

on the move to
2010

A stylized globe logo in dark blue, positioned between the numbers '2' and '10' of the year '2010'. The globe features a white outline of continents and is surrounded by a circular pattern of dots.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

between

**the Secretariat of the Convention
on the Conservation of Migratory Species
of Wild Animals (CMS Secretariat)**

and

**the International Fund for Animal Welfare
(IFAW)**

The [CMS Secretariat](#) and [IFAW](#) (also representing its Partners, Affiliates and individual experts throughout the world),

Recognizing that species of wild animals that migrate across or outside national jurisdictional boundaries are particularly vulnerable to conflicting conservation and use objectives for the same population, and that they require concerted and coordinated actions by all States across their migratory range in order to maintain or restore a favourable conservation status as a prerequisite to achieving ecological sustainability;

Recalling that Article IX of CMS requires the CMS Secretariat to maintain liaison with, *inter alia*, international organizations concerned with migratory species, that Resolution 7.9 had emphasized “the need for CMS to strengthen orderly institutional linkages with partner organizations, and to define the scope of their responsibility and the ways to improve, in the most efficient way, their tasks and to enhance their synergetic effect” and that operational principle 2 of the CMS Strategic Plan (2006-2011) calls for close cooperation with relevant key partners and capturing of synergies in pursuit of shared targets;

Recalling that IFAW has as its Mission: “to improve the welfare of wild and domestic animals throughout the world by reducing commercial exploitation of animals, protecting wildlife habitats and assisting animals in distress. IFAW seeks to motivate the public to prevent cruelty to animals and to promote animal welfare and conservation policies that advance the well-being of both animals and people.”;

Acknowledging that CMS and IFAW pursue common goals in the conservation of ecosystems and the protection of migrating species, which can only be successfully met by enhanced and concerted actions on different levels and between all sectors;

Realizing that activities undertaken by IFAW concern migratory species and issues that also are covered by CMS or Agreements concluded under its auspices and a partnership accordingly is of mutual benefit to both organisations; and

Desiring to formalise a joint commitment of intent to seek productive partnership and collaboration in respect of the conservation of migratory species worldwide,

AGREE as follows:

Article 1

General cooperation

1. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW shall work in partnership towards the achievement of the 2010 target at the international level, by enhancing their communication and cooperation, and that with other relevant organizations.
2. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW will develop a collaborative programme for conservation and management of migratory species in the interest of achieving ecological sustainability by increasing complementary consultation and co-operation.
3. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW shall keep each other well informed of needs, issues and opportunities that emerge as a result of their activities. This shall be facilitated by the sharing, whenever possible, of relevant internal plans, documents and mission reports.
4. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW shall endeavour to co-ordinate relevant activities in research, training and public awareness, also informing their focal points at regional and national levels of their co-operative activities.
5. The CMS Secretariat shall invite IFAW to participate in meetings of the Conference of the Contracting Parties, the Scientific Council, the Standing Committee and other appropriate regional and technical meetings.

Article 2

Exchange of Experience, Communications and Information

1. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW will regularly exchange information, including scientific information, of mutual interest to ensure harmonisation of activities concerning migratory species at global and regional levels. The CMS Secretariat will encourage the relevant Secretariats of Agreements concluded under the auspices of CMS to regularly share information of mutual interest with IFAW.
2. IFAW will promote enhanced awareness and understanding of all aspects of the Convention through their work and interaction.
3. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW shall link their respective Internet sites.
4. The CMS Secretariat shall publicise the support given to the Convention by IFAW and, as appropriate, relevant IFAW programmes, projects and activities. Both partners shall cite in their literature and generally publicise, where appropriate, the partnership between IFAW and CMS.
5. Upon invitation, and subject to its available resources and priorities, IFAW will contribute to the preparation and evaluation of project proposals, project implementation, and the evaluation of project results, as well as participate in the development of policy and technical and/or scientific instruments such as, for example, conservation and management plans for the application of the Convention.

6. IFAW will invite, where appropriate, representatives of Range States to CMS to participate in IFAW sponsored trainings, workshops, and scientific conferences.

Article 3 Programmes and Projects

1. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW shall seek opportunities to develop and support programmes and projects of mutual interest. Terms of collaboration regarding activities to be jointly developed should be agreed upon prior to the initiation of the activities and included in a Joint Work Programme to be agreed on a yearly basis. Activities contained in the joint work programme will be assessed, reviewed and updated annually.

2. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW will develop/identify possible projects for IFAW to support, either technically or financially, including through the CMS Small Grants Programme.

Article 4 Coordination of Programmes of Work

1. For purposes of this Partnership Agreement, the focal point for IFAW is the Director Wildlife and Habitat Protection department (WHP) and the focal point for the CMS Secretariat is the Executive Secretary. For communications and exchanges pertaining to activities contained in the Joint Programme of Work Grace Ge Gabriel, Deputy Director WHP, shall be the focal point for IFAW and Paola Deda, Inter-agency Liaison Officer, for CMS.

2. The CMS Secretariat and IFAW will meet regularly to assess the implementation and progress of this Agreement, to exchange documents and expertise and to review on-going activities and decide on the yearly Joint Work Programme. The focal points shall aim to meet at least once a year, and shall arrange for reviews of the Agreement as necessary.

Article 5 General Provisions

1. This Partnership Agreement constitutes an expression of a shared objective and vision. However, each party's actions will be considered to be that party's sole and separate action, for all purposes, and neither party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other party to this Partnership Agreement.

2. This agreement shall take effect upon signature by both the CMS Secretariat and IFAW. It shall remain in force unless terminated by 30 days' written notice served by one Party upon the other, or replaced by another agreement.

3. This agreement can be amended in writing by mutual consent of the Parties.

4. Neither Party shall be legally or financially liable in any way for activities carried out jointly or independently.

Done in the English language on the 21st day of November 2005.

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