

Conf. 13.3

Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)

RECALLING Decisions 12.5 and 12.6 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 12th meeting (Santiago, 2002);

EXPRESSING appreciation of the cooperation and cordial relationship that have developed between the Secretariats of CITES and CMS;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

1. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to keep under regular review the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between the Secretariats of CITES and CMS on 18 September 2002, in particular with a view to:
 - a) seeking reports from the CITES Secretariat on steps taken to implement a more detailed work programme to be developed jointly with CMS; and
 - b) ensuring that CITES initiatives in respect of the following species or taxonomic groups complement, reinforce and, as far as possible, benefit from the regional collaboration already being undertaken or envisaged in the framework of CMS:
 - i) the saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), the snow leopard (*Uncia uncia*) and the west and central African populations of the African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*);
 - ii) marine turtles of the Atlantic coast of Africa, the Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Ocean;
 - iii) the whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) of south and Southeast Asia, as well as the great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*); and
 - iv) sturgeons (Acipenseriformes); and
2. DIRECTS the Secretariat, in keeping with the spirit of the above-mentioned Memorandum of Understanding, to extend invitations to CMS and its related Agreements to participate in meetings pertaining to species and issues of common concern.