Convention on Migratory Species (CMS or Bonn Convention)



Background

- Adopted in 1979 and entered into force on 1 November 1983, and currently has 133 Parties.
- Framework for conserving migratory species and their habitats through two Appendices (and joint research and monitoring activities):
 - Appendix I: migratory species in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant
 - Appendix II: migratory species that have an unfavorable conservation status or would benefit significantly from international cooperation, providing for the development of specialized regional agreements (7 agreements and 19 MOUs have been concluded, including and MOU on cetaceans in the Pacific islands region
- The COP is the principal decision-making body of the Convention and meets every three years. COP1 was held in 1985.









