



**CONVENTION ON  
MIGRATORY  
SPECIES**

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**COOPERATION BETWEEN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY  
PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES) AND CMS**

Adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Samarkand, February 2024)

*Recognizing* the need for regular and thematic assessments of the status of biodiversity to provide decision-makers with the necessary information basis for adaptive management and to promote the necessary political will for action addressing biodiversity loss in general and the loss of migratory species in particular,

*Further recognizing* the need to strengthen and improve the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services for human well-being through the establishment of a science-policy platform,

*Acknowledging* the outcomes of the Conference on Biodiversity, Science and Governance held in Paris, in January 2005, highlighting that there is a need for an objective source of information on the status of biodiversity and its impact on ecosystem services and human well-being,

*Welcoming* the outcome of the third ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting held in Busan, Republic of Korea in June 2010, and recalling the following recommendations:

- a) that an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) should be established that should be scientifically independent, should ensure credibility, relevance and legitimacy, and perform regular and timely assessments on knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services and their linkages,
- b) that the IPBES Plenary as a decision-making body should be open to participants of all Member States of the United Nations, and regional economic integration organizations as well as for intergovernmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders as observers,
- c) that IPBES should collaborate with existing initiatives on biodiversity and ecosystem services, including multilateral environmental agreements,

*Recalling* that the Standing Committee was briefed on progress on the establishment of the IPBES process by the Secretariat through document CMS/StC37/Inf.7 at its 37th meeting held in Bonn, Germany in November 2010,

*Recalling* the functions of the Scientific Council as set out in Article VIII of the Convention and as further elaborated in its terms of reference,

*Taking note of* decision GC.26/6 of the 26th UNEP Governing Council Meeting held in Nairobi in February 2011, endorsing the “Busan Outcome” and, based on resolution GA 65/162 of the United Nations General Assembly, requesting UNEP to convene a plenary meeting to determine modalities and institutional arrangements for IPBES in 2011,

*Noting* that the biodiversity-related conventions have an important role in setting the global agenda on biodiversity and ecosystem services and that the scientific processes informing policy under each of the conventions may provide useful inputs to the work of IPBES,

*Noting also* that the work of IPBES at the sub-global level can and should support the implementation of the conventions at the regional and sub-regional levels, strengthening the science-policy interface at these levels,

*Welcoming* the outcome of the IPBES-10 Plenary which took place in Bonn in August and September of 2023, and which decided to undertake a methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity and approved a scoping process for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, and

*Welcoming* the publication of recent deliverables from IPBES of relevance for the implementation of the Convention, including the assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species, the assessment of the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature, the assessment on Invasive Alien Species and their Control, and the IPBES-IPCC co-sponsored workshop report on biodiversity and climate change,

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

1. *Urges* CMS Parties Focal Points and Scientific Councillors to communicate and liaise regularly with the national representatives in the IPBES to ensure that the needs for research and policy guidance related to migratory species, especially those listed under CMS, are being adequately addressed by IPBES;
2. *Calls on* the Standing Committee to participate in the development and implementation of the IPBES rolling work programme up to 2030 and, based on proposals from the Sessional Committee of the Scientific Council, to submit inputs as necessary, in line with the priorities of the Convention;
3. *Invites* IPBES to address science-policy linkages and the need for assessments, policy support, capacity building and knowledge generation relating to the conservation and sustainable use of migratory species of wild animals;
4. *Invites* IPBES to include, to the extent possible, issues relevant to migratory species, including ecological connectivity as well as key threats to migratory species such as overexploitation and habitat destruction and fragmentation, in future assessments and technical papers;
5. *Encourages* Parties and relevant organizations to make funds available to support the four functions of IPBES, namely assessments, policy support, capacity-building and knowledge generation aimed at improving the science-policy interface related to the conservation of migratory species;
6. *Requests* the Scientific Councillors to engage in all relevant processes of IPBES and in the development of new assessments including in their scoping processes, in collaboration with the scientific advisory bodies of other MEAs as appropriate;

7. *Requests* the Scientific Councillors to regularly consider the findings of all relevant IPBES assessments and provide recommendations relating to the implementation of the Convention; and
8. *Instructs* the Secretariat to maintain cooperative working relationships with IPBES, to participate as appropriate in meetings of the Platform and to report on progress to the Standing Committee, resources permitting.