



15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species

23-29 March 2026, Campo Grande, Brazil





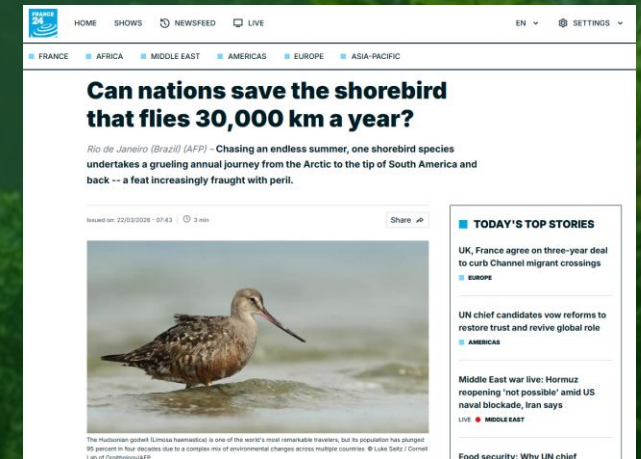
Science in the Spotlight

- **Interim report on State of the World's Migratory Species**
- **Other reports :**
 - Freshwater fish
 - One Health;
 - Climate Change;
 - Impacts of deep-seabed mineral exploitation activities on migratory species;
 - Use, production and sale of mist nets for killing, taking and trade of birds;
 - Direct take of seabirds.

Media Coverage

With COP15, the CMS Secretariat achieved unprecedented media coverage in raising awareness of migratory species and the Convention. Within a period of one month from 5 March to 5 April 2026:

6,036 articles were published in 32 languages across 98 countries with a potential 10.59 billion impressions (online only).





Overview of COP Outcomes

Types of outcomes on over **100** agenda items:

- **Resolutions;**
- **Time-bound Decisions;**
- **Focused conservation measures across Range States;**
- **Addition of species to the CMS Appendices;**
- **Budget and Programme of Work for 2027-2029.**



Initiatives and tools launched

- **Global Initiative on Taking of Migratory Species (GTI)**
- **Americas Flyways Atlas**

Amendments of CMS Appendices

40 species, sub-species and populations of species added to / upgraded within CMS Appendices

Terrestrial mammals - Added to Appendix I and II

- **Cheetah** (*Acinonyx jubatus*) – Zimbabwe's cheetah population estimated at 150-170 individuals. Other populations were already listed on Appendix I.
- **Striped hyena** (*Hyaena hyaena*)

Avian species

Added to Appendix I and II:

- **Gadfly petrels** (genera *Pterodroma* and *Pseudobulweria*): 16 added to Appendix II (15 species, plus two subspecies) and 9 added to Appendix I

Added to Appendix II:

- **Snowy owl** (*Bubo scandiacus*)
- **Flesh-footed shearwater** (*Ardenna carneipes*)
- **Iberá seedeater** (*Sporophila iberaensis*) – added to Appendix II

Added to Appendix I:

- **Hudsonian whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus hudsonicus*)
- **Hudsonian godwit** (*Limosa haemastica*)
- **Lesser yellowlegs** (*Tringa flavipes*)



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Amendment of CMS Appendices

Aquatic species

Added to Appendix I and II

- **Giant otter** (*Pteronura brasiliensis*)

Added to Appendix II:

- **Patagonian narrownose smoothhound** (*Mustelus schmitti*)
- **Spotted sorubim** (*Pseudoplatystoma corruscans*)

Added to Appendix I (while maintaining their status under Appendix II):

- **Pelagic thresher shark, bigeye thresher shark and common thresher shark** (*Alopias pelagicus*, *Alopias superciliosus*, *Alopias vulpinus*)
- **Scalloped hammerhead shark** (*Sphyrna lewini*)
- **Great hammerhead shark** (*Sphyrna mokarran*)





Institutional and Administrative Matters and Interpretation of the Convention

- **Strategic Plan For Migratory Species**
- **Review Mechanism and National Legislation Programme**
- **Resource Mobilization and Engagement with the GEF**

Aquatic Conservation Issues



- **Bycatch and other fisheries-induced mortality**
- **Deep-sea mining**
- **Conservation of Freshwater Species (e.g. Amazonian catfish, European eels) including addressing underwater noise**
- **Area-based Conservation measures (e.g. Important Marine Turtle Areas) and sea-mounts ecosystems**
- **Marine pollution**

Avian Conservation Issues



- **Addressing Illegal Taking of Migratory Birds in hotspots e.g. Mediterranean, Southeast Asia and West Asia**
- **Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey e.g. vultures and Internationally Important Raptors Areas**
- **Global work on Flyways with focus on key regions e.g. Americas and groups of birds e.g. Seabirds and Marine Flyways**

Terrestrial Conservation Issues



- **Regional Initiatives on key species e.g. African Carnivores, Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna. Central Asian Mammals and Jaguar**
- **Pastoralism**
- **Communities and Livelihoods**



Cross-Cutting Issues

- **Ecological Connectivity & Atlas on Animal Migration**
- **Illegal and Unsustainable Taking of Migratory Species**
- **Climate Change**
- **Wildlife Health**
- **Infrastructure including energy**
- **Light Pollution**
- **Multiple Systems of Knowledge**



Thank you!

