



Convention on Migratory Species (CMS or Bonn Convention)

Key provisions of the Agreement

Article I: Interpretations

Includes definitions of:

- **Migratory species:** the entire population or any geographically separate part of the population of any species or lower taxon of wild animals, a significant proportion of whose members cyclically and predictably cross one or more national jurisdictional boundaries;
- **Conservation Status:** the sum of the influences acting on the migratory species that may affect its long-term distribution and abundance;
- **Range State:** any State or other Party that exercises jurisdiction over any part of the range of that migratory species, or a State, flag vessels of which are engaged outside national jurisdictional limits in taking that migratory species;
- **Agreement:** an international agreement relating to the conservation of one or more migratory species as provided for in Articles IV and V of this Convention;
- **Party:** a State or any regional economic integration organization constituted by sovereign States which has competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international Agreements in matters covered by this Convention

Article III: Endangered Migratory Species: Appendix I

- Lists migratory species which are endangered
- A migratory species may be removed from Appendix I if the best scientific evidences shows that it is no longer endangered
- COP may recommend to Range States that they take further measures

Article IV: Migratory Species to be the Subject of Agreements: Appendix II

- A migratory species may be listed both in Appendix I and Appendix II
- Parties are encouraged to take action with a view to concluding agreements for any population or any geographically separate part of the population of any species

Article V: Guidelines for Agreements

- The object of each Agreement shall be to restore the migratory species concerned to a favourable conservation status or to maintain it in such a status
- An Agreement should, wherever possible, deal with more than one migratory species

Article VI: Range States

- A list of the Range States of migratory species listed in Appendices I and II shall be kept up to date by the Secretariat using information it has received from the Parties

Article XI: Amendment of the Appendices

- Appendices I and II may be amended at any ordinary or extraordinary meeting of the COP, and proposed amendments will be adopted by two-thirds majority of Parties present and voting
- The text of a proposed amendment must be communicated to the Secretariat at least 150 days before the meeting

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