

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species

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Recently, at 15th Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) forty new species were added to the protected list category.

About Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species

- It is also **known as the Bonn Convention**, is an environmental treaty under the aegis of the **United Nations Environment Programme**.
- It provides a global platform for the **conservation and sustainable use of migratory animals** and their habitats.
- It was signed in Bonn, Germany, on **23 June 1979**.
- It is the **only global and UN-based intergovernmental organisation** established exclusively for the conservation and management of **terrestrial, aquatic and avian migratory species throughout their range**.
- The parties to the convention acknowledge the importance of conserving migratory species, and the need to pay special attention to species whose conservation status is unfavourable.

- Activities by CMS Parties may range from legally binding treaties (called Agreements) to less formal instruments, such as Memoranda of Understanding.
- The **Conference of Parties** (COP) is the **decision-making organ** of this convention.
- **It has two Appendices.**
 - **Appendix I** lists **endangered migratory** species and includes prohibitions regarding the take of these species.
 - **Appendix II** lists species that have **an 'unfavourable conservation status'** (as per the conditions set out in the Convention) and encourages range states to draft range-wide agreements for conservation and management o

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