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## NOTIFICATION

### **Integration of the Conservation of Migratory Species into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the notification issued by the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) on 7 August 2015 (<http://www.cms.int/en/news/notifications>), which invited CMS focal points to work with their CBD counterparts to include issues related to migratory species as a component in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), as requested in CMS Resolution 10.18. In that resolution, the CMS COP 10, while recommending the use of the guidelines on the integration of migratory species into NBSAPs (available at [http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/doc\\_27\\_guidelines\\_nbsap\\_e\\_0.pdf](http://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/doc_27_guidelines_nbsap_e_0.pdf)), requested CMS national focal points to liaise with their CBD counterparts for further consideration of the integration of measures to conserve migratory species into NBSAPs and national implementation of national biodiversity targets and plans.

In decision XI/6, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity reiterated the importance of cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions, the Rio Conventions and other relevant instruments for achieving full implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties recognized the importance of enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, in particular at the subnational, national and regional levels, and encouraged Parties to incorporate the objectives of the biodiversity related-conventions and the Rio Conventions into their revised NBSAPs, while stressing the role of NBSAPs in developing a coherent approach at the national level. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the work under the CMS to support the revision of NBSAPs and the joint work plan between the CBD and CMS.

I wish to join the CMS Secretariat in calling upon you to strengthen collaboration and coordination with your CMS counterparts, and to incorporate issues related to migratory species, where appropriate, while revising your NBSAP.

I also take this opportunity to stress that we are only a few months away from achieving Aichi Target 17, which requires all Parties to have adopted and commenced implementing an updated NBSAP by 2015. I wish to urge those countries that have not done so to accelerate the finalization and adoption of updated NBSAPs.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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