  |
| 5. Develop a CMS and Agreements projects database to help in monitoring the contribution being made by the Convention to ongoing work on migratory species, and as an aid to project management. [Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.7 and 5.4; SP 1.6, 7.2]   | 2                           | High            | Medium                    | Low                         | Moderate                           | Experienced information management partner  |

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| 6. Request the submission of Party reports and other official documents, including project reports, proposed amendments to the Appendices and reports on “concerted action species” in electronic format to facilitate making them more widely available using the Internet. <i>[Sections 4.4, 5.1 and 5.2; SP 3.6]</i> | 3                           | High            | Low                       | Low                         | Good                               | Parties, Collaborators                           |
| 7. Develop a method for sharing information between the Convention, Agreement secretariats and the Parties. <i>[Section 4.7; SP 1.6, 3.3, 7.2]</i>  | 3                           | High            | Medium                    | Low                         | Moderate                           | Agreement Secretariats                           |
| 8. Implement a method for delivering information on migratory species and actions over the Internet, which includes the following: Party reports, a synthesis of past Party reports and project reports linked as appropriate to species and party lists. <i>[Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5; SP 1.6]</i>                    | 4                           | High            | Low                       | Low                         | Good                               | Experienced Internet information service partner |
| 9. Develop an information service on a group of high profile species in collaboration with partner organisations, to demonstrate the potential for co-ordinated web-based information services to support the Convention and Agreements. <i>[Sections 4.3, 4.5 and 4.7; SP 5.3]</i>                                     | 4                           | High            | Low                       | Low                         | Moderate                           | WCMC, BirdLife, appropriate Parties              |
| 10. Develop a mechanism for the sharing of experience on a priority area and establish list servers or web forums for discussion and exchange of information on key areas of interest to implementation of the Convention and/or Agreements. <i>[Sections 4.6 and 7.4; SP 1.6]</i>                                      | 6                           | High            | Medium                    | Low                         | Moderate                           | Agreement Parties and Secretariats               |

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| 11. In the course of normal Secretariat business continue the dialogue with information managers of the other global biodiversity-related treaties on streamlining information management and reporting, convening as necessary a meeting of information managers from the organisations concerned. <i>[Section 7; SP 8.1, 8.2]</i> | 1                           | Medium          | Low                       | Medium                      | Ongoing (Good)                     | Other convention secretariats and WCMC                               |
| 12. Develop a database of Parties, including Focal Points, for the Convention and all Agreements, incorporating all of the information necessary on means and dates of accession, reservations, adoption of amendments, etc <i>[Sections 4.4 and 4.7; SP 3.1, 3.2]</i>  | 2                           | Medium          | Low                       | Low                         | Moderate                           | Parties, Experienced information management partner                  |
| 13. Develop a metadatabase of information sources on migratory species, linked to the database on listed species and on Parties and other Range States. <i>[Section 4.3; SP 1.6, 5.3]</i>   | 2                           | Medium          | Medium                    | Medium                      | None                               | Experienced information management partner                           |
| 14. Use the CBD clearing house mechanism as an existing tool to promote CMS and facilitate the sharing of information on migratory species. <i>[Section 4.4 and 4.7; SP 1.6, 5.3, 8.1, 8.2]</i>   | 3                           | Medium          | Low                       | Medium                      | Limited                            | Parties, Agreements Secretariats, CBD                                |
| 15. Establish a regular process for, and undertake a review of the appendices based on available information on migratory species and the threats to them. <i>[Table 1.8; SP 1.4, 1.5, 7.4]</i>   | 5                           | Medium          | Low                       | Low                         | Ongoing (Moderate)                 | Scientific Council, WCMC, IUCN/SSC, BirdLife, Wetlands International |

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| 16. Work with Agreement secretariats, and the secretariats of other biodiversity-related treaties, to enhance information flow between the organisations. [Sections 4.6 and 7.4; SPWD 7.2]   | 6                           | Medium          | Low                       | Low                         | Limited                            | Agreement Secretariats                           |
| 17. Encourage parties to post details of meetings on relevant lists (eg BioNet) [Table 1.8 and agreement tables; SPWD 3.4, 3.5]  | 6                           | Medium          | Low                       | Low                         | Moderate                           | Parties, Agreement Parties and Secretariats      |
| 18. Consider the necessity for a bibliographic database on migratory species, working in collaboration with Parties, partners, and possibly with commercial abstracting services and bibliographies. [Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.7; SPWD 1.6] | 2                           | Low             | Medium                    | Medium                      | None                               | Experienced information management partner       |
| 19. Make appropriate links to other Internet information sources, and where possible make integrated meaningful links rather than just provide a list of “interesting links”. [Section 4.5; SPWD 8.1, 8.2, 8.4]                            | 4                           | Low             | Medium                    | Low                         | Adequate                           | Experienced Internet information service partner |